PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Lonchocarpus sericeus* (Poir.) Kunth ex DC.

**GENUS** *Lonchocarpus*

**COMMON NAMES** Santo Domingo lancepod, Guama tree

## DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 15 m tall. The young branches are brown and with a coating. The leaves are compound with 7-11 pairs of leaflets. The leaflets are narrowly oval. The flowers are in groups 20 cm long in the axils of leaves. They are pale violet to red. The fruit are pods with 2-3 seeds.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in open areas in humid conditions in rich calcium soils.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds.

## NOTES

It is also used in medicine.
Also put in the Fabaceae family.

## PICTURES



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