PLANT FACT SHEET

Chrysalidocarpus hovomantsina (Beentje) Eiserhardt & W.J.Baker

GENUS *Chrysalidocarpus* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Hovomantsina

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Palm heart, Cabbage

The palm heart is smelly but is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A solitary palm. It grows 6-15 m tall. The trunk is 20-30 cm across. The younger parts are grey-green and become light brown. There are widely spaced rings of leaf scars. The crown-shaft bulges. The crown-shaft is 1 m high and is waxy white. It is reddish brown right near the top. The lower parts of the the leaf sheath are waxy white. The leaves form a half circle. The leaves are 3.1 m long and do not arch over. The leaflets are narrow and dark green. They grow at right angles to give a feathery appearance. The palm heart smells.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in lowland rainforests in Madagascar. It suits humid locations. It cannot tolerate cold. It needs humus rich soil and plenty of moisture.

NOTES

There are 140 Dypsis species.

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