PLANT FACT SHEET

Bactris setosa Mart.

GENUS *Bactris* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Jucum palm, Tucum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Oil, Drinks, Palm heart

The fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A clumpy palm. It forms clumps up to 6 m tall. The stems have rings and have spines along them. There are 2-5 leaves per stem. There are 30-57 leaflets on each side. They are in groups of 4-7 and arranged in various planes. The flowering stalk comes from between the leaves. The fruit have a thin, succulent pulp and are sweet.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the understorey in damp or swampy soils in the Atlantic forest in Brazil.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by seed.

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