PLANT FACT SHEET

Durio testudinarum Becc.

GENUS *Durio* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Durio kakura

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, seeds - aril

The yellow layer around the seeds is eaten raw when ripe.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows up to 10 or 25 m tall. The trunk is 35 cm across. The small branches are slender and covered with small golden scales fringed with hairs. The leaves are alternate, oval and with a pointy tip and rounded base. The leaf stalks are about 1.5 cm long. The flowers are white and in clusters on the trunk of the tree. They are about 15 to 30 cm from the ground. The fruit are on 8 to 10 cm long stalks. Fruit are green and yellow when ripe. They are rounded and about 5 to 15 cm across and with spines. The seeds are completely covered with a yellow seed covering.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They occur from Davao to Butuan and central Mindanao in the Philippines. It grows in lowland rain forest. It grows from sea level to 700 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are about 20 Durio species. Also put in the family Durionaceae.

PICTURES



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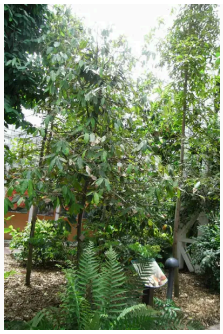

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