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Vataireopsis araroba

[Synonyms : *Andira araroba*, *Vouacapoua araroba*]

ARARоба is an evergreen tree. It is native to South America (particularly Brazil).

It is also known as Angelin tree, Araroba powder, Bahia powder, Brazil powder, Chrysarobin, Chrysatobine, Crude chrysarobin, Goa, Goa powder, Ringworm powder, and Voucapoua araroba.

The yellow powder nestling in the furrowed wood darkens to shades of brown during processing.

Warning – araroba is poisonous and should not be taken internally. It can cause internal irritation and inflame the eyes and mucus membranes.

Araroba is a Brazilian name for this tree's powdery yellow excretion.

Only in 1875 was it realized that the powder (which had by then been christened Goa powder after the Malabar port) had come to the East Indies from Brazil through trade instigated by the Portuguese from her colonies.

Medicinally, the powder has been used for a very long time in India and South America to treat ringworm and skin disorders.