

Dalbergia purpurascens Baill.

Manarifotsy, manarifoty - *Macrorhamnus decipiens* Baill



Description

Stature: crown with many fine twigs.

Size: Large tree.

Bark: patchwork of smooth and rough bark with long narrow plates uplifting from base.

Leaves: imparipinnate and usually alternate to 20cm. 11-19 leaflets usually alternate.

Flower: hermaphrodite pea-like flowers.

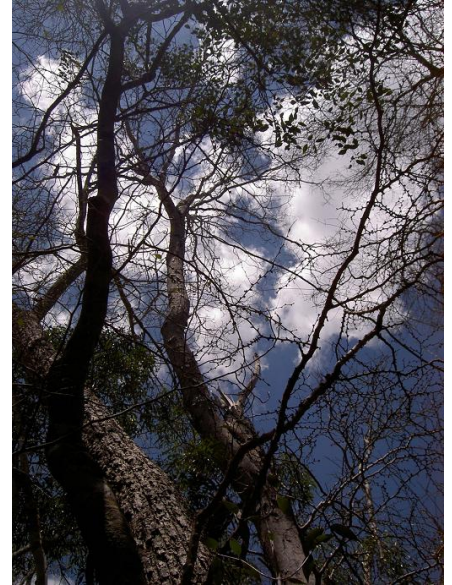
Fruit: indehiscent pod.

Seed:

Fabaceae

Striking features

- patchwork of smooth and rough bark with long narrow plates uplifting from base.



Ecology

Status and distribution: a pantropical genus with 43 species in Madagascar.

Habitat requirements:

Phenology:

Kirindy: tree with large diameters are rare and usually suffer from heart-rot.

Reproduction:

Uses

Formerly was an important timber tree at Kirindy.

Wood lightly coloured then turning dark brown. Highly sought after for carvings and furniture making \$ebenisterie.

Sources and further information

General:

Botanical description: Abraham (1991) p 65, Schatz (2003) p 187.

Forestry: Grisa (1987)

Kirindy: Anon. (1993) no. 23 & 205.

Herbarium specimen: