PLANT FACT SHEET

Alstonia costata (G. Forst.) R. Br.

GENUS *Alstonia* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Polynesian alstonia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Sap for chewing

The sap is dried for chewing gum.

DESCRIPTION

A slender erect tree. It grows 15 m tall. The trunk is 15 cm across. The leaves are opposite and glossy green. They are 25 cm long and 15 cm wide. The edges are wavy and the tip is sharp. The flowers are in spreading clusters at the ends of branches. The flowers are white or yellow. The fruit are a pair of slender pods in a V shape They are 15 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows from sea level to 1,100 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are 43 Alstonia species.

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