



NIYORON

Botanical Name: *Cordia subcordata*
Common Name: Sea Trumpet
Native Range: Native to many Pacific Islands

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Description

Niyoron is a small-medium sized tree (up to 30ft) that grows naturally on beach strands and limestone cliffs and terraces (Raulerson & Rhinehart, 1991). It is native to Mariana Islands and other Pacific islands (Stone, 1970). Its attractive flowers are somewhat pale orange and ball-shaped fruits mature from green to brown. Niyoron flower and fruits are similar to those of an introduced species, *Cordia sebestena* (Geiger Tree). One distinguishing characteristic is that the flowers of the Geiger tree are bright red-orange.



Propagation

Fruits of niyoron contain several seeds that are in individual chambers and germinate within 2-6 weeks upon sowing.

Uses

On Guam, the use of niyoron is not known. In other islands, its soft wood has been used for carving and canoe parts (Raulerson and Rinehart, 1991). F&SRD has recently planted this species on the grounds of government buildings, and will promote this species in future planting projects.

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