



***Pistacia integerrima*** J.L. Stewart ex Brandis

**Family:** Anacardiaceae

**Common names:** Zebrawood, Kakra, kakri, kangar



**Description:**

*Pistacia integerrima* is a moderate sized deciduous tree goes up to 18 m in height and 2.7 m in girth. It is found in the Himalayas from Indus to Kumaun at an altitude of 350- 2,400 m. Bark is dark grey or blackish, viscous and aromatic when cut. Leaves are pinnate; leaflets lanceolate; 7- 12 cm long. Flowers are in penicles, small, reddish in colour. The fruits are globular, apiculate, 5-6 mm in diameter, purplish or blue at maturity and with a bony endocarp.

**Utilization:**

It is used for a variety of purposes in India, including timber, dye, and fodder (Pant and Samant, 2010). Long, horn-shaped leaf galls that often develop on this tree are harvested and used to make *kakadshringi*, an herbal medicine for diarrhea used in northern India (Upadhaye and Rajopadhye, 2010). The wood is chiefly used for ornamental work, carving, panels, picture frames and turnery. It is also used for furniture, construction, spinning wheels and plough.

| Part       | Uses                          |
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| leaf galls | herbal medicine for diarrhoea |

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