



## MAPUNYAO *Aglaia mariannensis*

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**M**apunyao is a small to medium sized tree that is endemic to the Mariana Islands. On Guam, it is commonly found in the understory of limestone forests but can also be found on volcanic soils in the Mariana Islands north of Saipan.

**Other Common Names:** Fischil liyoos, Mapuñao, Marasau, Maypunayo, Mesecheues, Mupunyao

**Synonyms:** *Aglaia palauensis*, *Aglaia ponapensis*

**Family Name:** Meliaceae

### Plant appearance

**Distinctive feature:** Mapunyao produces small yellow-orange flowers with citronella-like smell. The attractive ball-like fruits mature from brown-green to orange.

### Leaf

**Shape:** Ovate or elliptic

**Arrangement:** Alternate

**Type:** Compound

### Flower

**Size:** 0.125-0.25 in.

**Color:** Yellow-orange

**Shape:** Rounded, slightly ribbed vertically on the side with a star-shape forming on top of the flower as it begins to open

**Arrangement:** Alternate

**Flowering period:** Year-round

### Habit

**Typical height:** 15-40 ft.



**Mapunyao flowers<sup>a</sup>.**

### Fruit

**Type:** Drupe

**Size:** About 0.65 in. diameter, oblong

**Color:** Yellow or orange

**Number of seeds:** 1

**Edible:** For wildlife, unknown for humans

### Growing your own

**Form:** Seeds

**Seed collection:** Select seeds from mature and healthy fruits. Seeds may be collected from the tree or ground.

**Seed treatment:** None

**Germination time:** 1-3 months

**Planting depth:** No deeper than twice the size of the seed

**Pre-planting:** Seedlings from 1-gallon pots will be ready for transplant in 4-6 months after initial germination. Ensure shoot growth is at least 1 ft. above pot height and no taller than 2 ft. and ensure girth is at least 0.50 in. in diameter.

**Special hints:** Ensure adequate water and fertilize as needed.



Mapunyo leaves<sup>a</sup>.

### Production conditions

**pH value:** 6.5-7.0 (neutral)

**Water:** Well-drained and not over-watered

**Salt tolerance:** Low

**Wind tolerance:** Medium

**Soil characteristics:** Limestone and volcanic soils

**Light:** Full sun or shade

**Space requirement:** 8-15 ft.

**Growth rate:** 1 ft. per year

**Growth direction:** Upward

**Fertilizer:** For outplants, apply small amounts of complete fertilizer once every 3-4 months for 1 year.

**Pruning:** Prune dead branches. Prune as necessary for structure and crown thinning. Prune no more than 25 percent of plant every 4-6 months.



Mapunyo fruit<sup>a</sup>.

### Risks

**Near surface roots:** Depends on the location. For reforestation areas, the roots can go deep.

**Limb breakage:** Low

**Special considerations:** None

**Pests:** Rose beetle, wild pig (rooting)

### How to use this plant

Mapunyo is used for reforestation of grasslands and urban forestry projects on Guam.

**Agroforestry:** Landscape

**Wildlife:** Food and habitat

**Medicinal:** Unknown

**Other uses:** Stakes, tool handles, firewood, lumber



Mapunyo seed<sup>a</sup>.

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Mapunyo seedling<sup>a</sup>.

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