PLANT FACT SHEET

Syagrus cardenasii Glassman

GENUS *Syagrus* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Corocito, Saro

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit tastes like pineapple.

DESCRIPTION

A solitary or clustering palm. It grows to 6 m high. The trunk is 1 m long. The leaves are 2.6 m long. The leaflets are widely spaced and greyish-green. They are stiff and grow at an angle to the stalk. The flowering stalk is short and erect. It is yellow with greenish-brown fruit. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in dry open forest. It grows between 400 and 1760 m altitude.

NOTES

There are about 30-42 Syagrus species. There are also some hybrids. The seeds are most species are edible.

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