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Pinanga gracilis Blume

GENUS *Pinanga* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nuts, Fruit

The ripe seeds or nuts are eaten like betel nut.
The young stems are cooked as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A slender palm. It grows 4 m tall. The stem is 1.5 cm across. The leaves have leaflets almost divided to the midrib. The male and female flowers are separate with a female flower between two male flowers. They are in clusters. The fruit is oval with a fibrous outer covering. The fruit are yellow when ripe. They are oval and 1.8 cm long by 1 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in lowland and mountain rain forests below 1,200 m above sea level.

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