PLANT FACT SHEET

Caryota obtusa Griffith

GENUS *Caryota* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Thai Giant fishtail palm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Palm heart, Shoots, Stem - starch

The stems are processed to produce flour.
The stems and leaves are cooked in stir-fries.

DESCRIPTION

A palm. It has one stem. It grows 40 m tall and the trunk is 50-90 cm wide. It is often swollen. The leaves are in a compact crown at the top. The leaf stalks are 1-2 m long and the leafy shoots are 4-6 m long with 19-22 leaflets on each side. There are 20-27 secondary leaflets on each side of the secondary shoots. The ends are blunt and the edges jagged. The flowering shoot is 6 m long and produced amongst the leaves.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in mountain rain forests usually on limestone between 1,400-1,800 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It flowers once then dies.

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