



***Albizia lebeck* (L.) Benth**

Family: Fabaceae

Common names: Lebbek tree, shirish, siris



Description:

Albizia lebeck is found throughout the India. It is a medium to large tree growing to a height of 18–30 m tall. The leaves are bipinnate, 7.5–15 cm long, with one to four pairs of pinnae, each pinna with 6–18 leaflets. The flowers are white, with numerous 2.5–3.8 cm long stamens, and very fragrant. The fruit is a pod 15–30 cm long containing six to twelve seeds.

Utilization:

India has a well-developed trade in siris for timber. It also used as a fuel and fodder. It is also valued as a honey tree due to its production of both nectar and pollen. Bark extracts have anti-inflammatory activity (Tripathi *et al.* 1979). *Lebeck* leaves are acts as an astringent, to treat boils, cough, eye flu, lung problems, and pectoral problems.

Part	Uses
Leaf	eye flu, lung problems
Wood	Timber

References:

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