PLANT FACT SHEET

Areca vestiaria Giseke

GENUS *Areca* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Orange crown shaft palm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Nut - masticatory

DESCRIPTION

A palm. It has a single smooth trunk but can be in clusters. This is 7 m tall and 10 cm across. The leaf stalks are bright orange. The leaves are dark green. The fronds are 1.3 m long and have 20-30 leaflets. Flowers are in clusters and are orange-yellow. They are on short stalks amongst the leaves.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in rainforests in the lowlands and up to 1,200 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 9-11. Cairns BG.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or suckers.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is slow growing.

PICTURES



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