

## APPENDIX 2

### PRACTICAL GUIDE TO THE PALMS

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*Photo 1. Bactris circostanciae infructescence. Photo Ph. Birnbaum.*

## 1. List of palms

### Genus *Astrocaryum*

- Astrocaryum gynacanthum* Martius
- Astrocaryum paramaca* Martius ['Counana']
- Astrocaryum sciophilum* (Miquel) Pulle ['Mourou-mourou']

### Genus *Bactris*

- Bactris acanthocarpoides* Barbosa Rodrigues
- Bactris aubletiana* Trail
- Bactris constanciae* Barbosa Rodrigues
- Bactris floccosa* Spruce
- Bactris gastoniana* Barbosa Rodrigues
- Bactris hirta* Martius
- Bactris oligocarpa* Barbosa Rodrigues
- Bactris raphidacantha* Wessels Boer
- Bactris simplicifrons* Martius

### Genus *Desmoncus*

- Desmoncus* sp.

### Genus *Euterpe*

- Euterpe oleracea* Martius ['Pinot', 'Wassafé']

### Genus *Geonoma* ['Wa']

- Geonoma deversa* (Poiteau) Kunth
- Geonoma stricta* (Poiteau) Kunth

### Genus *Jessenia*

- Jessenia bataua* (Martius) Burret subsp. *oligocarpa* (Grisebach & H. Wendland) Balick ['Patawa']

### Genus *Maximiliana*

- Maximiliana maripa* (Correa de Serra) Drude ['Maripa']

### Genus *Oenocarpus*

- Oenocarpus bacaba* Martius ['Comou']

### Genus *Orbignya*

- Orbignya* sp. ['Macoupi']

### Genus *Scheelea*

- Scheelea* sp. ['Macoupi']

### Genus *Socratea*

- Socratea exorrhiza* (Martius) H. Wendland ['Awara-monpè']

### Genus *Syagrus*

- Syagrus stratincola* Wessels Boer

## 2. Relative abundance of palm species on the eight main trails

CAMP: surroundings of the camp

RD/RG: trails along the creek ('Rive droite' and 'Rive gauche')

C.T.1: 1<sup>st</sup> trail from camp to the southern slope of the outcrop ('Chemin des terrasses n°1')

C.T.2: 2<sup>nd</sup> trail from camp to the southern slope of the outcrop ('Chemin des terrasses n°2')

SOMM.: trail from camp to the top of the outcrop ('Chemin du sommet')

CASC.: trail from camp to the water falls ('Chemin des cascades')

BOUCLE: loop from camp to camp

S.C.: trail from camp to the eastern slope of the outcrop ('Chemin de la Savane Coco')

