PLANT FACT SHEET

Pandanus lamekotensis Markgr.

GENUS *Pandanus* **FAMILY** Pandanaceae

COMMON NAMES Baig, Kariat, Keg, Kiat

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are sucked and can be made into jam.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 4-7 m high. It has 5-8 branches. The leaves are 250 cm long by 9 cm wide. The leaves on the fruiting branches are smaller. There are fine thorny teeth along the edge. The fruit is a round composite fruit. When mature it is 22 cm long by 25 cm wide. It is deep orange to red. The fingers are 6-8 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. Their surfaces are not deeply furrowed. There are 10-17 nuts. Many are empty. The weathered fruit becomes very fibrous. The ripe fruit are eaten.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows on Lamekot Island in Papua New Guinea. It grows on the swampy banks of creeks.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It starts producing fruit when 1 m high so the first fruit rests on the ground.

NOTES

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

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