PLANT FACT SHEET

Mauritiella armata (Mart.) Burret

GENUS *Mauritiella* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Aguajillo, Thorny mauritiella

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Palm heart, Seed

The fruit are softened in water then eaten.
They are also used for fruit.

DESCRIPTION

A palm. It can be 20 m tall. It grows in clumps. The fronds are fan shaped. They are silver grey underneath. The trunk is slender and short and has spines. The fruit occur as many in a bunch. The fruit are scaly and oval. They are 3 cm long by 2 cm wide. They are pale orange. The skin is thin and the pulp is yellow. Their is one red-brown seed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows up to 900 m above sea level. It grows in seasonally flooded savannahs. In Townsville palmetum.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruit are harvested near the end of the rainy season.

PICTURES



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