PLANT FACT SHEET

Aglaia elaeagnoidea (Juss.) Benth.

GENUS *Aglaia* **FAMILY** Meliaceae

COMMON NAMES Coastal boodyarra, Droopy leaf

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, seeds - aril

The aril or layer around the seed is sweet and edible.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It can be 20 m tall. It can have buttresses. The leaves are compound. They are 6-19 cm long and 7-21 cm wide. There are less than 7 leaflets. The leaflets are oval. There are scales densely covering the lower surface of the leaflet. The flowers occur in a group. They are in the axils of leaves. The flowers have 5 petals and are white or yellow. They are 2-3 mm long. The fruit is 2.5 cm long and 1.5 cm across. It is a red berry dotted with small scales. There are 1 or 2 seeds about 10 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In grows in rainforest and monsoon forest. It needs well-drained soils. In tropical Queensland it grows from sea level to 280 m altitude. In Thailand it grows between 30-800 m above sea level. In southern China it grows in dense moist forests between sea level and 1,500 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from fresh seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Thailand flowering and fruiting can occur throughout the year but flowering is most commonly September to November and fruiting March to July.

NOTES

There are about 104 Aglaia species. They occur in Asia and the Pacific.

PICTURES



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