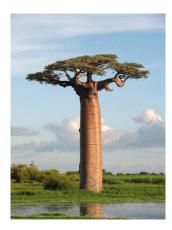


Baobab - Tree of Life



Baobabs, with their swollen stems, are easily recognizable. They beautify the landscape in places like Madagascar.

Able to store large amounts of water, in their stems, they are known as a "Tree of Life" because they can help people cope with seasonal droughts.

The fruit of a Baobab tree grows in large pods which are called "money bread" or "cream of tartar fruit." The fruit is rich in Vitamin C.

One Baobab tree, in South Africa, has a circumference of 47 meters (154.2 feet)! It's called "Big Baobab" and, inside the trunk of the tree, is a bar which seats 60 people.

This image, by Bernard Gagnon, depicts a Baobab (Adansonia grandidieri) in Madagascar.

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