

## **Potoxylon melagangai**

### **Abstract**

The species *Potoxylon melagangai* is the only species in the genus, similar to the closely related *Eusideroxylon zwageri*; they are grouped together under the subtribe *Eusideroxylineae* in the tribe *Cryptocaryeae*. In the Malaysian states on Borneo, *Potoxylon* and *Eusideroxylon* are differentiated by the native names *Melagangai* and *Belian*, respectively. Internationally, both species are collectively known as Borneo ironwood and classified as heavy hardwood due to their natural durability and resistance to pest attacks in the terrestrial and marine environments. *Melagangai* usually occurs in the main canopy of the forest but is commonly not the largest tree of the primary tropical rainforests.