PLANT FACT SHEET

Chelyocarpus ulei Dammer

GENUS *Chelyocarpus* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Xila, Sacha anguaillo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Ash - salt, Fruit, Seed

Vegetable salt is extracted from the burnt stems in Colombia.
The liquid endosperm is drunk.
The fruit is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A single stem palm. It grows 1-8 m tall. The stem is 4-7 cm across. There are 10-15 leaves. The blade is 1-1.5 m across. It is white on the lower surface. The leaves are split into 5-12 leaflets.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in lowland rainforest in the Amazon. It grows in both flooded and non flooded areas. It is usually below 500 m altitude but can be up to 900 m altitude.

NOTES

There are 4 Chelyocarpus species.

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