PLANT FACT SHEET

Mangifera odorata Griff.

GENUS *Mangifera* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES Fragrant mango, Saipan mango

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fleshy portion of the fruit is eaten raw once fully ripe.
The fruit are also used in chutney and pickles.
The kernel of the seeds is made into flour.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows to 20-27 m high. It can grow 40 m tall with a trunk 70 cm across. The leaves are about 25 cm long and leathery and pointed at both ends. They are carried alternately. The flowers are small and carried in compound flowers. The flowers have a strong smell. The fruit are similar to mango. It has a strong smell. It is large and oval with green skin. The fruit is 12.5 cm long by 10 cm wide. The flesh is orange and sweet. There is one seed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the lowlands. They grow in the humid tropics. It suits areas too wet for mango. It grows below 1000 m altitude in areas with a continuous rainfall. It can tolerate a range of soils. They are found in Balaebae, Zamboanga and Basilan in the Philippines.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is usually grown from seed. Trees are planted 12-14 m apart. It can also be grafted.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruit are produced after 6-9 years. Fruit mature in 150 days. Fruit weigh 300-450 g. In SE Asia trees fruit September to November.

NOTES

There are about 40 Mangifera species.

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