



TREE SPECIES (SCIENTIFIC NAME)

# Iriartea deltoidea

## TREE FAMILY

ARECACEAE

## ELEVATIONAL RANGE (M)

350–1500m

## AVERAGE LEAF SIZE (CM)

400cm × 0.65cm

Length Width

## TREE HEIGHT

MEDIUM (20–35M)



## DISTRIBUTION



NATIVE TO PERU

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Region: Americas

Latin America: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Venezuela

## COFFEE AGROFORESTRY INFORMATION

### COFFEE SYSTEM



ARABICA

### COFFEE IMPACT

Unknown

### TREE MANAGEMENT

Unknown

## CULTIVATION

Unknown

## PREVALENCE

Unknown

## TREE BENEFITS AND USES

### FARMER USES



**Food, Livestock Forage, Firewood, Lumber, Medicinal, Ornamental, Product**

The outer part of the stems is used throughout its range for construction purposes, such as floors, walls, furniture, posts, blowguns, bows, harpoons and arrowheads. The hollowed-out stems are used as coffins. In northern Peru, the Angotere-Secoya and Quechua people use the stems as canoes. The trunk is used to build floors and walls of houses. The leaves are used for straw and basketry. The heart of the fruit and seeds are eaten occasionally. The apical bud, often called "heart of palm," is cooked and eaten like a vegetable (eating this shoot leads to the eventual death of the tree because it cannot make side branches). An ash obtained from the flowers is used as a substitute for salt. The fruits and heart of palm are used as animal feed. The inner layer of the leaf sheath is used to give strength to women in childbirth. The roots, stems and seeds are used to make handicrafts.

### FARM SERVICES

Unknown

### BIODIVERSITY BENEFITS

✓ YES

The fruits are consumed by animals.

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