

GOZO BIODIVERSITY EXPLORER

Arecaceae (Palm family)

N.W. Mexico

Washingtonia robusta

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Mexican fan palm (en); Palma tal-imrewña Messikana (mt)

EN: The Mexican fan palm is native to western Sonora, and Baja California Sur in north-western Mexico. It is closely related to the desert fan palm (*Washingtonia filifera*) but has a narrower and hence more robust trunk, and the margin of leaves lack long threads. The fruit of the fan palm can be eaten raw, cooked, or ground into flour for cakes. The Cahuilla and related tribes used the leaves to make sandals, thatch roofs, and baskets and the stems were used to make cooking utensils.

MT: Il-Palma tal-imrewña Messikana originat mis-Sonora tal-punent, u minn Baja California Sur fil-majjistral tal-Messiku. Hi relatata mill-qrib mal-palma tal-imrewña tad-deżert (*Washingtonia filifera*) imma għandha zokk idjeq u għalhekk iżjed sod, waqt li t-trufijiet tal-weraq tagħha m'għandhomx ħjut twal. Il-frott ta' din il-palma jista' jittiekel nej, misjur, jew jintañan fi dqiq għall-kejkijiet. Il-Cahuilla u tribujiet oħra qrib kienu jinqedew bil-weraq tagħha biex jaħdmu qrieg, isqfa, u basktijiet, waqt li l-friegħi kienu jintużaw għall-għodda tat-tisjir.

TUL TAS-SIĠRA:

HEIGHT:

15 – 25m

ŻMIEN META TWARRAD:

FLOWERING PERIOD:

May-Jul

20-22cm

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