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Pinus oocarpa

[Synonyms : *Pinus oocarpoides*]

OCOTE PINE is an evergreen tree. Native from north-western Mexico to central Nicaragua it has needle-like leaves and yellowish-brown cones.

It is also known as Egg-cone pine, and *Ocote* (Mexican, Guatemalan, Honduran and Nicaraguan).

Oocarpa is derived from Greek *oo-* (egg) and *carpo-* (fruit) components meaning ‘egg-shaped fruit’.

The durable and resinous, light reddish-brown wood has been used for general construction and flooring, as well as for making boxes and crates and, after being treated, railway sleepers. Ocote pine was adopted as a national emblem for Honduras in 1927.