PLANT FACT SHEET

Poisonous

This plant, or parts of it, can be poisonous. Do not eat it unless you know which parts are safe and how they must be prepared.

Reutealis trisperma (Blanco) Airy Shaw

GENUS *Reutealis* **FAMILY** Euphorbiaceae

COMMON NAMES Soft Lumbang, Banucalag nut, Philippine tung tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts, Oil

CAUTION: The seed is poisonous. It causes burning of the throat and mouth.
It is eaten like Candle nut. It obviously needs processing.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 15 m tall. The trunk is 35 cm across. The leaves are oval or heart shaped and 12-14 cm long by 12-13 cm wide. There are hairs on the veins underneath. Plants are separately male and female. The fruit is a flattened capsules 4-5 cm long by 5-7 cm wide. It has 3 sides.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in tropical rainforests at low to medium altitudes.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern China plants flower in April and fruit in October.

NOTES

There are 2-5 Aleurites species. The seed produces an oil.

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