PLANT FACT SHEET

Borassus akeassii Bayton, Ouedr. & Guinko

GENUS *Borassus* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Sap, Seeds, Seedlings, Terminal bud, Cabbage

Sap can be extracted from near the top but extracting too much kills the palm. The sap is used to make wine.

DESCRIPTION

A fan palm. It has a single unbranched stem. It grows 15 m tall and the trunk can be 40-50 cm across. The fruit are 15 cm across and are produced in large clusters.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in areas with a rainfall between 800-1,100 mm. It needs a sunny position and well drained soil. It can grow in poor soils and tolerate drought.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is slow growing but lives for many years.

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