PLANT FACT SHEET

Calamus longisetus Griff.

GENUS *Calamus* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Leme

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A palm or rattan. It is a climbing plant. It is robust and climbs 30m long. It is 4-5 cm across. The internodes are 10-45 cm long. The leaf sheath has spines. These can be 6 cm long. The fruit is top-shaped and 3.5 cm long by 2 cm wide. It has a triangle shaped beak. The seed are 2.7 cm long by 1.7 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is cold hardy to plant hardiness zone 10.

NOTES

There are 375-400 Calamus species. There are 175 species in tropical Asia.

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