



## PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Aglaia edulis* (Roxb.) A. Gray

GENUS *Aglaia* FAMILY Meliaceae

COMMON NAMES Langsatan

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit, seeds - aril

The aril or layer around the seed is edible.

The pulp of the fruit is eaten.

## DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows up to 20 m tall. The trunk is straight. It is 50 cm across. It has buttresses. The bark is smooth and coppery. It has cylindrical branches. They are brown and with a somewhat flaky skin near the tips. The leaves are compound. There are 5-9 leaflets. These taper to the tip. The flowers are many and are small and round. The fruit is a round berry and is velvety. They are up to 3.2 cm long by 3.8 cm across. There is a depression at the end. There are 2-3 seeds.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows between sea level and 1,700 m above sea level. It is often in dry forest. They are especially abundant in the forests of Luzon. In southern China it grows in evergreen broad-leaved forests on limestone between 1,200-1,800 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

### Harvesting and Seed Production

In India plants flower and fruit March to June.

## NOTES

There are about 104 *Aglaia* species. They occur in Asia and the Pacific.

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