PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Pinanga speciosa* Becc.

**GENUS** *Pinanga* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Banisan

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Cabbage, Palm heart

The bud is eaten cooked.

## DESCRIPTION

A small slender palm. It has a solitary ringed trunk. It grows about 10 m tall. The trunk has blackish- green tinges. The crown-shaft is dark coloured. The leaves are dark green with leaflets along the stalk. The leaf segments are equal distance and large and straight. They are 2 to 3 ribbed and of a rather soft texture. The fruiting stalk is branched. The fruit are small. They are 15 mm by 9 mm and oval with the rounded part on top. They occur in 2 opposite rows. The seed is oblong and the embryo at a slight angle.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. They are found in primary forests at altitudes of 400 to 1200 m. They occur from Agusan, Davao and Zamboanga in the Philippines. It suits tropical locations. It grows in shady situations.

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