PLANT FACT SHEET

Copernicia alba Morong

GENUS *Copernicia* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Caranday wax palm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Growing tip, Palm heart, Cabbage

The ripe fruit are eaten fresh. They are also used for juice.
They are also used for alcoholic drinks. Caution: Alcohol is a cause of cancer.
The tips of young plants are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A palm. It grows 25 m tall. The trunk is cylinder shaped and occasionally divides in two. The bark is grey and smooth. The leaves are at the tip of the trunk. They are 40-70 cm long. The flowering stalks are about 2 m long. The flowers are green and arranged in a spiral pattern. The fruit is a dark berry. It contains a light brown seed. This is oval and 12 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on seasonally flooded savannah. In Argentina it grows below 300 m above sea level. In Townsville palmetum.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

PICTURES



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