PLANT FACT SHEET

Veitchia subdisticha (H. E. Moore) C. Lewis & Zona

GENUS *Veitchia* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Basibasi

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are occasionally eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A single stemmed palm. The trunk can be 13 m tall and 13.5 cm across. The crown-shaft from the leaf sheaths is 53 cm long and is silvery green. The trunk is light brown or grey. There are darker rings of leaf base scars. There are about 8-9 leaves at the top of the palm. The leaves are 2-3 m long. There are 37 segments on either side of the leaf. The bracts near the fruiting stalk are 50 cm long. The flowering stalk arises below the crown shaft. The fruiting stalk is branched. The fruit are orange.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows naturally near the edges of the forest. They need good drainage, shade and plenty of water. It grows from sea level to about 300 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. Seed germinate in 2-3 months.

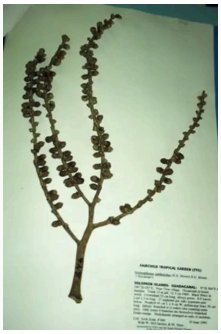
NOTES

There are 7-15 Drymophloeus species.

PICTURES



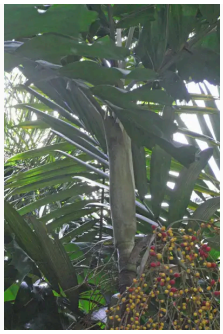
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