

Cohune Palm

Attalea cohune



Habit- Tree

Origin- Belize, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Costa Rica, and coastal southern Mexico

Family- Arecaceae

Size- 50-70ft tall

Description- Leaves can be over 30 ft long. The leaves crown a solitary trunk that grows 20-50 ft tall.

Uses- Cohune seeds yield a palm oil which is used for lubricant, cooking, lamp fuel and soap. Cohune leaves are used as thatching material for roofs. Palm wine is produced from the sap of the heart of the cohune.

Location at MPZBG- AMAZONIA (next to research station)