Botanical name: Genus: Caryota Species: mitis

## Common Name(s):

Fish tail palm

Latin Family Name: Arecaceae English Family Name: Arum

## The plant

Origin; country or region: Native to native to Tropical Asia

**Growth habit:** A tropical evergreen perennials, grows in clumps

Flower description: Flowers are purple, and the fruits are

dark purple or red

Blooming period/availability: Perennial

Leaf/Foliage Description: Paddle, solitary or clustered,

unbranched stems and leaves

Leaves are large, long-stalked, arching

The leaves are split in such a way they look like the caudal tail of

every common fish

**Usage:** Cultivated as an ornamental plant

STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:

Adds a bit of a tropical touch to your plant collection

A very quick growing palm

Makes excellent indoor plants

The fishtail palm can be used in shrub borders and outdoor container plantings

It tolerates heavy shade and is often used in interior plantings in commercial

buildings

Fishtail palm is a tough, easy to grow palm

that makes a great houseplant

**WEAKNESS:** 

Leaves can damage easily

The fishtail palm tree is found most often in South Asia and thrives in warm climates

## Care & Handling

Longevity: 5 years plus

Water requirements: Keep compost moist

Light: Full sun partial shade

Soil/Nutrition requirements: Rich, humus-laden, good draining soil

## **Special care/remarks:**

Very poisonous for humans and animals Flowers and the fruits are harmful to humans

