



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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