PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Astrocaryum gratum* F. Kahn & B. Millan

**GENUS** *Astrocaryum* **FAMILY** Arecaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Chonta palm

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Palm heart, Fruit

## DESCRIPTION

A palm. It grows 15 m tall. It has 6-25 leaves. They have 90-105 leaflets on each side. There are black spines on the trunk and leaf midrib. The flowering shoots are 1-1.5 m long. The fruit are oval and orange-yellow. These have small spines over them. The pulp of the fruit is succulent and covers on seed.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in areas that are occasionally flooded as well as in lower mountain forests. It can tolerate shade.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants grow from seed. These are usually spread naturally.

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