

Lannea welwitschii

Anacardiaceae



Indigenous

Agn: *Arim*;

Mjr: *Cholmi*

Ecology

In Ethiopia it grows in lowland forest in Ilubabor and Kefa, 1,100—1,250 m., in moist Bereha and wet and moist kolla.

Use

Timber (construction), food (fruit).

Description

It is a tree up to 30 m in height, crown relatively small. BARK: smooth, pale-gray, twigs stout, prominently packed with a line of loosely packed cork cells, minutely branching hairs when young and soon becoming with no hair. LEAVES: glabrous, 5-7, foliolate, axis of its compound leaf 5-22 cm long, becoming hairless; leaflets with petiolules up to 13 mm long, lanceolate, 10-17 cm in length and 4.5-8 cm in width, slightly leathery, base cuneate, often unequal sided, tip bluntly acuminate, tertiary veins impressed on both sides. FLOWER: inflorescences, produced with or slightly before leaves, paniculate, to 15 cm long, branches to 5 cm, sparsely stellate-floccose, pedicels about 1.5 mm long, petals 2-2.5 mm in length and 1.2-1.5 mm in width, pale creamy yellow. FRUIT: drupe, about 8 mm long and 6 mm wide, glabrous.

Propagation

Seedlings, wildings

Seed

Treatment: No need

Storage: Can be stored for few months if dried well and put in air-tight container.

Management

Can easily germinate in one weeks time.

Remarks

Children and the youth eat the fruit raw.

