

# *Hernandia voyroni* Jum.

Hazomalany - *Hazomalania voyroni* (Jum.) Capuron

Large timber tree highly favoured by local communities that has been so heavily exploited that large specimen are extremely rare.



## Description

*Stature:* many horizontal small diameter branches in crown.

*Size:* Large tree to 25 m high and a meter in diameter.

*Bark:* thick and whitish with vertical cracks. It has strong aromatic smell.

*Leaves:* simple, entire glabrous palmate leaves clustered in spirals at the end of shoots. Strong odour.

*Flower:* axillary inflorescence.

*Fruit:* drupe with two wings.

*Seed:*

# Hernandiaceae

## Striking features

- The glabrous and palmate leaves are clustered in spirals at the end of shoots.



## Ecology

*Status and distribution:* In Madagascar found along the eastern seaboard between the Betsiboka and Onilahy rivers.

*Habitat requirements:* Shade-loving.

*Phenology:* adults are deciduous.

*Flowering:* February to March and fruiting: March to July. Fruit fall August to September.

*Kirindy:* highly valued timber that has been logged to near extinction.

*Reproduction:*



## Uses

Important timber tree with a valuable timber. Highly durable wood used for a variety of purposes including in canoe building and furniture making.

## Sources and further information

*General:* Blaser et. al. (1993)

*Botanical description:* Abraham (1991) p 39, Schatz (2005) p 213.

*Forestry:* Grisa (1987)

*Kirindy:* Anon. (1993) no. 207.

*Herbarium specimen:*