PLANT FACT SHEET

Calyptrocalyx spicatus (Lam.) Blume

GENUS *Calyptrocalyx* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Hena-hena palm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nut - masticatory

The nut is used as a substitute for betel nut.

DESCRIPTION

A solitary palm. It grows 10 m tall. It has prominent rings. The crown is drooping. The leaf bases are fibrous. The flowering shoots are simple and long. They are 1 m long and come from between the leaves. The fruit are round and bright red when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in Maluku. It grows in shady conditions on rich, well-drained soil. It grows in the lowlands and up to 60 m above sea level. In Townsville palmetum.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

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