PLANT FACT SHEET

Memecylon ovatum Sm

GENUS *Memecylon* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

COMMON NAMES Ironwood tree, Bayan tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are edible.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree without hairs. It grows 14 m tall. The leaves are rough and opposite. They are oblong to oval and pointed at both ends. The flowers are borne in the axils of leaves or at the end of twigs. They are blue or purple. They are 7 mm across and have a faint scent. The fruit is round and a one seeded berry. It can be red or purple.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They are common in areas of shrub at low altitudes especially near the seashore in the Philippines.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

Also put in the family Memecylaceae.

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