

# Species Datasheet

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(family.genus.species)

DBT- Network Programme

## 1. Taxon:

Species: *Nypa fruticans* Wurm

Subspecies

Variety

Cultivar

Hybrid

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**2. Synonyms:** *Cocos nypa* Lour., *Nipa arborescens* Wurm ex H.Wendl., *N. fruticans* (Wurm) Thunb., *N. litoralis* Blanco, *Nypa fruticans* var. *neameana* F.M.Bailey

## 3. Systematic Position:

### APG IV (2016)

- Kingdom: Plantae
- Clade: Angiosperm
- Clade: Monocots
- Clade: Commelinids
- Order: Arecales Bromhead
- Family: Arecaceae Bercht. & J. Presl
- Subfamily: Nypoideae Griff.
- Genus: *Nypa* Steck
- Species: *N. fruticans* Wurm

### Bentham and Hooker (1862)

Kingdom: Plantae  
Division: Phanerogamia  
Class: Monocotyledones  
Series: Calycinae  
Ordo: Palmae Juss.  
Genus: *Nypa* Steck  
Species: *N. fruticans* Wurm

## 4. Distribution:

**Global:** Andaman Island, Bangladesh, Borneo, Cambodia, Caroline Island India, Indo-China, Jawa, Malaya, Malaysia, Maluku, Myanmar, New Guinea, Nicobar Island, Northern Territory, Northwestern Pacific, Philippines, Queensland, Solomon Island, Sri Lanka, Sulawesi, Sumatera, Thailand, Vietnam

**India:** Andaman and Nicobar Islands

**5. Indigenous/Exotic/ Endemic; Cultivated/Wild:** Cultivated and wild

## 6. Threat Status:

**IUCN:** Least Concern

**BSI:**

**7. Habit and Habitat:** Evergreen, shrub; Mangrove swamps, tidal areas in deep mud in swampy coastal lowland areas, growing in water or subject to tidal inundation

**8. Life Form:** Phanerophytes

**9. Economic Importance:** A sugary sap is obtained from the inflorescence. It is used mainly to make an alcoholic beverage, but also to make syrup, sugar and vinegar. The inflorescence is cooked in the syrup obtained from the inflorescence to produce an energy-giving sweetmeat. Various parts of nipa palm are a source of traditional medicines (e.g. juice from young shoots is used against herpes, ash of burned nipa material against toothache and headache). The plant (part not specified) is used as a remedy for the bites of centipedes and as a cure for ulcers. The leaves are an excellent material for thatching and basket making. The strong leaf stalks have many structural uses. They are also made into arrows. The leaflets and midribs are used for manufacturing of brooms, baskets, mats and sunhats.

**10. Probable Progenitor of:**

## 11. DNA

**C- value**

4C (4.74 pg)<sup>1</sup>

**Methodology**

Feulgen microdensitometry<sup>1</sup>

**12. Basic chromosome number(s):**

13. **Zygotic chromosome number(s):**  $2n=34^{1,2,3}$

14. **Gametic chromosome number(s):**  $n=16^{4,5}$

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):**

21. **Somatic chromosomes:**

**Karyotype**

**Chromosome size**

**NOR chromosome(s)**

**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** 6, 7, 8

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