PLANT FACT SHEET

Strombosia javanica Blume

GENUS *Strombosia* **FAMILY** Olacaceae

COMMON NAMES Bayam badak

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves taste like beans and are eaten raw or cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A tall tree. It can grow 26 m high but is usually smaller. The crown is dense. The bark is yellowish-grey and can be cracked. The leaves are smooth on the upper surface. The flowers are in a group at the top of the flowering stalk. These are in the axils of the leaves. The fruit are fleshy but cut off at the top.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in lowland rainforest. It grows up to 600 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is slow growing.

NOTES

There are about 12 Strombosia species.

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