PLANT FACT SHEET

Pandanus dubius Sprengler

GENUS *Pandanus* **FAMILY** Pandanaceae

COMMON NAMES Bakong, Knob-fruited screwpine

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Nuts, Seeds

The kernels of the nuts are eaten raw.
They are also cooked and stored.

DESCRIPTION

A large erect and branched screwpine with long stilt or prop roots. The trunk has sharp prickles. The roots are covered with vertical rows of pores. The leaves are numerous and spirally arranged and crowded towards the ends of branches. The leaves are broad (20 cm) and about 2 m long with sharp thorns. The edges and midrib are covered with spines. It has a long fruit stalk. It can be 60-80 cm long. It has a large roughly round heavy fruit about 30 cm across. The seeds are large and white. They are edible. They are 1-1.5 cm long. The fruit has about 50 fibrous segments.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They are widely distributed in wooded areas along the seashore of Mindanao in the Philippines. It is a coastal plant. It grows on coral atolls. In the Cairns Botanical Gardens. In Townsville Anderson BG.

PRODUCTION

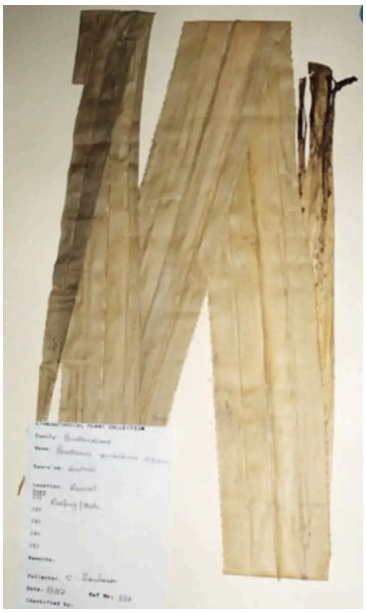
Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds. It is usually grown from large cuttings of the ends of branches. The fruit are ready to eat when the fruit looses its white mat like appearance and becomes green.

NOTES

There are about 600 Pandanus species. They grow in the tropics.

PICTURES



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