PLANT FACT SHEET

Attalea cuatrecasana (Dugand) Henderson

GENUS *Attalea* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Taparos, Corozo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nuts, Fruit

The fruit is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A palm. The stem is short and underground. There are 6-10 leaves. The leaflets are arranged regularly and in the same plane. The flowering stalk is borne among the leaves. The male flowers have flattened, in-curved petals. There are 20-24 tightly coiled and twisted stamens. The fruit have 1-3 seeds. The fruit are round. They are 11-14 cm long by 7.5-9.5 cm wide. The outer layer has fibres.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in very wet lowland rainforest. It is at low elevations.

NOTES

There are between (22) 30-71 Attalea species. Some authorities divide them among Attalea, Orbignya, Scheela and Maximiliana.

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