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### *Nephrolepis biserrata*

[Synonyms : *Aspidium acuminatum*, *Aspidium acutum*, *Aspidium biserrata*, *Aspidium ensifolium*, *Aspidium guineense*, *Aspidium punctulatum*, *Hypopeltis biserrata*, *Lepidoneuron biserrata*, *Lepidoneuron punctulatum*, *Nephrodium acutum*, *Nephrodium biserratum*, *Nephrodium punctulatum*, *Nephrodium rufescens*, *Nephrolepis acuminata*, *Nephrolepis acuta*, *Nephrolepis biserrata* subsp. *punctulata*, *Nephrolepis ensifolia*, *Nephrolepis exaltata*, *Nephrolepis exaltata* var. *biserrata*, *Nephrolepis hirsutula* var. *acuta*, *Nephrolepis hirsutula* var. *biserrata*, *Nephrolepis mollis*, *Nephrolepis punctulata*, *Nephrolepis rufescens*, *Polypodium exaltatum*, *Polypodium neprolepioides*, *Polypodium punctulatum*, *Tectaria fraxinea*]

**BROAD SWORDFERN** is a fern. Native to tropical regions it has long, drooping green fronds.

It is also known as Coarse sword fern, Fishtail sword fern, Giant swordfern, and *Paku uban* (Malay).

*Biserrata* is derived from Latin *bi-* (two) and *serrati-* (jagged, cut) components meaning 'double toothed' with reference to the teeth on the leaves that are themselves toothed.

Locally in Malaysia the underground stem and young fronds have been harvested for food and to a lesser extent medicine.