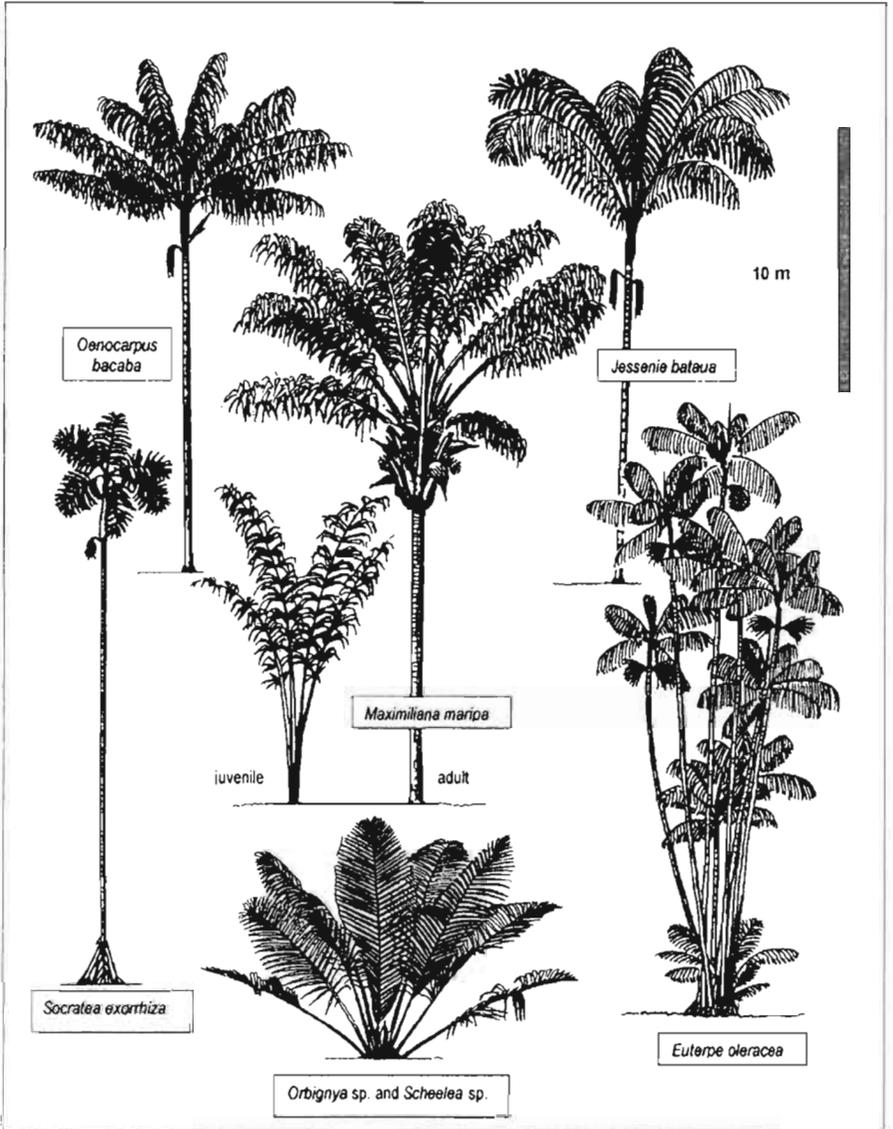


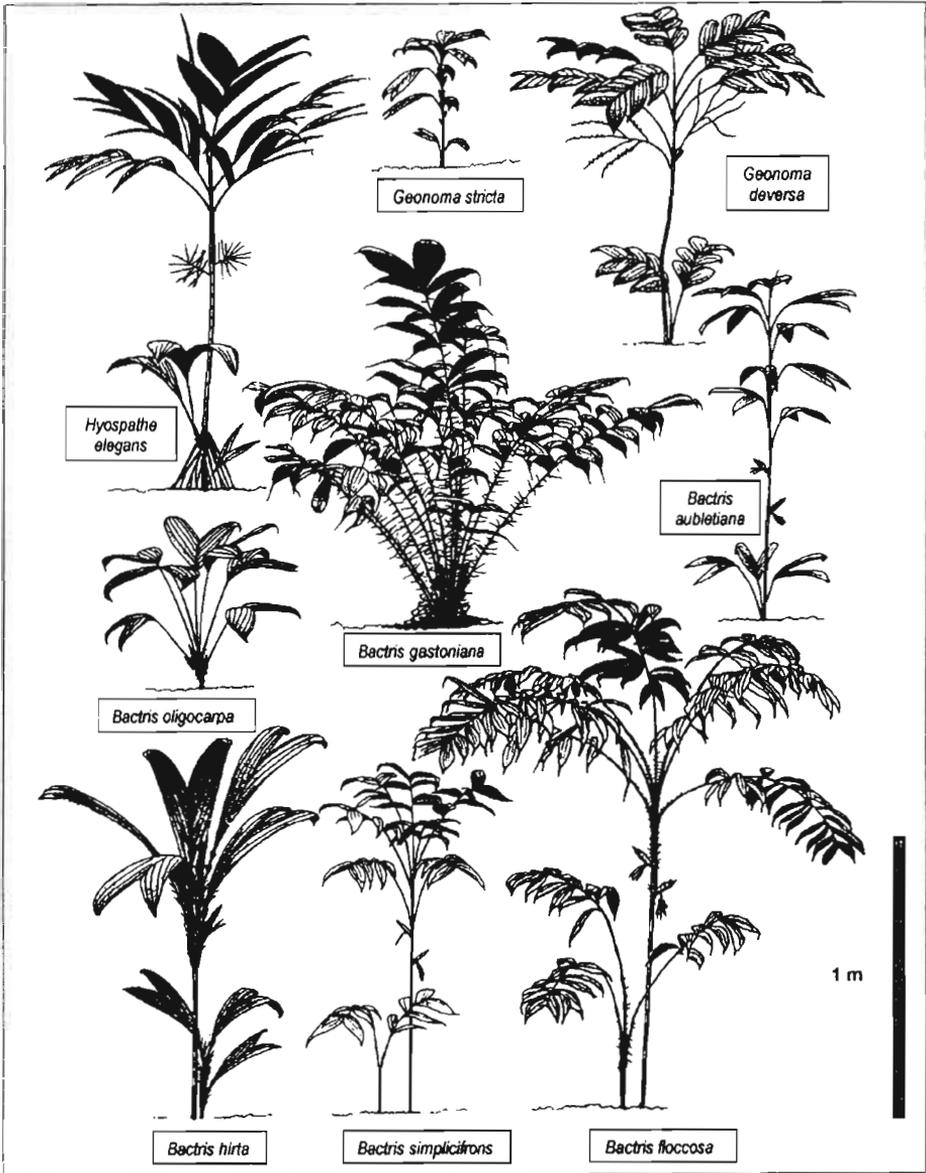
| SPECIES                         | CAMP | RD/RG    | C.T.1 | C.T.2           | SOMM     | CASC.           | BOUCLE          | S.C.     |
|---------------------------------|------|----------|-------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| <i>Astrocaryum gynacanthum</i>  |      |          |       |                 |          |                 |                 |          |
| <i>Astrocaryum paramaca</i>     |      |          |       | Rather frequent |          | abundant        | Rather frequent |          |
| <i>Astrocaryum sciophilum</i>   |      | abundant |       | dominant        | abundant | abundant        | Rather frequent |          |
| <i>Bactris acanthocarpoides</i> |      |          |       | abundant        | dominant | Rather frequent | abundant        |          |
| <i>Bactris aubletiana</i>       |      |          |       | abundant        |          | Rather frequent |                 |          |
| <i>Bactris constanciae</i>      |      |          |       |                 |          |                 |                 |          |
| <i>Bactris floccosa</i>         |      |          |       |                 |          |                 |                 |          |
| <i>Bactris gastoniana</i>       |      |          |       |                 |          |                 |                 |          |
| <i>Bactris hirta</i>            |      |          |       |                 |          |                 |                 |          |
| <i>Bactris oligocarpa</i>       |      |          |       |                 |          |                 |                 |          |
| <i>Bactris raphidacantha</i>    |      |          |       |                 |          | Rather frequent |                 | abundant |
