PLANT FACT SHEET

Calamus caesius Blume

GENUS *Calamus* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Sega rattan

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A cane or rattan. It forms clusters. It climbs and the canes can be 100 m long. The leaf sheath is dull green and has triangle shaped spines. The leaflets are usually in alternate pairs. There are 15 on each side. The fruit is oval and one seeded. It is There is an outer fleshy coat.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It needs to be grown in forest. It suits moist alluvial soils and flooded river banks. It can grow up to 800 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. The fruit are squashed and the flesh allowed to rot for 2 days and then planted. They germinate in 10 days. They can also be grown from suckers.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The fruit are available in India from February to April. Stems can grow 8 m long in 5 years.

NOTES

There are 375-400 Calamus species. There are 175 species in tropical Asia.

PICTURES



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