

(Sayang Island, Aljoei Island, Kawe Island, Kabare), *Livistona* species were, surprisingly, seen only on Kawe Island. In addition to the new taxon, *Livistona rotundifolia* was also found on Kawe Island, which is an eastward extension of recorded distribution for that species. The two *Livistona* species do not occur sympatrically on Kawe: *L. rotundifolia* occurs in large colonies in low lying

poorly drained areas, whilst the new taxon occurs on well-drained slopes on ultrabasic rocks at some distance from *L. rotundifolia*.

Taxonomy

***Livistona chocolatina* Dowe sp. nov.**

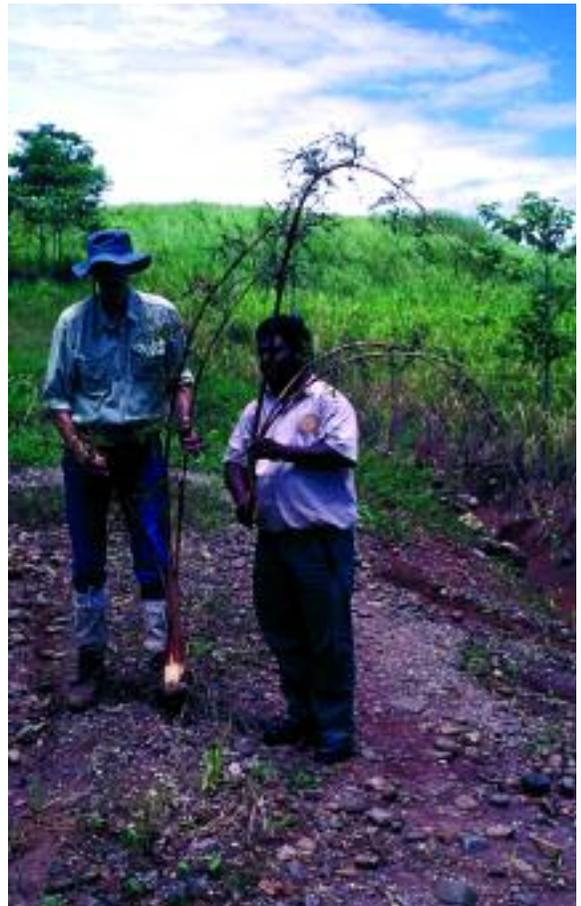
Palma alta, foliis flabelliformibus parvis rigidis, petiolis inermibus vel sparse spinosis primum

dense albo-farinosis, inflorescentia trifurcata, axibus utrumque bracteis pedunculares numerosas ferentibus, ramis et rachillis tomento badio dense tectis, fructibus globosis ad 25 mm diametro maturitate aurantiacis bene distincta. Typus: Papua New Guinea, Central Province, Kuriva Mission area, 4 km north of Haritano Hwy along forestry road, 9°00.821'S, 147°07.815'E, 300 m alt., 4 Mar. 2000, A.S. Barfod 466 with R. Banka, J.L. Dowe & A. Kjaer (Holotypus: AAU; isotypi: BRI, CANB, K, LAE).

Solitary, hermaphroditic(?) palm. Trunk to 22 m tall, 16–18 cm dbh, erect, slightly broader at the base, light grey, nodes slightly raised, internodes narrow, petiole stubs not retained. Leaves 30–40 in a spherical crown; petiole 110–155 cm long, slightly arching, green, proximally ca. 3 cm wide, distally ca. 2 cm wide, triangular in cross section, adaxially flat, abaxially rounded, glabrous with a cover of deciduous white waxy powder, margins usually spineless, or with small single spines to 5 mm long only in the very basal portion; leaf-base fibers coarse, brown, persistent until leaf fall then readily deciduous; ligule short; hastula ca. 1 cm

tall, 5 cm across with a central division; lamina sub-circular, flat, rigid, 100–120 cm long and wide, adaxially mid grey green, abaxially light grey green, glaucous waxy; segments 45–60, rigid, free for about 44% their length, apical split about 4% of length of free segment, apices rigid; mid-lamina segments 4–5 cm wide at the disjunction; parallel veins 7–8 each side of midrib; transverse veins more prominent, extending across 2–4 parallel veins, density 22–30 per unit area of 15 × 10 mm. Inflorescences trifurcate with ± identical axes, 195–225 cm long, but with central axis more robust than the lateral axes; each axis with 6–10 partial inflorescences, branched to 3 orders; prophyll 22–37 cm long, 8–15 cm wide, glabrous, chartaceous, lacerate-fibrous at the apex, basally brown, distally yellow; peduncle of central axis subterete, to 2.8 cm diam.; peduncle of lateral axes terete, to 1.6 cm diam.; each axis with 2–4 peduncular bracts; peduncular bracts glabrous, tubular, lacerate at the apex; rachis bracts 40–45 cm long, tightly tubular, fibrous, disintegrating at the apex with maturity, pubescent throughout but more densely so toward the apex, light reddish

4 (left). *Livistona chocolatina*. Leaves, Kuriva. 5 (right). *Livistona chocolatina*. Inflorescences, Kuriva (Photos: J.L. Dowe).



