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The fruit ㄟㄝㄞˇ is called sweetsop in English. But if you check that word in English-Chinese dictionaries, you will find it's called ㄑㄨㄞˇㄞˇ. ㄑㄨㄞˇㄞˇ is its scientific name in Chinese. Most Chinese people outside Taiwan still refer to it as ㄑㄨㄞˇㄞˇ. The scientific name for sweetsop in English is (Annona squamosa). Annona is the Genus name, which refers to an island and "squamosa" is the Latin adjective for "squamous". The adjective is from its appearance. Common names for sweetsop include "sugar apple", "custard apple" and "anon."

By the way, there's another fruit that looks very much like the sweetsop. It's called cherimoya (Annona cherimola). The cherimoya is much larger than the sweetsop.

Also there's a cross between the sweetsop and the cherimoya by the name of atemoya which is called ㄟㄝㄞˇ here in Taiwan.