PLANT FACT SHEET

Cratoxylum formosum (Jack) Benth. & Hook. f. ex Dyer

GENUS *Cratoxylum* **FAMILY** Hypericaceae

COMMON NAMES Pink mempat

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, bud, Tea

Young leaves are eaten raw or boiled with fish or pork. They give a sour taste. They are used as a fresh vegetable and also in soup.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 1-8 m high. The trunk has long thorns on the lower parts. The bark peels off in flakes. The leaves are simple and opposite. They are lighter green underneath. They are oblong and 4-10 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. The flowers are in groups of 5-8 in the axils of the fallen leaves. The flowers are 1.3 cm across. The fruit is a dark brown capsule that is oblong and 1-1.5 cm long. There are 6-8 seeds per section.

HABITAT

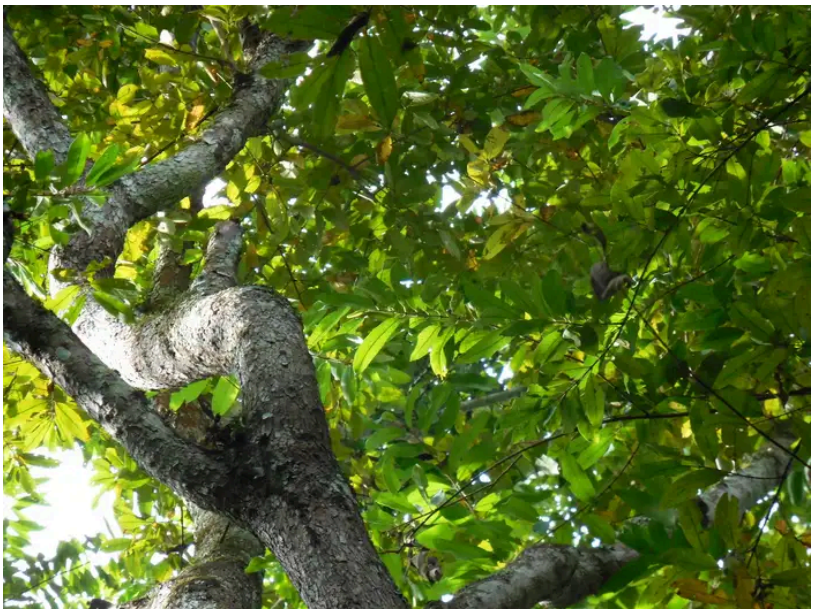
A tropical plant. It grows in clear forests on sandy soils. It grows in dry mixed forests up to 1,000 m above sea level. In XTBG Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or hardwood cuttings.

PICTURES



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