

## *Pittosporum moluccanum* (Lam.) Miq.

### Family:

Pittosporaceae

Miquel, F.A.W. (1870) *Illustration de la Flore de l'Archipel Indien* : 76.

### Stem

Usually grows as a shrub or small tree 4-6 m tall.

### Leaves

Leaf blades narrowly obovate, about 10-15 x 4-5 cm, petioles 1-1.5 cm long. Midrib very pale. Lateral veins form distinct loops well inside the blade margin.

### Flowers

Petals spatulate, recurved, about 6-8 mm long. Staminal filaments about 3 mm long. Anthers about 2 mm long. Ovary + style about 5 mm long. Fide Cayzer et al. (2000).

### Fruit

Capsules compressed globular, about 10-13 mm diam. Capsules 2-valved. Seeds black, irregularly shaped, about 3-4 mm diam.

### Seedlings

Cotyledons ovate, about 18 x 6-7 mm. At the tenth leaf stage: leaf blade obovate, apex rounded, base attenuate, margin somewhat thickened and vein-like. Young shoots sparsely clothed in pale or yellowish appressed hairs. Seed germination time 55 to 65 days.

### Distribution and Ecology

Occurs in WA & NT. Altitudinal range not known. Grows in monsoon forest and vine thickets. Also found in Formosa, Philippines and Malesia.

### Synonyms

*Anasser moluccana* Lam., *Tabl. Encycl.* 2: 40(1793), Type: Description & plate of Cortex foetidus Rumph., *Herb. Amboin.* 7: 12, t. 7 (1755).

### RFK Code

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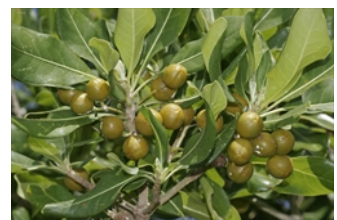
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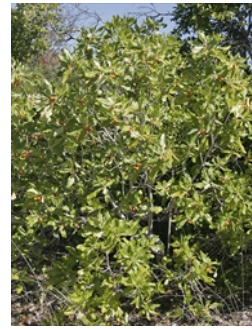
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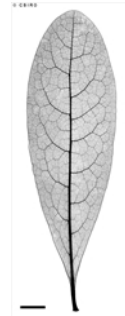
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Scale bar 10mm. © CSIRO



Cotyledon stage, epigeal germination. © CSIRO



10th leaf stage. © CSIRO

