PLANT FACT SHEET

Brassiophoenix drymophloeoides Burret

GENUS *Brassiophoenix* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Dwarf jelly palm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts - masticatory

The nut is used as a betel substitute.

DESCRIPTION

A slender palm with a single stem. It grows about 10 m tall. The stem is about 5-7 cm across. The leaves are 1.4-2.3 m long. The leaflets are broad and wedge shaped. It has a crown-shaft. The flowering stalk is below the leaves. The fruit are 3.5 cm long and orange.

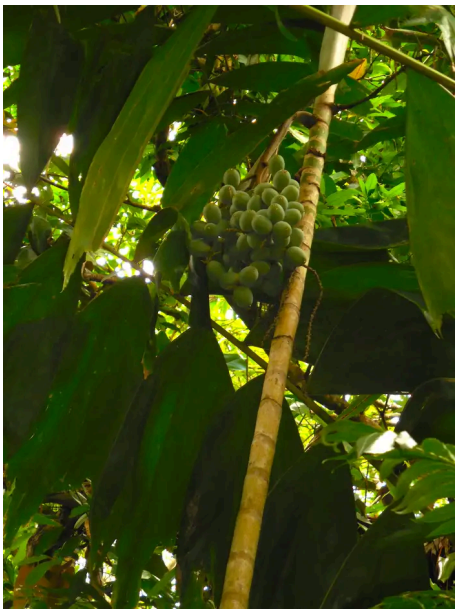
HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs in lowland rainforest from sea level up to 800 m altitude.

NOTES

There are 2 Brassiophoenix species and they occur in Papua New Guinea.

PICTURES



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