PLANT FACT SHEET

Raphia sudanica A. Chev.

GENUS *Raphia* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Northern Raphia palm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Nuts, Sap, Cabbage, Palm heart

The pulp of the ripe fruit are eaten.
The stem is tapped as wine.

DESCRIPTION

A palm. It has a stout trunk 2-3 m tall. It can be 10 m tall. The fronds are 12 m long. The young fronds have a yellow stalk. The leaflets are armed with spines on the veins and edges. The flowers are large 2.4 cm long. The fruit are top shaped and dark red when ripe. They are 5-7 cm long by 2.5 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in swamps. It grows in drier locations than other Raphia species.

NOTES

It is used for a range of purposes in Nigeria.

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