PLANT FACT SHEET

Ceroxylon amazonicum Galeano

GENUS *Ceroxylon* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Paik', Ramo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Palm heart, Cabbage

The heart is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A palm. The stems are 8-12 m tall. The trunk is 20-25 cm across. The trunk is greyish white with a thin layer of wax. There are 14-22 leaves. The crown is almost round. There are 99-106 leaflets on each side of the leaf. They are arranged regularly and horizontally except the ones at the tip. The lower surface has a thin yellow covering. The fruit are round and 1.7-2 cm across. They are orange-red and smooth.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. The grow on the eastern slopes of the Andes in Ecuador. They are in lower mountain rainforest. They grow between 820-1200 m altitude.

NOTES

There are about 20 Ceroxylon species.
It is a rare and at risk species.

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