

## *Alocasia brisbanensis*

(Araceae)

**Common name:** Cunjevoi.

**Localities:** Rafting Ground, and creekside situations throughout the area.

**Growth form:** A herbaceous plant with a stout stem to 1 m tall from an underground rhizome.

**Foliage:** Leaves are up to 1 m long and 0.5 m wide and are borne towards the tip of the stem.

**Flowers and fruit:** Flowers are fragrant and are borne on a stalk within a yellow-green boat-shaped bract, produced on a long stem. The fruit is a bright red berry.

**Habitat:** A locally common species in subtropical rainforest.

**Propagation and Management:** Seed germinates readily but must be sown fresh. The plant may also be propagated by dividing the rhizome. Cunjevoi grows at its best in shady, well-watered conditions and fertile soils.

**General:** A suitable species for creekside situations and erosion control. Berries, leaves and stems are poisonous and have caused fatalities when eaten. Cunjevoi sap, applied topically, is a partial antidote to stings from the stinging tree. The local cunjevoi has, until recently, been known as *A. macrorrhizos*, a species which in Australia is confined to Cape York.

