PLANT FACT SHEET

Bruguiera sexangula (Loureiro) Poiret

GENUS *Bruguiera* **FAMILY** Rhizophoraceae

COMMON NAMES Golden orange mangrove

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The embryo of the fruit is soaked overnight, then cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized erect tree. It grows to 40 m high. The trunk is 80 cm across. The bark is grey. The bark is thick, ridged and very dark and contains a few large brown corky spots. The leaves are pointed at the tip and wedge shaped at the base. The midrib is prominent and the upper surface shiny while the lower surface is reddish brown. The leaves are 10-13 cm long by 4-5 cm wide. The flowers are yellow and sometimes tinged with orange. They occur singly in the axils of leaves. They are about 2.5 cm long. The fruit is cylindrical similar to "busaing" except that the germinating root is shorter. Seeds germinate on the tree before falling.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in mud flats and estuaries. They are found in mangrove swamps throughout the Philippines.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The seeds germinate on the tree then fall and root in the mud. Seedlings transplant easily.

NOTES

There are 6 Bruguiera species. They grow in tropical mangrove swamps.

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