PLANT FACT SHEET

Acrocomia crispa (Kunth) C. F. Baker ex Becc.

GENUS *Acrocomia* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Floridamia Nut palm, Corojo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Nuts

The endosperm of the seeds is eaten. It tastes like coconut.

DESCRIPTION

A palm with a swollen trunk. It grows to 15-20 m tall. It is grey and supported on a slender base. The trunk is woody and armed with rows of flat spines. Each row occurs on an annual ring. The fronds arch over. The fronds have leaflets along the stalk. The leaflets are dark glossy green above and covered with a waxy bloom underneath. Each flowering stalk has a large woody bract underneath. It is covered with brownish fur and spines. The flowers are bright yellow. The fruit are orange. They have an edible oily flesh. They are 2-3 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits tropical and subtropical regions. It needs well drained soil. Cairns BG.

PRODUCTION

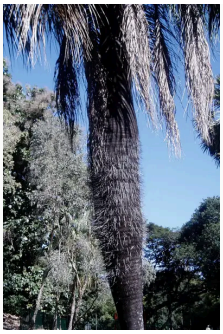
Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. Seed can germinate erratically. To try to improve this filing the seed and soaking in dilute acid have been tried. Young plants can tolerate direct sun from an early age.

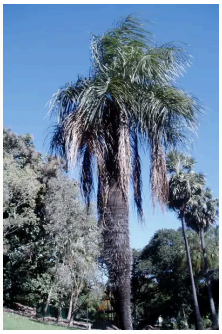
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