PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Ravenea albicans* (Jum.) Beentje

**GENUS** *Ravenea* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Hozatsiketra

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Palm heart, Vegetable

## DESCRIPTION

A solitary palm. A moderate sized undergrowth palm. It grows 3-9 m high. The leaves are feather like. There is no crown-shaft. The flowering stalk comes from amongst the leaves. The flowers are of opposite sexes on separate trees. Male and female trees are needed for fertile seed. Each fruit contains one seed.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. The grow in rainforests. It suits humid locations.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Fresh seed germinate in 2-4 months.

## NOTES

There are 10-17 Ravenea species. They grow in Madagascar and the Comoros. It is an endangered species.

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