PLANT FACT SHEET

Desmoncus polyacanthos Mart.

GENUS *Desmoncus* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Kamwari

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seed

The pulp of the fruit is edible.
The seeds are used to make a drink.

DESCRIPTION

A creeper or climbing palm. It can be 7-37 m long. The stems are 1-2 cm across. The stems are covered with leaf sheaths. There are 17-26 leaves. The fruit turn yellow then orange and red as they ripen. They are oval and 1.6 cm long by 1.3 cm wide. There is one seed. It is black and round.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

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