PLANT FACT SHEET

Euterpe catinga Wallace

GENUS *Euterpe* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Catinga palm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Flower, Palm heart, Cabbage

Fruit pulp is used for drinks

DESCRIPTION

A palm. It can be in clusters or be solitary. It grows 4-16 m tall. The trunks are 3.5-15 cm across. They are grey and have a cone of roots at the base. There are 6-11 leaves. The crown-shaft is usually orange. It often has black fibres at the top. The leaf stalk has black scales. The leaflets spread horizontally. The flowering branches are 2.5-4 mm across. They are covered with light brown hairs. The fruit are round and purple-black. They are 0.8-1.3 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in open forest on poorly drained acidic soils. It grows between 1,100-1,800 m altitude. In the Cairns Botanical Gardens.

NOTES

There are between 7 and 18 Euterpe species.

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