PLANT FACT SHEET

Entandrophragma angolense (Welw.) C. DC.

GENUS *Entandrophragma* **FAMILY** Meliaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A tree that loses its leaves. It grows 50 m tall. The trunk can be 5 m around. The trunk is straight and 25 m tall with straight buttresses. The crown is open. The bark is smooth and pale grey and flakes off. The leaves have leaflets along the stem. The leaves are 40 cm long and have 5-10 pairs of leaflets arranged oppositely. The leaflets are 12 cm long by 5 cm wide. The flowers are white to yellow. The fruit is a capsule 8-20 cm long. It splits from the base and has 5 or 6 seeds that have wings.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in moist evergreen and semi-deciduous forests. It needs well-drained soils. In Nigeria it is recorded up to 1,800 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds. Seeds take 14-23 days to germinate. Seeds need to be sown fresh. They need light shade.

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