PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhizophora apiculata Blume

GENUS *Rhizophora* **FAMILY** Rhizophoraceae

COMMON NAMES Tall-stilted Mangrove

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Hypocotyl, Leaves

The fruit are boiled in water then eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A medium height straight tree. It grows up to 5-12 m tall. It usually has prop roots covered with breathing pores. The leaves are dark green and not rolled at the edge. They are somewhat dull on top and twice as long as wide and end in a sharp tip. The leaves can be 8-19 cm long and 4-9 cm wide. The flowers are in pairs or short stalks. They are cream and 1.5 cm long. The flowers normally occur as 2 together below the oldest leaves. The fruit are relatively small 21 mm wide. The hypocotyl is green and about 280 mm long with a blunt tip.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs in the middle to upper part of the mangrove where fresh water runoff is constant. It occurs from India, Australia to Vanuatu.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is normally self sown.

NOTES

There are 6 Rhizophora species. There are 3 species in tropical America. They are also put in the family Sonneratiaceae.

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