PLANT FACT SHEET

Lithocarpus corneus (Lour.) Rehder

GENUS *Lithocarpus* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

COMMON NAMES De da qua go, Yan dou ke

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nuts

The seed is eaten raw or cooked. It is also ground into flour and used in soups.
The seeds are soaked in water and the water changed or ground and then soaked to remove bitterness.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 8-10 m high. The trunk is much branched. The leaves are usually crowded neat the tips of the branches. The leaf stalk is 0.5-4.5 cm long. The leaf blade is 10-15 cm long by 2-4.5 cm wide. It is papery to leathery. The edges can have teeth and be wavy. The male flowering stalks often have female flowers near their base. The female flowering stalks are less than 10 cm long. Abut 3 fruit cups occur together. They enclose about half the nut.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in secondary forests. It grows below 300-400 m altitude. It is usually on sunny slopes in dry places and in coastal regions.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from fresh seeds.

NOTES

There are about 300 Lithocarpus species.

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