

## **Provenance for *Hydnophytum* aff. *moseleyanum* from Mindanao**

The original material was purchased from a market vendor in Davao City on the Island of Mindanao in the Philippines in August of 2005. A few seeds made their way to a friend in America in 2008 who gave me a seedling in 2009. The plant I am offering you today is an offspring of my plant from a seed sown October 18, 2012.

This is one of the somewhat fleshy-leaved *Hydnophytums* that have only 3 or 4 pairs of obscure veins in their leaves. They are often confused with the various forms of *Hydnophytum formicarum* that have thinner leaves and 6 to 12 pairs of easier to see veins in the leaves.

Many scientific names have been applied to these fleshy-leaved *Hydnophytums* from the various island in SE Asia including: *Hydnophytum moseleyanum*, *loranthifolium*, *papuanum*, *crassifolium*, *longistylum*, *philippinense* and others. There is currently no biological key or good way to separate these species.

Two subgroups can be identified within all the plants currently grouped together as *Hydnophytum* aff. *moseleyanum*. The most common type has mostly upright stems with flat, yellowish-green, slightly succulent leaves

The second subgroup, to which this plant belongs, has arching stems with dark green leaves that are often twisted. To the touch these leaves are more like soft plastic and are not as succulent as the other group.

So, at this time “*Hydnophytum moseleyanum*” or *Hydnophytum* aff *moseleyanum*” followed by a locale if it is known is often used to identify them.

This species will flower when it gets big enough and produces small numbers of fruits. The plant you receive was grown from a seed sown on October 18, 2012. This is a photo of the plant I will be sending you:

