PLANT FACT SHEET

Latania loddigesii Mart.

GENUS *Latania* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Blue Latan palm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

Robust solitary fan palms. The trunk has rings. The crown has stiff large leaves. The leaf stalk extends into the leaf. The leaf bases are prominently split. The flowering stalks arises amongst the leaves. The flowers are of separate sexes. Male and female trees are needed for fertile seed. Each fruit contains 1-3 seeds. The fruit are round and fleshy. They turn greenish-brown when ripe.

HABITAT

They are tropical plants. They like sun. The need good soil drainage. They are often in seasonally wet and dry climates. They can grow near the sea. It can grow on coastal cliffs. They are drought and salt tolerant. In XTBG Yunnan. It suits hardiness zones 10-12.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed which needs to be fresh. Seed germinate in 2-4 months.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Seedlings are fast growing.

NOTES

There are 3 Latania species.

PICTURES



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