PLANT FACT SHEET

Attalea dubia (Mart.) Burret

GENUS *Attalea* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Doubtful attalea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts, Fruit, Seeds

The fruit is eaten.
The nut is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tall palm. It grows 10-15 m high. The stem is erect and round. It has spines and the remnants of leaves. The trunk is 20-35 cm across. There are about 20-35 leaves. They are 2-3 m long. The leaflets are in irregular clusters and spread in different planes. The flowering stalk is borne amongst the leaves on a long stalk. The bunch is 1-1.5 m long. The fruit are oblong and yellow. They have 1-2 seeds and they are 5-7 cm long. The pulp is juicy and orange-yellow.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in Brazil of the slopes in forests near the Atlantic.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from fruit. Seed cannot be stored for long. Fresh seed or fruit should be planted and they germinate in 4-6 months. Seedlings develop slowly.

NOTES

Fruit are rich in Vitamin A.

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