PLANT FACT SHEET

Pinanga scortechinii Becc.

GENUS *Pinanga* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts - masticatory

Nut sometimes used as a betel nut substitute.

DESCRIPTION

A clustering palm. It grows 5 m tall. The stems can be 2.5 cm across. The stems are deep olive green with widely spaced reddish-brown scars from old leaf bases. The crown-shaft is 60 cm tall. They are plump and golden-orange. The leaf crowns are sparse and open. The leaves are 2-2.3 m long on 60 cm long leaf stalks. The leaflets are dull green and widely spaced. They are 45 cm long. They have a long tip and are slightly S shaped. The flowering stalk is golden, erect and short. The fruit are congested together. They start white but turn pink then black.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in mountainous rainforest between 300-1000 m altitude.

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