

Lepidotrichilia volkensis

Meliaceae

Indigenous

Agn: *Kijang*

Ecology

Found in the under-storey vegetation of moist forests in Ilubabor, Keffa, Sidamo, Harrarghe, Shoa and Wolega regions, 1050—2,800 m.

Use

Firewood, timber (local construction), food (fruit).

Description

Tree usually up to 9 m in height, sometimes shrub. **LEAVES:** in odd number pinnate, leaflets 3-4 pairs, oblanceolate to elliptic, up to 15 in length and 6 cm in width (usually smaller), acute at the apex, markedly asymmetric at the base; underside slightly hairy. **FLOWER:** bisexual, inflorescence up to 10 cm long; calyx 0.2 cm long; petals 5, much longer than the calyx in bud, white and 0.3 to 0.4 cm long, densely covered with short hairs externally; filaments 0.3–0.4 cm long, densely covered with short hairs at base outside, sparsely long hairs in upper half inside. **FRUIT:** drupe, up to 1.5 cm in length and 1 cm in width, encrusted with star-shaped scales; seeds arising from axils.



Propagation

Seedlings, wildings.

Seed

Treatment: No need.

Storage: Store for short period of time.

Management

Remarks

Young and elderly people eat the fruit raw. The bark is used for fermentation.

