PLANT FACT SHEET

Ceriops tagal (Perr.) C. B. Robinson

GENUS *Ceriops* **FAMILY** Rhizophoraceae

COMMON NAMES Tagal mangrove, Yellow mangrove

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The leathery, berry-like fruit is eaten raw as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 8-25 m high. It can also be a bush in some locations. It has stilt roots. These are like five fingers rising from the mud. The bark is light brown. The leaves are green and shiny. They are leathery and oval shaped. The tip is rounded and they taper near the base. The leaves are 7 cm long by 3.5 cm wide. The flowers are creamy white. They are star shaped. They have many red stamens. The fruit are 20 cm long. They are cone shaped. They are greenish brown.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in mangrove swamps. It grows on well drained soils not far from the sea and within the reach of occasional tides. It can tolerate salt conditions.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Seedlings can be split in half and both halves will grow.

NOTES

There are 3 Ceriops species.

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