PLANT FACT SHEET

Acrocomia totai Mart.

GENUS *Acrocomia* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A palm. It grows 10-15 m tall and the trunk is 40-50 cm wide. It is spiny. They are long black spines on the trunks of younger plants. The leaves are 2.5-3 m long. They have about 100 side leaflets that are 40-70 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. The fruit are round and yellow to orange. They are 2.5-5 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the seasonally dry tropics.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds but they have a very hard seed coat.

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