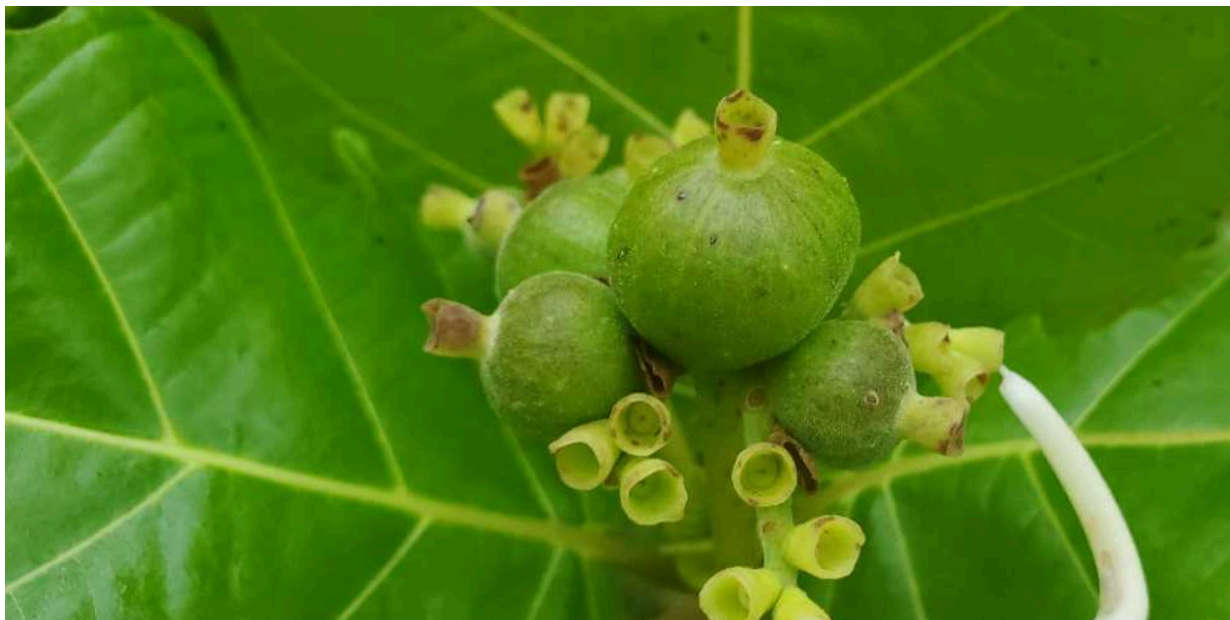


PANAO

Botanical Name: *Guettarda speciosa*
Native range: Africa, Asia, and Pacific Islands

Common Name: Zebrawood



Description: Panao is a small, somewhat straggling tree (up to 20 ft.) with short, stout branches. The leaves are green, glossy, and broadly ovate. Its flowers are small, tubular, fragrant and white with 5-7 fused petals.

Uses and cultural significance: Panao has traditional medicinal uses and is planted on beaches for coastal protection. Its wood has been used in construction. Its flowers are used in lei-making in Samoa and Fiji.

How To Grow and Care For This Tree

Sun	Water	Soil	Fertilizer	Pests+Diseases
Full sun.	Water regularly to keep the soil consistently moist.	Prefers well-drained, moist, loamy soils with a pH of 6-7. Grows in coastal soils.	Use a balanced fertilizer with an N-P-K ratio of 10-10-10.	

Propagation

Panao is easily propagated by seeds; its woody fruits typically contain 4-6 seeds each. Panao can also be propagated by cuttings.

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