

# *Pandanus amaryllifolius* Roxb. ex Lindl.

**Family** : Pandanaceae

**Parts Used** : Leaf

**Vernacular Names**

English : Pandanus

Malayalam : Rambha



**Distribution and habitat:** Found as cultivated crop in Indonesia, India, Malaysia, Phillippines, Myanmar etc

**Botany:** A shrub with solid stem, divided into dichotomous branches.

• **Leaves** : Tufted, linear or lanceolate, sessile, base sheathing, spines 3cm which are formed along the margins and midrib below.

• **Flowers:** Flowering of this plant is related to the age and climatic conditions.

**Properties:** Aromatic, antipyretic, antidermatic

**Uses:** It is used for flavoring *biriyani* preparations, ice cream, and pudding. It is used for fever, cough, skin diseases etc

**Propagation:** Suckers and stem cuttings

**Agrotechnology:** Rooted materials are planted in pits in the main field. Leaves can be harvested from the sixth month. The leaves regrow quickly under hot and moist conditions and harvesting can be continued for 4-5 months. In waterlogged situations growth is poor.

