PLANT FACT SHEET

Musa acuminata subsp. botoan (Blanco) R.V.Valmayor

GENUS *Musa* **FAMILY** Musaceae

COMMON NAMES Butuan

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Juice, Fruit

The young flowers are cooked and eaten.
The juice from large numbers of fruit is extracted after peeling and squashing and water added.

DESCRIPTION

A wild banana which bears very seedy fruit. The young flowers are eaten before fruit form.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They grow naturally in most parts of the Philippines. It suits the wet tropics.

NOTES

There are about 30 Musa species.

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