brown; bases of partial inflorescences with dense chocolate brown tomentum; rachillae 8–12 cm long, subterete to angular, 2–3 mm thick, basally with chocolate brown tomentum. Flowers solitary or in clusters of 2–4, tightly aggregated in bud and during anthesis, ca. 1.2 mm high; sepals fused, lobes long, triangular, ca. 1 mm long, apically acute, longitudinally nerved; petals triangular, obtuse, apically acute, occasionally shark-tooth like, ca. 1 mm long, ca. 1.2 mm wide at the base, adaxial surface with the impressions of the stamens; connective very thin, ca. 0.5 mm long; anthers ovoid, ca. 0.1 mm long; carpels ca. 0.8 mm high, stigmas pointed. Fruit globose, ca. 25 mm diam., orange-red, shiny; epicarp with scattered dot-like lenticels and light 3 mm long lines pointing in longitudinal direction toward the apex; stigmatic remains apical to slightly sub-apical; mesocarp fleshy, fibers thick, distributed throughout but more densely aggregated toward the endocarp and shallowly embedded in the surface of the endocarp; endocarp to 1 mm thick, bony; pedicel 4–5 mm long, 2 mm thick, jointed, green, with prominent scars of fallen flowers. Seed globose; endosperm intruded by the seedcoat to about two-thirds across, intrusion broadly kidney-shaped; embryo lateral. Eophyll 5-ribbed. *Manganau* (Lababia language). (Figs. 1–5).

SPECIMENS EXAMINED: PAPUA NEW GUINEA, Gulf Province, Vailala River, hills inland, Dec. 1922, *Lane-Poole 332* (BRI). Morobe Province, Lababia, Bulili Ridge, 400 m alt., 6 Apr. 2000, *Kjaer 514 with Magun* (AAU, LAE). Central Province, Kuriva Mission, 22 Mar. 1998, *Ferrero 980080, 980081, 980083* (LAE).

DISTRIBUTION, HABITAT AND ECOLOGY. Papua New Guinea, in Central Province, Kuriva area, in Gulf Province on hills near the Vailala River, and in Morobe Province near Lababia on Bulili Ridge. Grows in isolated colonies, sometimes locally common, on slopes with calcareous or clayey soils, at 300–400 m alt. Flowering January to February; fruiting March to May.

ETYMOLOGY. In reference to the brown color of the tomentum at the base of the partial inflorescences and rachillae.

Livistona chocolatina was first collected by Lane-Poole in 1922 as '*Livistona sp. No. 332*' (Lane-Poole 1925) from "hills inland from Vailala River." It was not collected again until 1998, by M. Ferrero, and then again in 2000 by Barfod et al., and from whose collections the type *Barfod 466* (AAU) was chosen. The species is distinguished by the usually spineless or only mildly spiny petiole that initially has a thick coating of white waxy powder, smallish rigid leaves, a trifurcate inflorescence with each

axis having multiple peduncular bracts, distinctive chocolate brown tomentum on the basal surfaces of the partial inflorescences and rachillae, and globose fruit to 25 mm diameter that mature orange-red.

***Livistona brevifolia* Dowe & J.P.Moge sp. nov.**

Palma ad 22 m alta, foliis parvis, laminis semicircularibus, 62 × 55 cm, valde costapalmatis, supra smaragdinis, infra prasinis, segmentis rigidis vadoso-fissis, hastula non bene evoluta; inflorescentia trifurcata ramis rachillisque gracilibus, bracteis peduncularibus carenti; floribus in glomerulis 2–4; fructu globoso 10–12 mm diametro endospermio postamento irregulariter intruso. Typus: Indonesia, Papua, Kepulauan Raja Ampat, West Waigeo, Kawe Island, 0°02'41"S, 130°08'28"E, 17 Nov. 2002, *J.P.Moge 8171 with W. Takeuchi, D. Neville & F. Liuw* (Holotypus: BO; isotypi: K, L, MAN, NY).

Solitary, hermaphroditic (?) palm. Trunk to 22 m tall, ca. 12 cm dbh, erect, slightly broader at the base, narrowing to ca. 10 cm at the apex, light grey, nodes slightly raised, internodes narrow, petiole stubs not retained. Leaves 16–40 in a spherical crown; petiole ca. 110 cm long, slightly arching, green, proximally 29–42 mm wide, distally 12–13 mm wide, triangular in cross section, adaxially slightly concave, abaxially rounded, glabrous, with deciduous white waxy scales on the adaxial surface, margins spineless; leaf-base fibers course, woven in one layer, brown, persistent until leaf fall then deciduous; ligule 12–25 cm long; hastula poorly developed, strongly asymmetric; lamina semi-circular, strongly costapalmate, moderately folded, rigid, 55–62 cm long and 45–55 cm wide, adaxially mid green, abaxially light green; segments 22–25, rigid, free for 17–53% of their length, apical split 1–4% of length of free segment, apices rigid; mid-lamina segments 2–2.5 cm wide at the disjunction; parallel veins 5–7 each side of midrib; transverse veins more prominent, extend across 1–4 parallel veins, density ca. 60 per unit area of 15 × 10 mm. Inflorescences basally trifurcate with ± identical axes, 60 cm long, but with central axis slightly longer and moderately more robust than the lateral axes; each axis with 2–3 partial inflorescences, branched to 3 orders; prophyll 35–45 cm long, 2.5–3.5 cm wide, papyraceous, entire at the apex, glabrous; peduncle of central axis subterete to laterally compressed, 18–20 mm diam.; peduncles of lateral axes terete, 8–12 mm diam.; each axis lacking peduncular bracts; rachis bracts 15–25 cm long, tightly tubular, papyraceous, not disintegrating at the apex with maturity; bases of partial inflorescences with green tomentum;