PLANT FACT SHEET

Chrysalidocarpus prestonianus (Beentje) Eiserhardt & W.J. Baker

GENUS *Chrysalidocarpus* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Palm heart, Cabbage

DESCRIPTION

A solitary palm. It grows 4-12 m tall. The trunk is 24-40 cm across. It is greenish grey to dark grey. It has distinct, dark grey rings of the leaf base scars. It does not have a true closed crown-shaft. The leaf sheaths are 1.3 m high. The leaves are 2.3 m long. They arch over near the ends. The leaves are somewhat feather like. The leaflets are 1.3 m long. The flower stalk is large and occurs between the leaves. The flowers and scales are yellow. The fruit are orange.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows between 50-550 m altitude in Madagascar. It grows in the rainforest. It suits humid locations. It needs a tropical climate.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is slow growing.

NOTES

There are 140 Dypsis species.

REFERENCES

Dransfield, J. & Beentje, H., 1995, The Palms of Madagascar. Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew and The International Palm Society. p 167 (As Dypsis prestoniana)

Haynes, J., & McLaughlin, J., 2000, Edible palms and Their Uses. University of Florida Fact sheet MCDE-00-50-1 p 6 (As Dypsis prestoniana)

Johnson, D.V., 1998, Tropical palms. Non-wood Forest products 10. FAO Rome. p 114 (As Dypsis prestoniana)

Riffle, R.L. & Craft, P., 2003, An Encyclopedia of Cultivated Palms. Timber Press. p 332 (As Dypsis prestoniana)

World Checklist of Useful Plant Species 2020. Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (As Dypsis prestoniana)

Zona, S., Heart of Palm Use: A Family Survey. p 4 (As Dypsis prestoniana)

PROVIDED BY **Food Plants International**

French, B.R. & Maynard, A.R. Food Plants International Database. Food Plants International

LICENCE CC BY-NC-SA 3.0

ONLINE FACT SHEET https://www.echocommunity.org/en/resources/3784b6d4-eb26-490a-8f8a-79c8449385e7