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*Cocos nucifera* L.

**Family:** Arecaceae

**Common name:** Coconut tree

**Vernacular name:** നെല്ല്

**Nativity:** Tropical islands in the western Pacific

**Habit:** Tree

**Habitat:** South-East Asia, presumably Malaysia

**IUCN Status:** Not Evaluated

**Keynotes:** The coconut tree is a member of the palm tree family Arecaceae and the only living species of the genus *Cocos*. The term "coconut" can refer to the whole coconut palm, the seed, or the fruit, which botanically is a drupe, not a nut. *Cocos nucifera* is a large palm, growing up to 30 metres tall, with pinnate leaves 4–6 m long, and pinnae 60–90 cm long; old leaves break away cleanly, leaving the trunk smooth. On fertile soil, a tall coconut palm tree can yield up to 75 fruits per year, but more often yields less than 30. Given proper care and growing conditions, coconut palms produce their first fruit in six to ten years, taking 15 to 20 years to reach peak production.

**Uses:** Industry is using the husk fiber from the pith as raw material for carpets, car seat stuffing, and in agriculture as fertilizers. The hard core is used to make handcrafts.



## References

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