PLANT FACT SHEET

Neoveitchia storckii (H. Wendl.) Becc.

GENUS *Neoveitchia* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Vuleito, Vilaito

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The immature fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A solitary palm. It can grow 20 m tall. The trunk is 30 cm across. The base is fattened. It has a heavy crown of fronds. The crown-shaft is loose and open. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk. The leaves are 5-6 m long. The leaflets are 75 cm long. The leaflets are broad and pointed. There are several flowering stalks with hanging spikes. The flowers are white. The fruit are reddish-yellow. They are 5 cm long. They have long tassels hanging from amongst the fruit bunch.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows naturally in Viti Levu in Fiji. It grows in tropical and subtropical regions. It is cold sensitive. In Cairns Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. Seed take 2-6 months to germinate. The germination varies.

NOTES

There are 2 Neoveitchia species. It is a rare plant needing protection.

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