



Forestry Native Plants of Guam Series

UFA HALOM TÂNO'

Botanical Name: *Heritiera longipetiolata*
Common Name:
Native Range: Endemic to the Mariana Islands

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Description

Ufa halom tano' is a medium sized tree (up to 30ft) that only grows naturally in limestone forests in the Mariana Islands of Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan (Raulerson & Rinehart, 1991). On Guam, ufa halom tano' is rare, and listed on Guam's local endangered species list. Its yellow-tan flowers are branched and its fruits mature from brownish-green to brown. The underside of ufa halom tano' leaves are pale-silver in color. This species is very similar to a close related species, *Heritiera littoralis* 'Ufa', which can be found on river banks and estuaries on Guam.

Propagation

Ufa halom tano' can be propagated by seed (fruits contain 1 seed), and germinate 1-3 months after sowing. Media should be well-drained and not over-watered. Seedlings will be ready for transplant (from 1 gal. pots) 6-10 months after initial germination.



Uses

Ufa halom tano' wood is hard and durable and possibly can be used for timber. Guam Forestry has started germinating this plant to increase its population.

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