

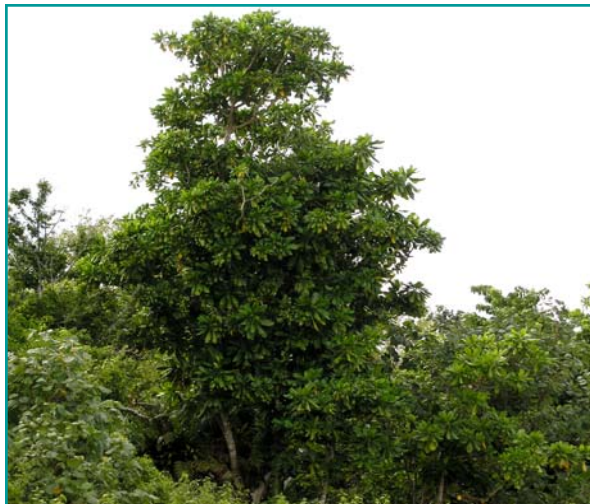


Forestry Native Plants of Guam Series

FAGO' / FAGOT

Botanical Name: *Neisosperma oppositifolia*
Common Name: Fagot
Native Range: Native to Pacific Islands

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Description

Fagot medium sized tree (up to 45ft) that grows naturally only in the Mariana Islands and other Pacific Islands (Raulerson & Rinehart, 1991). It is commonly found on floors and backstrands of limestone forests. Fagot produces fragrant white flowers and fruits mature from green to yellow. This tree is highly resistant to typhoons (Stone, 1970).

Propagation

Fago' can be propagated by seed, and possibly by cuttings or air layering. Fruits contain 1 or 2 seeds that can be removed from fruit to hasten germination, . Seeds start germinating 1 month after and continue for 2-3 months after sowing.



Uses

Fago' was known to be used on Guam for making furniture (Safford, 1905) and plant parts for local medicine and dyes (Raulerson & Rinehart, 1991). Seeds of fruits are edible and are a food source for deer and pigs. F&SRD uses fagot for reforestation of grasslands and urban forestry projects community landscapes.

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