PLANT FACT SHEET

Calamus deerratus Mann. & H. A. Wendl.

GENUS *Calamus* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots, Vegetable, Bud

The tips of the stems are eaten raw or roasted as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A palm or rattan. It is spiny and climbs 30 m high. The internodes are 15-20 cm long. The leaves have spines 1-5 cm long. The stem has long threads 2 m long with hooks.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows to the top of forest trees in wet forest in West Africa. It grows along river banks. It suits hardiness zone 10a.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds. The fleshy layer should be removed. Sections of the rhizome can be used.

NOTES

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

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