PLANT FACT SHEET

Pinanga geonomiformis Becc.

GENUS *Pinanga* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Tamepalm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Cabbage, Palm heart

The bud is cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A very small and slender palm with fan shaped leaves. It forms a neat suckering clump. The stems are thin. They are 1.5 m tall. They are purple and like a thick stemmed grass. The fronds are small and bright green. There are only one or two segments on each side of the leaf stalk. The flower stalk is a simple flower cluster along a central stalk. The fruit are in two vertical rows.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They occur from Rizal, Laguna and Quezon in the Philippines in damp primary forest at low and medium altitudes. It suits tropical regions. It needs a moist shady position.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. Seed may take 5 months to germinate.

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