| <i>Bactris simplicifrons</i>    |      |          |       |                 |          |                 |                 |          |
| <i>Desmoncus</i> sp.            |      |          |       |                 |          |                 |                 |          |
| <i>Euterpe oleracea</i>         |      | abundant |       |                 |          |                 |                 |          |
| <i>Geonoma deversa</i>          |      |          |       |                 |          |                 |                 |          |
| <i>Geonoma stricta</i>          |      |          |       |                 |          |                 |                 |          |
| <i>Jessenia bataua</i>          |      |          |       | Rather frequent | abundant | dominant        |                 |          |
| <i>Maximiliana maripa</i>       |      |          |       |                 |          |                 |                 |          |
| <i>Oenocarpus bacaba</i>        |      |          |       |                 |          |                 |                 | abundant |
| <i>Orbignya</i> sp.             |      |          |       |                 |          |                 |                 | abundant |
| <i>Scheelea</i> sp.             |      |          |       |                 |          |                 |                 |          |
| <i>Socratea exorrhiza</i>       |      |          |       |                 |          |                 |                 |          |
| <i>Syagrus stratincola</i>      |      |          |       |                 |          |                 |                 |          |
| Number of species per trail     | 2    | 13       | 9     | 7               | 9        | 9               | 6               | 9        |

