PLANT FACT SHEET

Calamus rhabdocladus Burret

GENUS *Calamus* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Wai wan, Blong salay, Wau bounwan

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots, Fruit, Palm heart, Cabbage

The shoots are sweet.

DESCRIPTION

A rattan. It forms clusters and climbs. It can be 25 m long. The stem can be 25 mm across without the sheath. The leaves are 1-2 m long. The leaflets are 30-50 cm long by 2 cm wide. There are 60 on each side. There are shiny black spines. These can be 4 cm long. The fruit are red or yellow and round or oval. They are 14 mm long by 8 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Laos it grows in evergreen forest at 500-800 m altitude. In Vietnam it grows between 1,000-1,600 m altitude. In Yunnan.

NOTES

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

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