PLANT FACT SHEET

Corypha lecomtei Beccari

GENUS *Corypha* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

COMMON NAMES Lecomte palm

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: stem - starch

The starch extracted from the stem is edible.
The sap can be collected from the flower stalk.

DESCRIPTION

A solitary fan palm. It grows 10-15 m high. The trunk is 40-60 cm across. There are 15-25 leaves in the crown. The leaf stalk is 8 m long. The leaf blade is 4.5 cm long and has 50 segments. The flowering stalk is about 2.5 m long. The fruit are 3-5 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in seasonally dry monsoon forests and open areas along rivers and flood plains. It grows between 100-600 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are 6-8 Corypha species.

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