



The Palm

Collection at the Jardín Botánico Culiacán

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- Features 105 entries with a description of the species that belong in the palm collection at the Culiacan Botanical Garden
- Each description comes with images about some parts of the palm, such as the leaves, the fruit, the flowers and the trunk
- Illustrations by the Mexican contemporary artist Sofía Táboas

The relationship between palms and humans has been very close since the beginning of ancient civilisations and this relationship shows no signs of diminishing. Palms are as relevant today as they were for the ancient Aztecs, since they have always provided food, shelter, materials and medicines. The Culiacan Botanical Garden recognises the importance of palms for humans and has worked on obtaining and protecting various species. This collection is one of the largest in Mexico.

Each entry includes the common name of the species, other names by which the palm is known, its scientific name, conservation status and geographical distribution. It also mentions the habitat, its main characteristics, the relationship it has with others species and how it arrived at the Botanical Garden.

This volume offers a selection of images with details of the leaves, the fruit, the trunk and the flower. There are also illustrations by the artist Sofía Táboas about the species in the nursery.

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