PLANT FACT SHEET

Chloothamnus elatus (Holttum) Widjaja

GENUS *Chloothamnus* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Bamboo, New Guinea clump bamboo, New Guinea Edible Mamboo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

The pith in the centre of young shoots is eaten after cooking.

DESCRIPTION

A large bamboo with stalks 20 m long and 5 -6 cm across. The leaves are fine and narrow. It produces large clumps.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the highlands between about 1200 m and 1900 m altitude. It only occurs in PNG. Clumps are planted near highland houses. In Townsville palmetum.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is planted by dividing an old clump and planting the shoots. It can also be grown from cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

New shoots are produced throughout the year.

PICTURES



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