PLANT FACT SHEET

Pandanus furcatus Roxb.

GENUS *Pandanus* **FAMILY** Pandanaceae

COMMON NAMES Himalayan screwpine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit juice, Leaves, Seeds

The juice of the fruit is sucked. The fruit are also used to make pickles.
The leaves are cooked and eaten.
The seeds are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

An erect shrub or tree. It has many branches. It grows about 5 m high. The leaves are in spirals towards the ends of branches. They are long and narrow and taper to the tip. They are leathery. The flowers are yellowish. The fruit are spiny.

HABITAT

A subtropical plant. In Nepal it grows between 700-1100 m altitude. It grows in moist, shady places. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

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

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