

# Species Datasheet

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(family.genus.species)

DBT- Network Programme

## 1. Taxon:

Species: *Caryota urens* L.

Subspecies

Variety

Cultivar

Hybrid

Commonly known as 'Indian sago palm', 'toddy palm', 'jaggery palm', 'fishtail palm'.

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## 2. Synonyms:

## 3. Systematic Position:

### APG IV (2016)

- Kingdom: Plantae
- Clade: Angiosperm
- Clade: Monocots
- Clade: Commelinids
- Order: Arecales Bromhead
- Family: Arecaceae Bercht. & J. Presl
- Subfamily: Coryphoideae Burnett
- Genus: *Caryota* L.
- Species: *C. urens* L.

### Bentham and Hooker (1862)

Kingdom: Plantae  
Division: Phanerogamia  
Class: Monocotyledones  
Series: Calycinae  
Ordo: Palmae Juss.  
Genus: *Caryota* L.  
Species: *C. urens* L.

## 4. Distribution:

**Global:** Bangladesh, Bonin Islands, India, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Southern China, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam

**India:** Assam, Western Ghats, widely distributed

## 5. Indigenous/Exotic/ Endemic; Cultivated/Wild: Wild and Cultivated

## 6. Threat Status:

IUCN:

BSI:

**7. Habit and Habitat:** Tree, solitary 20 meters tall; Tropical rain forests, grows in evergreen rainforests up to 300 meters above sea level and also in plains.

**8. Life Form:** Phanerophyte

**9. Economic Importance:** It is cultivated as an ornamental plant. Leaf sheath fibers are used to make ropes, brushes and baskets. Sap is tapped from the inflorescence and then fermented into an alcoholic drink (palm wine or toddy) or boiled down to make syrup or sugar. Seeds are used to make beads.

## 10. Probable Progenitor of:

## 11. DNA

C- value

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Methodology

Feulgen microdensitometry<sup>8</sup>

## 12. Basic chromosome number(s):

**13. Zygotic chromosome number(s):**  $2n= 32^{4,9}$

$2n= 34^{10}$

## 14. Gametic chromosome number(s):

## 15. Specialized chromosomes (B chromosomes/Sex chromosomes/Polytene chromosomes/Neocentric chromosomes):

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**16. Ploidy level:**

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**17. Agametoploidy**

**18. Nature of polyploidy (auto, segmental, allo, autoallo):**

**19. Genomic formula:**

**20. Aberrant chromosome number(s) (aneuploidy, aneusomy, polysomy):** Several somatic cells with abnormal chromosomes number  
 $2n=8^4$

**21. Somatic chromosomes:**

**Karyotype** Majority submetacentric to metacentric chromosomes<sup>4</sup>; Majority submetacentric to subtelocentric chromosomes<sup>9</sup>

**Chromosome size** Small to medium<sup>4</sup>; Long to small<sup>9</sup>

**NOR chromosome(s)** 8 NOR<sup>4</sup>

**Degree of asymmetry:**

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**22. Banding pattern(s):**

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**23. Physical mapping of chromosomes:**

**In situ hybridization**

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**Fluorescent in situ hybridization**

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**24. Genomic in situ hybridization:**

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**25. Linkage map:**

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**26. Chromosome associations:**

**Female meiosis**

**Male meiosis**

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**27. Chromosome distribution at anaphase I:**

**28. Genetic diversity:**

**Chromosomal level**

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**DNA level**

**29. Any other information (Apoixis; Inversion; Male sterility; Pollen grain mitosis; Pollen stainability; Translocations etc):**