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ㄝˊ ㄛˊ ㄟㄝˊ is a delicious fruit here in Taiwan. It has many English names. It even has many scientific names.

Some scientific names I can find are listed here.

Syzygium samarangense

Syzygium javanicum

Eugenia javanica

Eugenia alba

Eugenia formosa

Myrtus samarangense

Its common names include Java apple, Java rose, rose apple, Samarang rose apple, water apple, wax jambu, wax apple, bell fruit, Malay apple, mountain apple and jambu.

This fruit is best known here in Taiwan by either wax apple or bell fruit.

Indeed the name ㄝˊ ㄛˊ ㄟㄝˊ should come from jambu. The name jambu came from Sanskrit ultimately. In Minnan or Taiwanese, there's a tendency for j- sounds to change to l- sounds. Like in Xiamen, the j- sounds are basically lost or changed to l- sounds. This should be why it's called so in Taiwanese.

Tim