

FLORA OF BRAZIL  
State of Maranhão

No. R. 6825

*Mourera fluviatilis* Aubl.

Vernacular name: Golfo

In the Rio Balsinha, c. 20km from Balsas,  
c. 7°30'S 46°5'W.

Aquatic growing abundantly in the fairly  
swift-flowing shallow river - looking  
almost like seaweeds in the littoral zone.  
Thallus to 1m long. Pedicels and stamens  
pale pink.

We were told that the plant is a favourite  
food of cattle which wade into the river  
to graze on it. Its present profusion is  
the result of the cattle population of the  
area having been much reduced recently.

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