PLANT FACT SHEET

Allagoptera brevicalyx Moraes

GENUS *Allagoptera* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Buri da praia, Cachando palm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A small clumping palm. The stem is underground. The crown may only be 8 leaves. Each leaf is about 1 m long. The leaf sheath and stalk are covered with woolly hairs. There are 50-80 leaflets on a leaf. These are sword shaped and in irregular groups along the stalk. They have lobes at the tip. They are glossy green on the upper surface and dull underneath. The fruiting stalk is simple and unbranched. The fruit are oval and 1.5-2 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in low scattered vegetation near sand dunes along the coast.

NOTES

This is a palm under threat of extinction. Plants should be cultivated before harvesting, not collected from the wild. There are 4 Allagoptera species.

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