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This lists the common names in English (e), French (f) and Bislama (b) which is the lingua franca of Vanuatu.

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Oceania, a vast ocean area dotted with tiny islands, is home to a large number of fruiting trees, which are symbols of the legendary life of paradise and plenty in the region. Species grow there that are not well known outside Oceania, but which provide the island communities with varied and tasty foods. Eaten for thousands of years in that region of the world, they are nowadays making their appearance in the international marketplace.

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