

Securinega seyrigii Capuron

Anatsiko

Very common tree in the forest surrounding the camp.



Description

Stature:

Size: small tree. Stem diameter never exceeds 30 cm.

Bark: dark brown. Vertically fissured with small scales breaking off. Bark eaten by termites.

Leaves: alternate, simple and entire. Thick and leathery (coriaceous). Size 20x10 to 45x20 mm with a short petiole (to 3 mm). Under surface is dark green and shiny whilst the upper surface is light and dull.

Flower: axillary inflorescences bearing small flowers. Dioecious.

Fruit: small 3-lobed dehiscent capsule.

Seed:

Euphorbiaceae

Striking features

- dark brown, rough bark.
- termites eat bark.



Ecology

Status and distribution: Endemic species found in the West and South.

Habitat requirements:

Phenology: Male flowers recorded October-December. Evergreen.

Kirindy: very common in forest around camp.

Reproduction:

Uses

Wood hard and heavy. Mostly used for poles. Used in the construction of 'lecture-room' roof.

Sources and further information

General:

Botanical description: Abraham (1991) p 23, Schatz (2003) p. 164. Flore de Madagascar No 111.

Forestry:

Kirindy: Anon. (1993) no. 80 & 267.

Herbarium specimen: