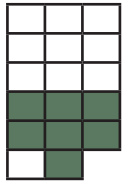


# ***Albizia malacophylla* var. *ugadensis***

Fabaceae



## **Indigenous**

**Tg:** *Chigoro, Hamaseran, Nfasha, Nfasia*

## **Ecology**

Found in wooded grasslands and riverine forests of Moist Bereha, Dry, Moist and Wet Kolla and Weyna Dega agroclimatic zones in Wellega, Gambella, Ilubabor, Gonder and Gojam, 500—2,200 m.

## **Uses**

Firewood, fodder (leaves), bee forage, shade, ornamental, nitrogen fixation, soil conservation, soil improvement.

## **Description**

A tree that grows to a height of up to 15 m. **BARK:** Rough, young branchlets pubescent, densely grey to pale brown. **LEAVES:** pinnae, 2-8 pairs, leaflets 3 – 9 pairs, (-12), oblong elliptic in shape, mostly more than 15 x 10 mm, pubescent above, sparsely to densely pubescent below, apex rounded to slightly emarginated. **FLOWERS:** Sessile or on pedicels up to 0.75 mm long; calyx 3 – 5 mm long, more or less densely and shortly pubescent outside; corolla 5 – 7 mm long, pubescent; staminal tube not or rarely protruding beyond corolla; filaments white, about 2 – 2.5 cm long. **FRUIT:** in pods, oblong 10 – 21 x 2 – 4 cm, sub-glabrous, brown; seeds about 7 x 9 mm.

## **Propagation**

Seedlings and wildings.

## **Seed**

**Treatment:** Immerse in hot water, allow to cool and soak for 12 hours.

**Storage:** Stores well but susceptible to insect attack.

## **Management**

Pollarding, lopping

