PLANT FACT SHEET

Agave attenuata Salm-Dyck

GENUS *Agave* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Swan's neck agave, Lion's tail agave

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flower stalks

The young fat flower stalks are roasted.

DESCRIPTION

An agave. It is a succulent plant without spines. The stems are 50-150 cm tall. The crown is broad and has a compact ring of leaves. These are oval and taper tot eh tip. They are 50-70 cm long by 12-16 cm wide. They are light greenish-grey. The flower spike can be 3 m tall. The flowers are greenish-yellow.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry areas between 1,900-2,500 m above sea level. In Townsville BG.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or suckers.

PICTURES



Credit: Food Plants International (Bruce French)

REFERENCES

Lim, T. K., Edible Medicinal and Non-Medicinal Plants Volume 7 Flowers

Sukarya, D. G., (Ed.) 2013, 3,500 Plant Species of the Botanic Gardens of Indonesia. LIPI p 997

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/644cec8f-c874-46aa-ad38-3609c2b09aa5