



Rawalpindi Medical University Plantation Information

Bakain (Dheraik)

English Name:

China Berry

Scientific Name:

Melia azedarach

Family:

Meliaceae

Origin:

Indomalaya and Australasia

Importance:

The main utility of chinaberry is its timber. This is of medium density, and ranges in colour from light brown to dark red. In appearance it is readily confused with the unrelated Burmese teak (*Tectona grandis*). *Melia azedarach*, in keeping with other members of the family Meliaceae, has a timber of high quality, but in comparison to many almost-extinct species of mahogany, it is underutilized. Seasoning is relatively simple planks dry without cracking or warping and are resistant to fungal infection.

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