Exotic Tropical Fruit Travels

Yan Diczbalis
Tonga
Inocarpus fagifer
Garcinia sessilis
Heilala
History
- Built in 1944
- In 1945 flew from Oklahoma City to Hamilton NZ
- RNZAF 41st Squadron until 1952
- NZ Civilian freight and passenger service until 1970
- W Samoa on lease until June 1973
- NZ - Fertiliser spreader until May 1985 after 6722 hours spreading service & damage by a loading boom
- NZ domestic service following repairs and several owners until 2000. Placed on international market.
- Pacific Island adventures began on June 2004
- 64 years after initial service and 48,862 hrs of flying time
ENE’IO Botanical Gardens, Vavao
Heilala Vanilla, Vava’u
Papua New Guinea
Cut Nut - *Barringtonia procera*
Guatemala
Rambutan – 288 ha (May to October)
Production distributed from the Pacific to Atlantic coast

Mangosteen – 85 ha (July to September)
China
Gaoming
Chinese Bayberry (Yang mei) - Myrica rubra
Thailand
South Korea
Thank you