PLANT FACT SHEET

Elaeocarpus calomala (Blanco) Merr.

GENUS *Elaeocarpus* **FAMILY** Elaeocarpaceae

COMMON NAMES Kalomala

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fleshy portion of the fruit is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows 25 m tall. The leaves are alternate, smooth, oval, pointed at both ends and toothed at the edges. The flowers are white and have a smell. They are borne in flower clusters along a stalk in the axils of leaves. The fruit are oval and red.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They occur in the Philippines in Mt Province and from Luzon to southern Mindanao growing in primary forest at low and high altitudes. It grows up to 1,300 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 360 Elaeocarpus species mostly in the tropics.

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