PLANT FACT SHEET

Arytera littoralis Blume

GENUS *Arytera* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Seashore soapberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The sour fruit are eaten.
The young leafy shoots are used as a potherb.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows 4-8 m high. It can be a tree 20 m high. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk. The leaves are 12-35 cm long and have 8-12 leaflets. These are sword shaped and 8-18 cm long by 3-8 cm wide. They taper to the tip and are rounded at the base. The flowers are yellowish-white. They have a scent. They are in groups 6-14 cm long and in the axils of leaves or at the ends of branches. The fruit is orange. They are 1-2 cm long by 5-10 mm wide. They have one seed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows at low altitudes. It southern China it grows between 540-1,180 m altitude. In Malaysia it grows in lowland forests and up to 1,500 m above sea level. It is common near the beach in rainforests. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It flowers and fruits throughout the year.

NOTES

There are about 25 Arytera species.

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