PLANT FACT SHEET

Myrialepis paradoxa (Kurz) J. Dransf.

GENUS *Myrialepis* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Rotan kertong

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Shoots

DESCRIPTION

A rattan. It grows in clusters and climbs 7 m tall. There are rings of sharp spines. The leaves are 3 m long. There are leaflets along the stalk. They are dark green. Male and female flowers are on separate plants. The flowering shoots are branched and 60 cm long. The fruit is shiny and green to brown and covered with scales. There is one seed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Indochina it grows in evergreen forest between 100-300 m altitude. In warmer places it grows to 1,000 m altitude.

NOTES

There is only one Myrialepis species.

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