PLANT FACT SHEET

Prestoea longipetiolata (Oerst.) H. E. Moore

GENUS *Prestoea* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Surtua

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Palm heart, Cabbage

DESCRIPTION

A palm. It can have one or several stems. These are 0.5-5 m tall. They are 2-5 cm wide. There are 4-6 leaves. The leaf sheath is open and does not form a crown-shaft. There are 17-33 narrow leaflets along each side. The flowering stalk is erect but arches over when carrying fruit. The fruit are round and 0.8-1 cm across. They are purple black.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in mountain rainforest on steep slopes. It grows mainly between 1,000-1,500 m altitude.

NOTES

It has become a rare palm from harvesting palm hearts.

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