PLANT FACT SHEET

Veitchia meliti Becc.

GENUS *Veitchia* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Palm heart

Being a rare species the crown should not be eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A palm. It grows 15=20 m tall. It has a single trunk. It has a crown of arching fronds that are 2-3 m long. The leaves are divided with leaflets along the side. There are 100-150 leaflets. The flowering shoots are below the palm crownshaft and have creamy white flowers. The fruit are narrowly oval and turn orange to red as they ripen. They are 3-4 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the wet tropics. It has been recorded between 25 and 915 m above sea level. It suits USDA hardiness zones 10b to 12.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seeds.

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