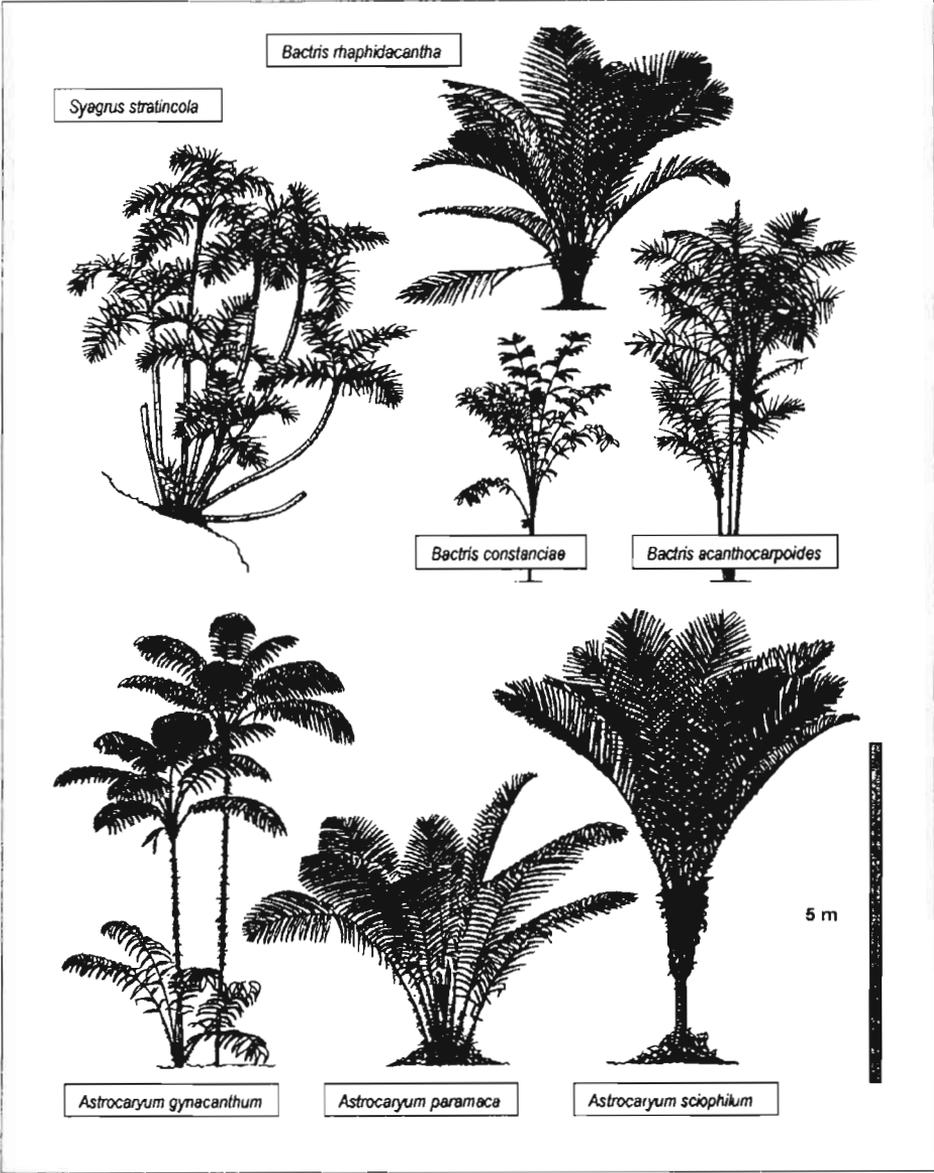
## 3. Key to the species

- 1a. Trunk supported by cone of prickly stilt roots. Pinnae prearmose at tip..... *Socratea exorrhiza*  
 1b. Trunk without stilt roots. Pinnae not prearmose at tip..... 2
- 2a. Palms unarmed. Margins of blades without bristles..... 3  
 2b. Palms usually more or less spiny. Margins of blade with minute, hardly visible, bristles at apex (presence detected by moving finger from tip to base of pinnae)..... 12
- 3a. Small understory palms. Trunk < 2 cm in diameter. Leaves < 1 m long. Blade simple and bifid at apex or irregularly divided into 2-6 pairs of broad segments..... 4  
 3b. Palms medium-sized to tall, either « stemless » or with trunk > 4 cm in diameter. Blade pinnate with more than 10 pinnae per side..... 6
- 4a. Blade < 10 cm in width, always simple and bifid at apex..... *Geonoma stricta*  
 4b. Blade > 10 cm in width, pinnatisect, usually with 3-4 pairs of segments..... 5
- 5a. Stem 4-10 mm in diameter. Blade < 30 cm in width. Inflorescence bearing 3-6 rachillae. Leaf sheath split opposite to petiole in old leaves..... *Geonoma deversa*  
 5b. Stem 8-20 mm in diameter. Blade > 30 cm in width. Inflorescence bearing 8-17 rachillae. Leaf sheath tubular in young as well as in old leaves, never split opposite to petiole..... *Hyospathe elegans*
- 6a. Palms always « stemless ». (even when « adult »)..... 7  
 6b. Palms with well-developed stems (at least when adult)..... 8
- 7a. Leaf blade divided into narrow pinnae to tip. Staminate flowers with coiled anthers..... *Orbignya* sp  
 7b. Leaf blade with apical pairs of pinnae usually united. Staminate flowers with straight anthers..... *Scheelea* sp.
- 8a. Single-stemmed (« solitary ») palms, never suckering at base..... 9  
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9. Blade green and shiny beneath. Pinnae more or less in clusters, at least toward base of rachis..... 10
- 10a. Stem usually > 25 cm in diameter. Leaf blades with more than 120 pairs of pinnae, in clusters along entire rachis..... *Maximiliana maripa*  
 10b. Stem usually < 25 cm in diameter. Leaf blades with less than 120 pairs of pinnae, in clusters toward base of rachis..... *Oenocarpus bacaba*
- 11a. Palms growing in swamp forest. Pinnae inserted at regular intervals..... *Euterpe oleracea*  
 11b. Palms growing in low, transition forest. Pinnae conspicuously arranged in clusters..... *Syagrus stratincola*
- 12a. Palms always armed with black, strongly flattened, sometimes winged spines. Blade dull white or whitish pruinose beneath..... 13  
 12b. Palms generally armed with round or slightly flattened spines, sometimes with recurved hooks (in climbing palms). Blade green and shiny beneath..... 15
- 13a. 'Stemless' palms, armed with winged spines. Leaf blade divided into narrow pinnae to tip, the apical segments narrower than others..... *Astrocaryum paramaca*  
 13b. Palms with obvious stem, armed with long, flattened (but not winged) spines. Leaf blade with apical pairs of pinnae usually united, the apical segments wider than others..... 14

