

Rawalpindi Medical University Plantation Information



Kasia Kalaka (Karonda)

English Name:

Carrisa Kalaka

Scientific Name:

Carrisa caranda

Family:

Apocynaceae

Origin:

India

Importance:

Carissas (*C. carandas* and *C. spinarum*) are natives of India. Duo is evergreen, hard, diffuse and spiny shrub that being highly drought-resistant grows well in semiarid and arid areas, may serve as a wind break and protective hedge. The plants offer multifarious uses in landslide protection and as a live fence, food (direct and processed, beverages, wine, salad, vegetable, jam), fodder, timber, fuel, wood, a green source of dye and diesel, and of sacred value and sorcery. Unripe fruits are used in pickling while ripe ones are edible. People in various states of India, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Pakistan, Kenya, Ethiopia, Senegal and West and South African countries eat raw fruit. Fruit also serves as a spice and a condiment.

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