PLANT FACT SHEET

Calamus manillensis (Mart.) H. Wendl.

GENUS *Calamus* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Bayabong

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Shoots

The young shoots are boiled and used in salads.

DESCRIPTION

A palm or rattan. It is large and robust. The stem without the leaf sheath is 30 mm across. The leaves are compound with leaflets along the stalk. The leaves are 3 m long. The fruit are round and light cream. It has 3 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in primary forests between 600-1,000 m altitude.

NOTES

There are 375-400 Calamus species. There are 175 species in tropical Asia.

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