PLANT FACT SHEET

Areca novohibernica (Lauterb.) Becc.

GENUS *Areca* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Bua Lau

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts, Nuts - masticatory

Nut used as betel substitute

DESCRIPTION

A palm with a thin solitary trunk. It grows to 3 m tall. It has stilt roots at the base. The crown-shaft is slender and smooth. The crown has short fronds. Each frond has about 5 pairs of widely spaced broad pinnae. The fruit are bright red.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in tropical rainforests. In Cairns Botanical Gardens.

NOTES

There are 60 Areca species. They are tropical.

PICTURES



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