- 14a. Multi-stemmed palms, with umbrella-shaped crown. Stems < 10 cm in diameter, armed with rings of black spines. Leaf sheaths not persistent.....*Astrocaryum gynacanthum*
- 14b. Single-stemmed palms, with funnel-shaped crown. Stem  $\geq$  10 cm in diameter, unarmed. Leaf sheaths persistent.....*Astrocaryum sciophilum*
- 15a. Climbing palms. Leaf rachis extended into a cirrus bearing retrorse hooks.....*Desmoncus* sp
- 15b. Stemless or erect palms, never climbing. Leaf rachis not extended into a cirrus..... 16
- 16a. Leaf blade pubescent on both sides..... *Bactris floccosa*
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- 17a. Very small palms. Leaves < 1 m long, the blade either entire and bifid or with 2-6 segments per side..... 18
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- 18a. Leaf blade simple, bifid at apex, the rachis 25-40 cm long. Sheaths and petiole densely armed with spines. Fruit setose..... *Bactris hirta*
- 18b. Leaf blade simple or with up to 6 pinnae per side, when simple, the rachis 2-15 cm long. Sheath and petiole unarmed or with few spines..... 19
- 19a. Blade always simple and deeply bifid, the segments more or less elliptic and conve above. Peduncular bract setose..... *Bactris aublettiana*
- 19b. Blade either simple and bifid or with 2-6 pinnae per side. When simple, the segments slightly sigmoid and flat. Peduncular bract glabrous..... 20
- 20a. Stem slender, > 50 cm tall, at least in fertile individuals. Leaves more or less spirally distributed along upper part of stem. Inflorescence recurved, infrafoliar. Fruit globose, orange to red at maturity..... *Bactris simplicifrons*
- 20b. Stem inconspicuous or very short, usually < 30 cm tall. Leaves forming a crown. Inflorescence erect, interfoliar. Fruit ovoid, purplish black at maturity.....*Bactris oligocarpa*
- 21a. Stem < 3 cm in diameter or inconspicuous. Pinnae sigmoid, long acuminate at apex, less than 20 per side 22
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- 22a. Stem inconspicuous or very short. Leaf rachis generally < 60 cm long, with 5-12 pinnae per side. Fruits ovoid, glabrous..... *Bactris gastoniana*
- 22b. Stem up to 2 m tall. Leaf rachis > 60 cm long, with 13-18 pinnae per side. Fruits globose, covered with fleshy bristles..... *Bactris constanciae*
- 23a. Stem short, with leaf scars very closely spaced. Pinnae disposed in a single plane, at regular intervals along rachis.....*Bactris raphidacantha*
- 23b. Stem well developed, with leaf scars widely spaced. Pinna clustered and oriented in several planes.....*Bactris acanthocarpoides*









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