PLANT FACT SHEET

Allagoptera campestris (Mart.) Kuntze

GENUS *Allagoptera* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Buri palm, Imburi

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seed, Palm heart

The immature fruit are edible.

DESCRIPTION

A small clumping palm. It is like Allagoptera arenaria but smaller. The trunks are short and may be underground. It grows about 1 m tall. The leaves are leathery. The leaflets are curly and like feathers. They usually split at the tip. The leaflets are usually arranged in groups of 2-4. The fruit are greenish yellow and held upright. They look like corn cobs. They are oval and individual fruit are 1 cm long.

HABITAT

It grows at higher altitudes. In Brazil they grow from the coast to 1500 m altitude. In Argentina it grows up to 200m above sealevel. It needs good drainage and a sunny location.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The seeds germinate irregularly over some months.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The seedlings are slow to establish.

NOTES

There are 4 Allagoptera species.

PICTURES



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