PLANT FACT SHEET

Diplodiscus paniculatus Turcz.

GENUS *Diplodiscus* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Calobo, Balobo, Balubo, Barobo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The seed kernels are boiled or roasted and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows 20 m high. The trunk can be 80 cm across. It is an irregular shape and has buttresses at the base. The leaves are alternate. They are smooth and pointed at both ends. The flowers are small and whitish or yellow. They are borne in large compound flower arrangements. The fruit is an almost round capsule. It is 2 cm across. There are ridges along it. The fruit are yellowish when ripe. The seeds are rich in starch.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They are very common and widely distributed in the Philippines in the forests from northern Luzon to southern Mindanao at low and medium altitudes.

NOTES

The family may be Tiliaceae. Also put in the family Brownlowiaceae.

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