PLANT FACT SHEET

Calamus godefroyi Becc.

GENUS *Calamus* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

DESCRIPTION

A rattan. It can climb 30 m long. The stems are in clusters. They are 1.5 cm across. The leaf sheaths are green with brown hairs. It has spines 2 cm long that point upwards. The leaf shoot is 1 m long with 15-20 oval leaflets on each side. They are arranged regularly. The flowering shoots are 1.3 m long. The fruit are round or oval and 1.6 cm long and 1.2 cm wide. They are yellow or white.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Indochina it grows in marshy forest below 200 m altitude. It occurs along the Mekong.

NOTES

There are 375-400 Calamus species. There are 175 species in tropical Asia.

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