PLANT FACT SHEET

Puya hamata L. B. Smith

GENUS *Puya* **FAMILY** Bromeliaceae

COMMON NAMES Aguarongo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: leaves, Shoots

It is cooked in stew. The tender leaf bases are eaten in salads.
The juice from the leaf bases is made into a sweet drink.

DESCRIPTION

A pineapple family herb. It grows 2.5-4 m tall. The leaves are in dense rings. The leaves are 70-150 cm long. They have teeth towards the tip. The leaf blades are 2-3 cm wide. The flower spikes can be 5 m tall. The fruit are on the upper 2 m of the spikes.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows between 3,150-4,100 m above sea level.

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