

Diospyros perrieri Capuron

Lopingo - *Diospiros platycalix*

Ebenaceae

Striking features

- buttresses in older trees



Description

Stature: older trees have strong basal sweep or buttresses.

Size: medium-size tree.

Bark:

Leaves: simple, entire leaf (to 4 x 7 cm) often clumped at the end of shoots. Very short petiole (1-2 mm)

Flower:

Fruit:

Seed:



Ecology

Status and distribution: Large genus of ca 500 species. In Madagascar there are over 100 endemic species of *Diospyros*.

Habitat requirements:

Phenology:

Kirindy:

Reproduction:



Uses

Only the heartwood is very heavy and black. Used for \$sagaies.

Sources and further information

General:

Botanical description: Abraham (1991) p 55.

Forestry:

Kirindy: Anon. (1993) no. 244.

Herbarium specimen: