PLANT FACT SHEET

Astrocaryum huicungo Damm. ex Burret

GENUS *Astrocaryum* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Si'ra

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Cabbage, Palm heart, Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A palm. It can have single stems or in clusters. They can be above or below ground. The trunks can be 1.5-15 m tall. They are 10-30 cm wide. They are spiny and have persistent leaf bases. There are 6-15 or more leaves. They are up to 7 m long and spread out horizontally. There are 90-130 leaflets on each side. They are arranged regularly and spread in the same plane. The flowering stalks are erect and among the leaves. It has clustered stems and fruits 6.5-7.5 cm long. They have a fleshy mesocarp.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

NOTES

There are about 40-50 Astrocaryum species.

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