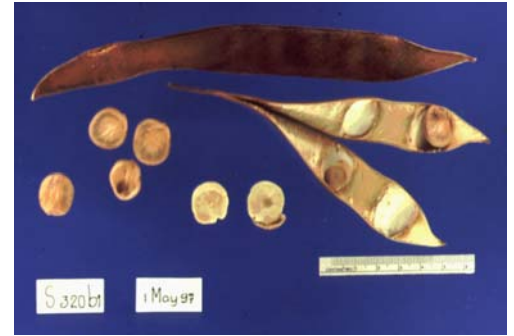


Thai Name: Seaw Dok Dang

Scientific name: *Bauhinia purpurea*

Family: Leguminosae (Caesalpinioideae)



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Flowering												
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How to grow saplings from seed?

Collect brown pods from trees in March–April. Sun-dry them until they split open and release the seeds. Soak seeds in water overnight, and then sow them into trays. Germination starts about 1 week after sowing. Pot seedlings after first true-leaf pairs expand and stand containers in sunlight. This species is prone to leaf-eating insects especially in August. Usually all saplings grow very fast and are ready for planting in October (8 months after germination, about 50 cm tall). Do not apply fertiliser, and prune the plants to prevent them from outgrowing their containers. The saplings usually grow large enough for planting out by the second planting season after seed collection (total time in nursery is 16 months).



How should saplings be planted and cared for?

Apply a cardboard mulch mat at planting time. Weed and apply fertiliser as necessary.

Uses

Fruit and leaves are edible. Bark is used to treat stomach tumors and wounds. Fibre from bark is used to make ropes and thatching.

Framework Species Checklist	
High Survival	
High Growth	
Shady Crown	
Resilient to Fire	
Attractive to wildlife	

