**Albizia retusa** Benth.

**Family:** Fabaceae


**Common name:**
Sea Albizia; Siris

**Stem**
Lenticels tending to be in vertical lines. Hard gritty orange speckles often apparent in the outer blaze.

**Leaves**
Leaflet blades about 15-50 x 10-32 mm, becoming larger towards the ends of the secondary axes. A slightly raised oval gland present on the upper surface of the compound leaf petiole about 4-10 mm from the base. Similar smaller glands on the secondary axes between the last couple of pairs of leaflets.

**Flowers**
Flowers mainly pinkish purple except for an occasional white one in each umbel. Flowers pedicellate, pedicels about 1-2 mm long. Peduncles up to 1 cm long. Staminal filaments about 5 mm long.

**Fruit**
Pods flat, about 2-3 cm wide.

**Seedlings**
Cotyledons elliptic, about 8 x 5 mm. First pair of leaves dimorphic; one leaf pinnate, the other bipinnate. At the tenth leaf stage: more than 20 leaflets in each compound leaf; leaflet blades about 2-3 mm wide; a single gland occurs at the junction of the primary axis and the terminal pair of secondary axes of the compound leaf; stipules 1 mm long or longer; linear and glabrous. Seed germination time 8 days.

**Distribution and Ecology**
Occurs in CYP and the northern part of NEQ. Altitudinal range from sea level to 100 m. Grows in rain forest and gallery forest. Also occurs in Malesia.

**RFK Code**
635