PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Ficus minahassae* (Teijsm. & de Vriese) Miq.

**GENUS** *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

**COMMON NAMES** Redwood fig tree

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.
The freshly cut stem gives drinking water.

## DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a medium sized tree. It grows up to 25 m tall. The stem often has buttresses. The twigs are hairy. The leaves are papery, flat and covered with long reddish brown hairs. The leaves are oval, entire or sometimes with small small teeth along the edge. The fruit are without stalks and in rounded heads. The fruit are angular and red when ripe. They are produced on the stems.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. They are abundant in damp places along creeks and in valleys throughout the islands of the Philippines. It grows in primary forest and up to 1,350 m above sea level.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

## 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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