PLANT FACT SHEET

Calyptrocalyx albertisianus Becc.

GENUS *Calyptrocalyx* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Sunset palm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots, Cabbage, Seeds, Seeds - masticatory, Palm heart

It is used as a betel nut substitute.

DESCRIPTION

A small palm. It has a single trunk. It can have up to 4 trunks. It grows 8 m tall. The trunk is 3 cm across. The leaves are long and drooping. The young leaves are bright red. The fruit are round to oval. They are 15-42 mm long by 10-26 mm wide. They are red. The seeds are round to oval.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits a warm humid location. It grows in the rainforest. It grows from sea level to 2,000 m above sea level. It needs a hardiness zone of 11-12. Cairns Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are 26 Calyptrocalyx species with about 25 in New Guinea.

PICTURES



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