PLANT FACT SHEET

Araucaria cunninghamii Aiton ex D. Don

GENUS *Araucaria* **FAMILY** Araucariaceae

COMMON NAMES Moreton Bay pine, Hoop pine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows 60 m high. The trunk is 1 m across. It is straight and often only forms branches high up. The bark is reddish brown. The leaves are arranged in spirals and crowded. The male cones are 8 cm long and hang down. The female cones are 6-10 cm long by 5-8 cm wide. The seeds are triangle shaped and 2-3 cm long by 1 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In Papua New Guinea it grows from 1,000-2,750 m altitude. It grows in areas with high rainfall and temperatures between 9-26°C. It can tolerate light frosts. In Yunnan. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. Seed are collected from ripe cones.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Young trees grow slowly. Trees start to produce cones after 15-25 years. Female cones take about 2 years to ripen.

NOTES

The seeds are apparently eaten in Tropical America.

PICTURES



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