PLANT FACT SHEET

Syagrus botryophora (Mart.) Mart.

GENUS *Syagrus* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Pati, Patioba

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds - oil, Palm hearts, Cabbage

The seeds are rich in edible oil.
The palm hearts are bitter until treated.

DESCRIPTION

A solitary palm. They are 6-18 m tall. The trunks are 15-25 cm across. There are 10-15 leaves. they are 3 m long. They arch over. There are 100-150 leaflets on each side of the leaf. The leaflets are rigid and point upwards forming a V shape. They are regularly arranged. The flowering stalks are woody. They are very thick and deeply grooved. There are 30-50 flowering branches. The fruit are oval. They are 3.5-4.5 cm long and 2.2-2.5 cm wide. They are white to yellow.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They grow in lowland rainforest on clayey soils. They grow below 400 m altitude. It grows in coastal areas.

NOTES

There are about 32 Syagrus species. They grow in South America.

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