PLANT FACT SHEET

Melocanna humilis Kurz

GENUS *Melocanna* **FAMILY** Poaceae

COMMON NAMES Li zhu

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - wine, Fruit

The leaves are used for making wine.
The seeds are edible.

DESCRIPTION

A bamboo. The rhizome or underground stem is cylinder shaped and up to 5 m long. The culms are upright and 8-20 m tall. They are 3-7 cm across. The fruit are pear shaped and large. They are 5-12 cm long by 5-7 cm wide and fleshy. It is similar to but smaller than Melocanna baccifera.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

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