PLANT FACT SHEET

Reinwardtiodendron humile (Hassk.) Mabb.

GENUS *Reinwardtiodendron* **FAMILY** Meliaceae

COMMON NAMES Tulanan, Tembangan tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The layer around the seeds is edible. The fleshy portion of the fruit is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 27 m high. The trunk is 40 cm across. There are buttresses 4 m tall. They extend 5 m from the tree. The bark is smooth with scaly patches. The leaves are alternate and compound. The leaves are 15-20 cm long. There are 2 or 3 leaflets on each side. The leaflets are 8.5-10 cm long by 1.8-3.5 cm wide. The uppermost one is larger. It is 18 cm long by 6.5 cm wide. The flowers are 5 mm across and white to orange. The flowers are small, yellow and borne on slender flower clusters of many flowers attached directly to the base without a stalk and arranged closely on a long common axis. The fruit are rounded and brownish yellow with a hard outer covering. The fruit are about 2 cm across. They are green to yellow. They contain a single seed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in mixed forests up to 300 m above sea level. It can be up to 800 m above sea level. It can be in sandy or clay soils. In the Philippines they occur from central Luzon to southern Mindanao growing in primary forest at low and medium altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

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