PLANT FACT SHEET

Areca mandacanii Heatubun

GENUS *Areca* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Ngafa

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - masticatory

DESCRIPTION

A palm. The trunk is 15 m tall. It is 8-10 cm across. The internodes on the trunk are 13-30 cm long. They are dark green and shiny and the scars are white. There are 8 leaves in the crown. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk. The leaf sheath is tube shaped and 90 cm long. The leaves are 200-250 cm long. The fruit are 6-7 cm long by 4.2-4.5 cm wide. They have a disk shaped depression near the tip. The seeds are 2.8 cm long by 2.5 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows between the swamp forest and the lowland rainforest on the Bird's Head Peninsula in Western New Guinea.

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