PLANT FACT SHEET

Pandanus antaresensis St John

GENUS *Pandanus* **FAMILY** Pandanaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts, Seeds

The kernels are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A branched screwpine with crowns normally at the same height. Fruit are large clusters made up of groups of 5 nuts. The kernels are small and hard to extract. When ripe the fruit turn red and the nuts drop individually.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the highlands from about 1600 to 2500 m altitude. It can be down to 850 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are often self sown but are also planted from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Nuts are usually harvested after they fall. Production is not distinctly seasonal. The outside fibres are burnt off then the shell splits.

NOTES

There are about 600 Pandanus species. They grow in the tropics.

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