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*Dialium indum*

**TAMARIND PLUM** is an evergreen tree. Native to Malaysia it has small velvety black fruit pods containing orange-red pulp.

It is also known as Black tamarind, *Kayi khow* (Thai), *Keranji burong* (Malay), *Ki ranji* (Sundanese), *Kuranji* (Javanese), and Velvet tamarind.

The tree appears not to have migrated far and records suggest that its prime importance in south-eastern Asia is as a timber tree to which the edible fruit run second.

As it is rarely cultivated the sweet-tasting fruit are harvested from the wild and sold in local markets. They are eaten raw as a delicacy, particularly it would seem by women and children.

The strong heavy wood has been used locally for house construction and boat building and, at the opposite end of the scale, for making (mathematical) rulers.