PLANT FACT SHEET

Heterospathe elegans subsp. humilis (Becc.) M. S. Trudgen & W. J. Baker

GENUS *Heterospathe* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Sagisi palm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: stem

DESCRIPTION

A palm without a short stem. It is 7-10 cm across and can be 8 m tall. It can occur singly or in clusters. There are 7-9 leaves. The sheaths are 55-67 cm long. It has a well defined crownshaft. The leaf stalk is 20-40 cm long. There are 38-56 leaflets along a rachis 2 m long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It is widespread throughout mainland Papua New Guinea.

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