PLANT FACT SHEET

Bactris fissifrons Mart.

GENUS *Bactris* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Stems - salt, Fruit

The stems are burnt for vegetable salt.

DESCRIPTION

A palm. It forms clumps and can have 10 stems. It grows 2-3 m tall and they stems are 1-3 cm across. There are 4-12 leaves. The leaves have spines in clusters. They are 4 cm long. The leaves are up to 1 m long and there are 2-3 leafs on each side. The flowers are between the leaves on stalks 10-25 cm long. The fruit are 2-3 cm long by 1.5-2 cm wide. They are yellow and turn purple-black.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in lowland rainforest in well drained soils. It grows between 100-265 m above sea level.

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