PLANT FACT SHEET

Salacca wallichiana Mart.

GENUS *Salacca* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Rakum palm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The fruit (seeds) are used as acid flavouring in curries.

DESCRIPTION

A large clustered shrubby palm. It grows to 12 m tall. The trunk can be creeping. The stems are 20-30 cm across. Aerial roots are often present. The back of the leaf stalks are heavily covered with spines. These can be 8 cm long. The leaves are 7.5 m long. They are produced in erect, dense tufts. The male flowering stalk is slender and hangs down. The fruit are oval and 7-8 cm long by 4 cm wide. They are reddish brown. They occur in dense clusters and are scaly. They are edible usually after cooking.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in swamps and seasonally flooded places. It SE Thailand is grows from sea level to 500 m altitude. In Cairns Botanical Gardens.

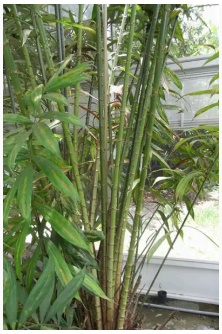
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