PLANT FACT SHEET

Bactris major var. socialis (Mart.) Drude

GENUS *Bactris* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The juicy fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A palm. It has 4-8 leaves. There are 38-57 leaflets on each side. The fruit are 3.5-4 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. They are purple-black and have short spines.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows near streams and other wet places between 125-500 m above sea level.

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