PLANT FACT SHEET

Geniostoma rupestre J.R. & G Forst.

GENUS *Geniostoma* **FAMILY** Loganiaceae

COMMON NAMES Hangehange

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Leaves

Young shoots are eaten cooked in some areas. They turned black when cooked.
CAUTION: Many Loganiaceae are very poisonous.

DESCRIPTION

A smooth shrub up to 3-8 m tall. The branches are very brittle and break easily. The leaves are opposite and oblong with a sharpened base. They are 10-12 cm long and 5-6 cm wide. The leaves are dark green and shiny. The leaf stalk is less than 1 cm long. The flowers are very small, white and in small branching clusters. There are 2-6 flowers per cluster. The fruit is oval and pointed. It is 5-8 mm long. Fruit are blackish. The plant varies a lot and has been split into several species by some authors.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They grow near the seaside. They occur in several Pacific Islands. Plants require a protected position in well drained soil. They grow up to about 300 m. in Taiwan. In Samoa it grows from sea level to 1600 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed which should be sown fresh.

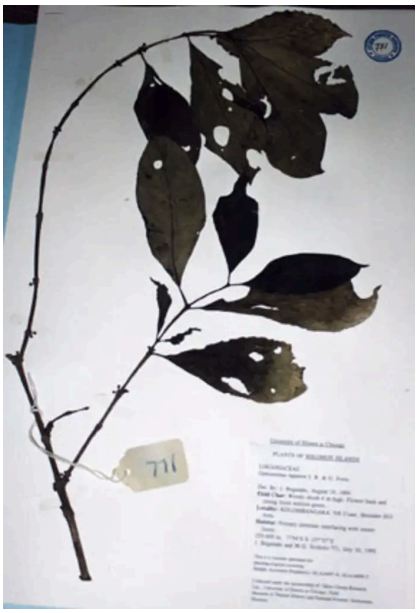
Harvesting and Seed Production

It flowers and fruit from August to December.

NOTES

There are about 24-60 Geniostoma species.

PICTURES



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