PLANT FACT SHEET

Syzygium mananquil (Blanco) Merr.

GENUS *Syzygium* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Manangkil

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A slender tree about 10 m high. The bark of the stem is yellowish grey and deeply checked. The leaves are opposite, scattered and rather variable in size. They are leather like and paler green underneath. They are oblong with a tapering to a point at the tip and with a sharp point at the base. They have short stalks. The flowers are clustered in arrangements where the end flower develops first then the end one on a side stalk and so on. They are on unusual woody growths from the stem. The flower petals are yellowish white. The fruit are about 1.5 cm thick and flattened and round. They are squeezed below the outer layer of sepals. They vary from white to light red or purple.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They are very common and widely distributed in primary forest at low and medium altitudes throughout the Philippines.

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