Flowering Trees

*Acacia mangium* Wil. of the family Leguminosae is a fast growing medium-sized evergreen tree native to the Moluccas.

Bark is brownish-red in colour; leaves are phyllodic (expanded petioles or stalk that serve as leaf) broad, smooth and elliptic with longitudinal nerves. Flowers are in spikes, clustered along the axis of the phyllode, light-yellow in colour. Fruits are coiled, green when young gradually turning reddish-brown with age.

*Acacia mangium* is generally planted in social forestry programmes.