PLANT FACT SHEET

Adansonia fony var. rubrostipa (Jum. & H. Perrier) H. Perrier

GENUS *Adansonia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Fony boabab

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Seeds - oil, Roots

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 20 m tall. The trunk is a bottle shape. It is constricted between the branches. The leaves are compound and have 3-5 leaflets spread out like fingers on a hand. The leaflets are 3-7 cm long. The flowers occur singly in the axils of leaves. The flowers are bright yellow. The fruit is a large fattened berry. It has dense brown hairs. There are many seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant. In Madagascar it grows in dry forest up to 500 m altitude. It is often on well-drained limestone soils. In Cairns Botanical gardens. In Brisbane Botanical gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds. The seeds germinate irregularly.

NOTES

There are 6-8 Adansonia species.
Also put in the family Bombacaceae. In the subfamily Bombacoideae.

PICTURES



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