PLANT FACT SHEET

Areca hutchinsoniana Becc.

GENUS *Areca* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Bunga

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts, Palm heart, Cabbage

The nut is occasionally used as a betel substitute.
The palm heart is edible.

DESCRIPTION

A palm with a single stem. It has a slender trunk. It grows 4-10 m tall and 15 cm thick. It has prominent pale rings on the trunk. The crown-shaft bulges a little. The fronds are dark green. There are leaflets along the stalk. The fruit are about 3 cm long. They are yellow when ripe.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in primary forests at low elevations. It grows in Mindanao. It is cold sensitive.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are 60 Areca species. They are tropical.

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