PLANT FACT SHEET

Leopoldinia piassaba Wallace

GENUS *Leopoldinia* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Piassaba

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The fruit are used for drinks.
They are also used for making an alcoholic beverage. Caution: Alcohol is a cause of cancer.

DESCRIPTION

A small palm. It grows 5 m high. It has masses of long hanging brown fibres. The trunk is 12 cm wide but has 80 cm of fibres. The leaves are 4-5 m long. The leaflets are regularly and widely spaced. They are stiff and sword shaped. They are light green and 60-100 cm long. They have wavy edges. The fruit are kidney shaped and flattened. They are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant suiting wet climates. They grow along rivers and in lowlands that are seasonally flooded. It grows in the shade.

NOTES

There are 3 Leopoldinia species.

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