PLANT FACT SHEET

Albizia altissima Hook. f.

GENUS *Albizia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Spirit's marbles

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

Fermented seeds are used as a flavouring in soup.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It can grow to 35 m tall. The trunk is often short and bent. It is 80 cm across. The bark is dull grey ad scaly. The crown is open. The leaves are alternate and compound. They are twice divided with 4 to 8 pairs of leaflets. The flowers are in a round head in the axils of leaves. The fruit is a long narrow pod. It is 10-28 cm long and 1.2 cm wide. It is usually curved or twisted. There can be 20 seeds. The seeds are 6-9 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in forest and along rivers.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. Seeds germinate in about 6-30 days. Plants grow better if inoculated with the correct bacteria (Bradyrhizobium). This could usually be collected from the nodules on the roots of a plant growing well.

NOTES

Also as Mimosaceae.

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