PLANT FACT SHEET

Syagrus inajai (Spruce) Becc.

GENUS *Syagrus* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Inajai

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A solitary palm. It grows 16 m high. The trunk is 15 cm across. There are 15-18 leaves. The leaves are 3.3 m long. There are 51-110 leaflets on each side of the leaf. The leaflets are narrow and limp. They grow at different angles and hang down. The leaflets are in clusters of 2-7. The flowering stalk has a woody bract. There are 14-35 flowering branches. The fruit are oval. They are 3.2-4.5 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. They are yellow.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in lowland rainforest. It grows below 500 m altitude. It needs rich soil and constant moisture.

NOTES

There are about 30 Syagrus species.

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