



**Botanical Name:** *Tristiropsis obtusangula*  
**Common Name:** Faia  
**Native Range:** Western Malesia, Some Pacific Islands (Marianas)

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## Description

Faia is a large tree (up to 50ft.) native to Mariana Islands and other Pacific Islands. Flowers grow in racemes at branch tips, and its woody fruits mature from green to brown.

## Propagation

Faia fruits contain one to two seeds. Seeds germinate 1-3 months after sowing. They are enclosed in individual hard-shelled chambers that should be chipped to allow water to enter.



## Uses

Chopak's hard wood is durable and is used for construction of homes, fences, and tool handles. Its heartwood can be used as a red dye (Raulerson & Rinehart, 1991). Forestry has started to grow chopak in the nursery, which may be used for reforestation of natives and urban plant projects in the future.

## References:

Raulerson, L. and A. Rinehart. 1991. *Trees and Shrubs of the Northern Mariana Islands*. Coastal Resources Management, Office of the Governor, CNMI. 120p.

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