PLANT FACT SHEET

Citrus macroptera Montrouzier

GENUS *Citrus* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

COMMON NAMES Limau hantu, Ghost lime

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw. The fruit is cooked with lentils. The fruit rind is used to flavour curry. The skin is also sun-dried and then used for pickles. The fruit peel is also used as a meat tenderiser.
The juice is used for drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree armed with small spines. It grows 6-10 m high. The leaves are variable. They can be broadly sword shaped and 30 cm long by 6-7 cm wide. There are broad wings on the leaf stalks. The flowers are white and the fruit about 10 cm across. They have very thin skins. The fruit are pale yellow. There are 4 botanical varieties.

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HABITAT

A tropical plant. Common and widely distributed in forests at low and medium altitudes throughout the Philippines. In Yunnan in China it grows between 600-800 m above sea level. It grows in seasonal rainforest. In Vanuatu it grows from sea level to 300 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In Northeastern India fruit are available September to November.

NOTES

There are 20 Citrus species. Several hybrids have been formed.

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