PLANT FACT SHEET

Aiphanes eggersii Burret

GENUS *Aiphanes* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Corozo, Egger's palm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A slender clumping palm. It grows about 5 m tall. The bases of the fronds and the stalk are covered with black spines 5 cm long and also short fine spines. The fronds have wedge shaped segments. They are 45 cm long and 9 cm wide. They are green above and whitish underneath. They are arranged in irregular groups. They also lie at different angles. The male flower is yellow. The fruit are 1.5-1.7 cm across. They are round and red.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry deciduous forests. It grows in coastal regions in dry lowlands below 600 m altitude in Ecuador.

NOTES

There are about 38 Aiphanes species. They grow in tropical America.

PICTURES



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