PLANT FACT SHEET

Heritiera fomes Lam.

GENUS *Heritiera* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Sundri

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It keeps its leaves throughput the year. It grows 15-25 m tall. The roots are shallow and spreading and send up breathing roots. The trunk has buttresses. The bark is cracked along its length. The tree has few branches and an open canopy. The leaves are oval and leathery and are usually clustered near the ends of twigs. The flowers are bell shaped and pink or orange. They are 5 mm across. They are in groups. The fruit or seed bearing structures are 5 cm long by 4 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in mangroves. It grows in less salty areas and on drier ground. It does well on clay soil that are only occasionally flooded.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seed.

NOTES

There are about 35 Heritiera species.
Also put in the family Sterculiaceae.

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