PLANT FACT SHEET

Deckenia nobilis H. Wendl. ex Seem.

GENUS *Deckenia* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Palmiste

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Cabbage, Palm heart

Caution: It is an at risk plant so should not be harvested from the wild.

DESCRIPTION

A tall palm. It has a slender trunk which may be 35 m tall. The crown is dark green. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk and the leaflets are slender. Each one has a pointed tip and is hairy underneath. The sheathing bases and leaf stalks are prickly. The fruit are oval and dark purple to black when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It is very cold sensitive. It needs very good drainage. It grows in rainforest and hills and slopes. It can grow from sea level to 660 m altitude. It suits hardiness zone 10b. In Townsville palmetum.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is slow growing.

NOTES

There is only one Deckenia species.
It is an at risk plant.

PICTURES



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