PLANT FACT SHEET

Ravenea madagascariensis Becc.

GENUS *Ravenea* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Madagascar Ravenea palm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Cabbage, Palm heart

DESCRIPTION

A palm. It grows to 20 m high. The trunk can be 15-20 cm across. The leaf crown forms half a circle. The leaves are 2-3.3 m long. They often have a twist along their length. They are on stout light coloured leaf stalks which are 30-60 cm long. The leaflets are 60-100 cm long and can be flat or in a V shape. The fruit are 6 mm across. They are round and orange when ripe.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in rainforest and dry evergreen forest in Madagascar. It suits humid locations. It grows from sea level to 1400 m altitude. It can tolerate some cold.

PICTURES



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