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BOTANICAL NAME	<i>Casuarina equisetifolia</i> L.
COMMON NAME	Jangli Saru, Jahu, Common Rhu, Horsetail Tree, She-Oak, Whistling Pine, Aru.
FAMILY	Casuarinaceae



DISTRIBUTION

Native to Australia, Polynesia and Malaysia but Introduced in Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Tropical Africa, Mascarene Isles, Europe, N, and S. America later on.

FUN FACT

Road named Tanjong Rhu road Singapore due to the presence of many of these trees growing along the coast

COMMON USES

1. These are responsible for coastal sand dune stabilization erosion control.
2. It is widely used in agro forestry in saline and coastal regions.
3. Wood is used as a fuel. It helps make a high quality charcoal.
4. The wood produces paper pulp using semi-chemical processes.
5. Root of this plant is used to treat dysentery, diarrhea and stomach ache.

However, medical supervision is a must before using it for medical purpose.

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