PLANT FACT SHEET

Platymitra arborea (Blanco) Merr.

GENUS *Platymitra* **FAMILY** Annonaceae

COMMON NAMES Bolon

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fleshy portion of the fruit is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized to large tree with a straight and round trunk. It grows 40 m tall. The trunk is 70 cm across. The leaves are oblong and 10-15 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. The leaves are somewhat leathery and shiny. They have some hairs underneath but become smooth. The flowers are small and yellow. The fruit are borne singly on thick stalks. They are about 5 to 8 cm long and brown.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They are found in forests of middle Luzon and Visayan region of the Philippines at low and medium altitudes.

NOTES

The Annonaceae are a mainly tropical family. There are 135 genera and 2,500 species.
The fruit of Platymitra arborea are considered to have health benefits.

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