PLANT FACT SHEET

Etlingera rosea Burtt & R. M. Smith

GENUS *Etlingera* **FAMILY** Zingiberaceae

COMMON NAMES Galoba papua

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: seeds - aril, Spice

The aril or layer around the seed is eaten or used as a spice.
The seed clusters are eaten raw or candied.

DESCRIPTION

A ginger family herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It has an underground stem or rhizome. It grows 5 m tall. The leaves have almost no stalks. The leaf blade is sword shaped and 50-55 cm long by 6-6.5 cm wide. The flowering shoot is like a spike. It is 5 cm across. It grows near the soil on a separate stalk about 6 cm long. The fruit is like a capsule like a berry. It is flattened and somewhat triangular shaped and hairy. It is 1 cm across and red. It splits into 3 parts.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in lowland forests on heavy moist soils. It grows in Sulawesi and Papua.

NOTES

There are about 70 Etlingera species.

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