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Pterocymbium tinctorium

[Synonyms : *Sterculia campanulata*]

TALUTO is a deciduous tree. Native to the Philippines it has small, prominently winged fruit. It is also known as *Taloto* (Filipino/Tagalog).

Tinctorium is derived from Latin *tinctus* (dyed, stained, tinged) meaning ‘used in dyeing’.

The bark was used locally in the Philippines for making rope.

This lightweight white wood has been used for planking, and for manufacturing both board and paper pulp (for printing), as well as for making packing cases and matches. (Sometimes this wood which is very soft has been used in the Philippines for making hats.)

Authorities on south-eastern Asia believe the tree is viewed there primarily as a timber tree and then as a source of fibre and poison.