



Botanical Name: *Aglaia mariennensis*
Common Name: Mapuñao
Native Range: Endemic to the Mariana Islands

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Description

Mapuñao is a small-medium sized tree (up to 25ft) that grows naturally only in the Mariana Islands (Raulerson & Rinehart, 1991). On Guam, it is commonly found in the understory of limestone forests (Stone, 1970), but can also be found on volcanic soils in the Mariana Islands north of Saipan. Mapuñao produces small yellow-orange flowers and attractive ball-like fruits that mature from brown-green to orange.

Propagation

Mapuñao can be propagated by seed (fruits contain 1 seed), and germinate 1-2 months after sowing. Media should be well-drained and not over-watered. Seedlings will be ready for transplant (from 1 gal. pots) 4-6 months after initial germination.



Uses

Fruits of mapuñao may be a wildlife food source. Its wood is useful for stakes, tool handles, and fire wood. F&SRD uses mapuñao for reforestation of grasslands and urban forestry projects in the landscape.

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