

Provenance for *Hydnophytum ramispinum*

This is one of the high-altitude Myrmecodias, occurring near the top of the tree line (~2000 meters) on Doormantop and Kemboe in Papua Province, Indonesia. (formerly Irian Jaya). Typically, they would like night temperatures in the 50s. However, there are several clones of it in cultivation and they show some variation in how much heat they can handle. This is one of the clones that is willing to grow and not die in more lowland-like growing conditions. Treat it like a high-altitude plant if you have those growing conditions but you should still be able to grow it with some compromising of those conditions.

I got this plant as a young seedling in October 2013 from Andreas Wistuba of The Nepenthes Nursery in Germany. The material can be traced back to a seed collection on Doormantop in the 1990s when it was Irian Jaya.

This is one of only a few *Hydnophytum*s that have spines on the caudex – and in this case they are very interesting clubbed spines. Here is a photo of the spines on an older plant. This photo is for your eyes only, it is copyrighted by Andreas Wistuba.

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These plants make copious amounts of flowers but even though I have grown several of them next to each other on the greenhouse bench they never made fruits for me. In Europe they make “occasional fruits” and at least one American grower has set a few fruits with hand pollination of a single plant with itself.

The plant you will receive is pictured here. It is growing in a 6” clay pot but I will send it bare root.

