PLANT FACT SHEET

Saribus merrillii (Becc.) Bacon & W. J. Baker

GENUS *Saribus* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Philippines fan palm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Cabbage, Palm heart

The bud is cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A small palm with fan shaped leaves. The trunk is 18 m high. It is 25 cm across. The leaves are entire in their central part and divided around the edges. The leaves of adult plants are spiny. The flowers are singly and relatively large. They are 4 to 4.5 mm long. The fruit are round and 22 to 23 mm across. They have a very dark brown polished surface. The young fruit are oblong and narrow towards the base.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They are widely distributed in the forested areas of the Philippines. It grows in clearings in rainforest. In Townsville Palmetum.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are 28 Livistona species.

PICTURES



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