POTENTIALLY IMPORTANT FRUIT AND NUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES

PRACTICAL WAYS OF GROWING LOCAL
FOOD PLANTS AND DOING IT WELL



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Founded in 2008, the Muravah Foundation Inc. head office is in Barangay Sua (Philippines), a small community of 1900+ people. Inspired by the poverty and poor living condition of the area, they have one mission and main objective "We take the people out of poverty, permanently".

The Muravah Foundation adopts the whole community, and by doing so, is able to address the socio-economic, cultural and environmental issues and concerns of the area and not just do patch work.

The Muravah Foundation is delighted to partner with Food Plant Solutions and believes that this publication will educate the Filipino people on the nutritional value and importance of the local plants.

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In addition to this booklet, other publications have been created for the Philippines, which can be downloaded from our website: www.foodplantsolutions.org

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Philippines - a country of fabulous fruit









Fruit tastes good and keeps us healthy

Everybody should eat some fruit every day.

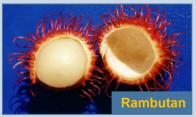
Good gardeners and farmers plant several kinds of fruit trees.

Fruit provide minerals, vitamins and other important nutrients that everybody needs to stay healthy and well.











Fruit for hot humid climates



Fruit to be enjoyed by all.

Some grow quickly.

Some need to be planted for the future .





Many are seasonal.



Enjoy fruit to enjoy a good life

- Fruit adds flavour to life.
- Fruit is often rich in vitamins.
- Fruit makes good, quick snacks.
- Fruit is fun.

We are meant to enjoy the exciting flavours and textures of an amazing variety of tropical fruit.



Bananas - a good snack food



Yellow-fleshed bananas are normally rich in carotenoids that help good eyesight.

Many bananas ripen into sweet snack foods.



Bananas are rich in potassium which helps maintain normal blood pressure.



Ask someone who knows bananas well to find out which ones are sweet and which are for cooking.

Mango



Ripe fruit are eaten raw.



Mangifera indica

Guava

Fruit are rich in Vitamin C.

Trees grow easily and should be near houses so children can enjoy the fruit.







Pawpaw

Fruit can be eaten raw when ripe or when green, cooked.



Carica papaya



Jackfruit

Unripe fruit can be cooked and eaten as a vegetable.

Ripe fruit can be eaten raw.







Artocarpus heterophyllus

Avocado

The fruit pulp is eaten raw when ripe.

Persea americana







Rambutan

Fruit can be eaten fresh when ripe.



Sour fruit can be stewed.

Nephelium lappaceum

Soursop

Fruit can be eaten fresh and young fruit can be cooked as a vegetable.





Annona muricata



Pomelo — Vitamin C for children



Fruit are rich in Vitamin C.



Fruit are eaten fresh or dried and candied.

Citrus maxima



Mangosteen



Fruit are best eaten fresh

Garcinia mangostana



Philippines - nut foods







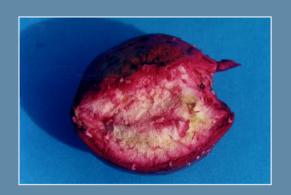
Nuts - nutritious, storable, tasty and rich in protein, vitamins and minerals

- A seasonal variation in the diet.
- Often a storable reserve food.
- Often loved by children.
- Cheaper and better than bought snack foods.





Coastal almond



The kernel of the fruit is eaten raw.



Terminalia catappa



Cashew nut - zinc supplement, especially good for children



Anacardium occidentale

Nuts are rich in zinc and planting of extra trees is encouraged.



Pili nut



Nuts can be eaten raw or roasted.



Canarium ovatum



Macadamia



Nuts are nutritious and can be eaten raw or cooked.





Macadamia integrifolia

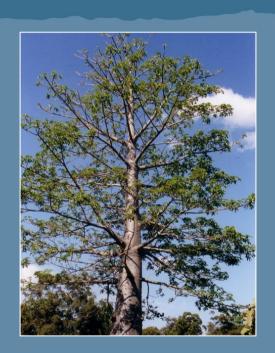
Baobab



The seeds of the baobab are high in energy.



They can be eaten fresh or dried and ground into flour.



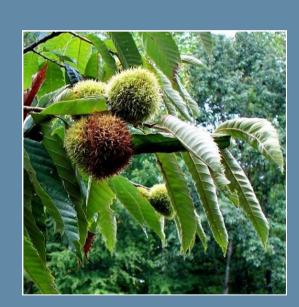
Adansonia digitata

Chinese chestnut



The nuts can be eaten both fresh and dried.





Castanea mollissima

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