PLANT FACT SHEET

Pinanga basilanensis Becc.

GENUS *Pinanga* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Buburis

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Cabbage, Palm heart

The bud is cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A small and slender palm. The leaf segments are 3-ribbed and one metre long. They are 9 cm wide. They have 3 veins. Sometimes there are narrow teeth along the edge. The flower arrangement is a spike of flowers around a central stalk. It is strongly flattened and with branches which hang down. The fruit are medium sized about 20 mm by 12 mm and slightly oval. The seed layer is somewhat fleshy and crossed by a few fibres.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They are found in primary forest at low and medium altitudes. They are reported from Mindanao and Basilan in the Philippines. It suits subtropical locations. It needs a shady place.

NOTES

There are about 120-125 Pinanga species. There is one in New Guinea.

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