PLANT FACT SHEET

Desmoncus prunifer Poepp. ex Mart.

GENUS *Desmoncus* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Jacitara

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Nuts, seeds

The fruit pulp is acid and sweet and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A palm with a cluster of stems. They are 2-15 m tall. The stems are 0.5-2 cm across. There are 15-25 leaves. They are in two rows on either side of the stem. The sheath has black or brown spines. These are 2 cm long. The leaf stalk has spines which curve backwards. There are 4-14 leaflets on either side of the leaf. These are arranged irregularly. The flowering stalk has 5-17 branches. The bract has spines which have bulbs near the base. The fruit are oval. They are 1-2.2 cm long by 0.8-1.8 cm wide. They are red or orange.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They grow along river banks and in open areas. They grow from sea level to 1000 m altitude.

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