PLANT FACT SHEET

Ceroxylon vogelianum (Engel) H. Wendl.

GENUS *Ceroxylon* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Coco, Palma de ramo, Palma negra

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A solitary palm. The stems are 3-13 m tall. They are 10-20 cm across. They sometimes bend at the top. The trunk is grey or green. There are 6-15 leaves. They are feather like and curved. The crown is almost round and has a ragged appearance. There are 70-110 leaflets on each side of the leaf. They are arranged irregularly in clusters. They spread in different directions. The fruit are small and green and 1.5 cm across. The fruit became red and have netlike grooves.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows between 2000 and 3000 m altitude in Ecuador. It grows in mountain rainforest.

NOTES

There are about 20 Ceroxylon species.

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