

Rawalpindi Medical University Plantation Information



Irum

English Name:

Bishop wood

Scientific Name:

Bischofia javanica

Family:

Phyllanthaceae

Origin:

Southeast Asia to Australia

Importance:

The dark red, dense wood is used as a building material for items ranging from furniture to bridges; it is durable but is difficult to air-dry. It is also ideal as firewood. The fruits are used in making wine. The seeds, which are edible, contain 30-54% oil, which is used as a lubricant. The bark has a high tannin content and is used as a source of red dye to stain rattan baskets and color tapa cloth. The roots are used medicinally

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