PLANT FACT SHEET

Pterospermum semisagittatum Buch.-Ham. ex Roxb.

GENUS *Pterospermum* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Laosian nayur tree, Lao pterospermum tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bark - masticatory

The bark is chewed with betel leaf replacing betel nut.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 15-25 m tall. The bark is brown and slightly flaky. The leaves are alternate. The leaves have lobes at the base partly clasping the stalk. They are hairy underneath. There are teeth along the edge in the upper half. The flowers occur singly in the axils of leaves. The fruit are capsules 6-8 cm long. It is woody and splits into 5 sections. There are many oval seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The tree is fast growing.

NOTES

The bark is chewed as a masticatory.
Also put in the family Pentapetaceae.

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