PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus caulocarpa (Miq.) Miquel

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Salwit, Da ye chi rong

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a large tree. It loses its leaves during the year. Trees are of one sex. The bark is greyish brown. The branches are pale brown. The leafy growth at the base of the leaf is sword shaped and 2-4 cm long. The leaf stalk is 2-4 cm long and thin. The leaf blade is oblong and 15-20 cm long by 7-9.5 cm wide. The base is rounded and the tip tapers to a short sharp point. There are 9-15 secondary veins each side of the midrib. The figs occur as 2-8 in a group and they are yellow and white when mature. They occur in the axils of leaves or on small branches without leaves. They are 5-8 mm across. The fruit stalk is 5-7 mm long. The male and female flowers occur in the same fig. The male flowers are few and are near the hole.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In the Philippines it is in Luzon and Bontoc.

NOTES

There are about 800-1000 Ficus species. They are mostly in the tropics. There are 120 Ficus species in tropical America.

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