

# *Salacca clemensiana* Becc ( Arecaceae/Palmae)

Common or Vernacular Names: Dalubi, Lubo (Subanun), Kaubi (Maguindanao) and Lakaubi (Bagobo) and Kalubi.

*Salacca clemensiana* is the only naturally occurring endemic palm species of the genus *Salacca* in the Philippines. Monoecious; solitary to relatively large and dense tufts, about 7-13 in a cluster, stemless palm.

## **Distribution:**

In the Philippines, *S. clemensiana* is found solely on Mindanao Island; although, it was reported to have been discovered recently in Northern Borneo (Gray 2004). This report has yet to be confirmed by comparison of complete herbarium materials from the Philippines and Northern Borneo. Particular localities on Mindanao Island where *S. clemensiana* is previously recorded include Lanao (type locality), Zamboanga and Davao (Merill 1923, de Guzman&Fernando 1986). The present discovery is in Mt. Malindang Range, Misamis Occidental Province, which represents a new distribution record.

## **Conservation status:**

Previous assessment of its conservation status classified it as rare but present study shows that this species is quite common and abundant in the headwater region and along the banks of Layawan River, Mt. Malindang Range. Therefore, the species is nowhere rare nor endangered in the distribution area.

