



TREE SPECIES (SCIENTIFIC NAME)

*Poulsenia armata*

PERU COMMON NAME

Lanche

TREE FAMILY

**MORACEAE**

AVERAGE LEAF SIZE (CM)

**30cm × 19cm**

Length Width

ELEVATIONAL RANGE (M)

**0–2350m**

TREE HEIGHT

**MEDIUM (20–35M)**

DISTRIBUTION

**NATIVE TO PERU**

NATIVE TO

**Region:** Americas**Latin America:** Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Venezuela

## COFFEE AGROFORESTRY INFORMATION

COFFEE SYSTEM

**ARABICA**

COFFEE IMPACT

**BENEFICIAL TO COFFEE**

TREE MANAGEMENT

Very susceptible to droughts and climate changes. The tree is shade-tolerant and long-lived.

CULTIVATION

**NATURAL**

PREVALENCE

Unknown

## TREE BENEFITS AND USES

FARMER USES

**Food, Lumber, Product, Ceremonial**

Used in lightweight construction and as properly treated fence posts. The Emberá Waunaan people in Panama extract fibers from the inner bark that are used to make fabric, hammocks, baskets, sails for canoes, and clothing for women. In the region of Valle de Anton and San Miguel del Norte in Panama, the bark is used to make a dress known as 'diablito cucúa', used in a dance in religious and folkloric festivals. The plant is harvested from the wild for its bark and edible fruits, which are sometimes sold in markets.

FARM SERVICES

**Soil Improvement**

BIODIVERSITY BENEFITS

**YES**

The flowers are visited by insects.

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