PLANT FACT SHEET

Styrax tonkinensis (Pierre) Craib ex Hartwich

GENUS *Styrax* **FAMILY** Styracaceae

COMMON NAMES Siam benzoin, Lao benzointree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum

The gum is used in the food industry for flavouring ice cream, baked goods, chewing gum and drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 6-30 m tall. The trunk is 8-60 cm across. The bark is dark grey and irregularly divided. The leaves are alternate and 8-18 cm long by 4-10 cm wide. The flowers are in groups and are 1-3 cm across. The fruit are flattened and 1 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in mixed forests between 100-2,000 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

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