

Kapur (*Dryobalanops aromatica*)

Dryobalanops aromatica, commonly known as Kapur, is a species of plant in the Dipterocarpaceae family. The species name *aromatica* is derived from Latin (*aromaticus* = spice-like) and refers to the smell of the dammar (resin). This species was one of the main sources of camphor and attracted early Arab traders to Borneo, at that time worth more than gold, and used for incense and perfumes. It is found in Sumatra, Peninsular Malaysia and Borneo. It is a large emergent tree, up to 65 m or even 75 m tall, found in mixed dipterocarp forests on deep humic yellow sandy soils. It is a heavy hardwood sold under the trade names of Kapur.

