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Edible Wetlands Plants of Municipio de Livingston, Izabal

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Wetland Series 2: plants that grow along the beach shore of Amatique Bay



Wetland Series 3: plants that grow alongside water: rivers, lagoons, swamps, or ocean





Cocoloba uvifera.

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MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH ***COCCOLOBA UVIFERA***

I have *Coccoloba uvifera* listed in many years of many editions of my Mayan Ethnobotany research reports (Hellmuth 2013, Hellmuth 2014, and many earlier editions). But I did not see this plant in-person until year 2020, when we began working in the Municipio de Livingston. I had learned about other *Coccoloba* species in the Municipio de Sayaxché in 2019 and early 2020:

- *Coccoloba barbadensis*
- *Coccoloba belizensis*

These two species can be found in many parts of Guatemala, but *Coccoloba uvifera* is primarily on or near coastal areas.



Coccoloba uvifera.

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FULL BOTANICAL NAME

Coccoloba uvifera (L.) L. is the accepted name.

Buckwheat Family Polygonaceae.

HERE ARE SYNONYMS FOR **COCCOLOBA UVIFERA**

Only two synonyms:

Coccolobis uvifera (L.) Crantz

Polygonum uviferum L.

MAYAN NAMES FOR **COCCOLOBA UVIFERA**

Kiiche, Niiché (maya, Yuc.)

http://www.conabio.gob.mx/conocimiento/info_especies/arboles/doctos/57-polyg2m.pdf

***Coccoloba uvifera*.**

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LOCAL NAMES FOR **COCCOLOBA UVIFERA**

“Uva de la playa” (Tamaulipas, Veracruz, Venezuela); “uva de la mar” (Tamaulipas, Yucatán, Oaxaca, Porto Rico); “uvero” (Tamaulipas, Cuba); “uva” (Yucatán, Veracruz, Santo Domingo); “manzano” (Sinaloa); “uva caleta” (Cuba); “papaturre” (Costa Rica); “uvero de playa” (Panama, Costa Rica); “uvilla” (Santo Domingo). In Florida and the British West Indies the plant is known as “sea-grape.” “pigeon-wood,” “horsewood,” and “hopwood.

(Standley 1922: 245).

HOW MANY OTHER PLANTS OF GUATEMALA HAVE THE SAME SPANISH NAME?

Any name with the word grape will be used for several different plants.

Papaturre is also used for *Coccoloba belizensis*.



Coccoloba uvifera.

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HABIT FOR ***COCCOLOBA UVIFERA***

Tree, although not gigantic.

HABITAT FOR ***COCCOLOBA UVIFERA***

I put this into the series for plants that grow on the upland edge of the beach facing Amatique Bay. But Standley and Steyermark list it also for Petén (in areas with no brackish water and no ocean beaches).

Hábitat: Zonas muy húmedas en la costa del Caribe, en dunas arenosas o rocosas y vegetación costera.

(Chizmar 2009: 260).

Coccoloba uvifera.

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Tapón Creek, Livingston, Izabal, Guatemala.
Camera: Google pixel 3.

WHAT OTHER TREES OR PLANTS ARE OFTEN FOUND IN THE SAME HABITAT?

2) Paisaje de acahual: formado por vegetación secundaria, con árboles de menos de 5 m de altura y un crecimiento cerrado de las especies. Las especies representantes son: *Diohysa* sp. (quiebra hacha), *Pachira aquatica* (zapote de agua), *Bucida buceras* (puckté), *Metopium brownei* (chechen), *Salix humboldtiana* (sauce), *T. rosea* (macuilís), *H. campechianum* (tinto), *Guazuma ulmifolia* (guácimo) y *Coccoloba uvifera* (uvero) (Fig. 2).

(Estrada 2011: 18 and 106).

I now put these into a list of uses:

- *Bucida buceras* (puckté), very common in seasonally inundated areas
- *Coccoloba uvifera* (uvero), edible
- *Diphysa* sp. (quiebra hacha), three to five trees in Guatemala have this name; none are *Diphysa*; only a new species, *Diohysa Yucatánensis* medicinal, construction (Mexico)
- *Guazuma ulmifolia* (guácimo) FUEL, MED, PRD, FOOD, BEV, FORG, FIBR, SPC, CNST, POIS.
- *Haematoxylon campechianum* (tinto), MED, PRD, DYE
- *Metopium brownei* (chechen), irritant, medicinal, construction
- *Pachira aquatica* (zapote de agua), food
- *Salix humboldtiana* (sauce), FUEL, PRD, ORN, CNST, FORG, MED, POIS
- *Tabebuia rosea* (macuilís), medicinal, construction

Every part of Mexico, Belize, or Guatemala that has *Coccoloba uvifera* will have other slightly different plants nearby since some areas will be facing the sea; others will be facing a stream with brackish water; in Petén there will be no brackish water and for sure no sea.

BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE *COCCOLOBA UVIFERA* BY STANDLEY AND STEYERMARK (1949)

Coccoloba belizensis Standl. Trop. Woods 16: 38. 1928. Uva de monte (Petén).

Wet forest or thickets, 900 meters or less; Petén; Alta Verapaz; Izabal. British Honduras; Atlantic coast of Honduras. A small or large tree, sometimes 25 meters high with a trunk 45 cm. in diameter, the thick branchlets densely puberulent; ocreae large and conspicuous, ferruginous-puberulent or tomentulose; leaves large, thick-coriaceous, short-petiolate, the blades broadly oval to broadly oblong or obovate, often 30 cm. long and 24 cm. wide, but many of the leaves smaller, usually very obtuse or rounded at the apex and abruptly pointed, sometimes acute, shallowly cordate at the base or merely obtuse, puberulent or glabrate beneath, the lateral nerves coarse and prominent, glabrous on the upper surface; flower spikes few or numerous, paniculate, 20 cm. long or less, usually very dense, the stout rachis densely hirtellous or puberulent, the flowers sessile or nearly so, whitish, slightly odorous; fruits subglobose, 5 mm. in diameter when dry. Called "uva" and "bul" (an Indian name) in Honduras, and "wild grape" in British Honduras.

(Standley and Steyermark 1946: 110-111).

COCCOLOBA UVIFERA TREES IN BELIZE: **STANDLEY AND RECORD**

Coccoloba uvifera (L.) Jacq. Grape. Uva (Honduras). Niiche (Yucatán, Maya). Sea beaches; widely distributed on the beaches of tropical America. A dense, rounded shrub or small tree; leaves almost sessile, stiff and thick; fruit white or purple, as much as 2 cm. long, very juicy. The bark, when cut, yields an astringent red sap, the source of West Indian kino, which formerly was an article of commerce. The usual English name for the plant is Sea Grape. Wood reddish, hard, heavy, strong, fine-textured, fairly durable; little used except for fuel. (For description see T. of T. A., pp. 151-153).

(Standley and Record 1936: 127).

COCCOLOBA UVIFERA MENTIONED IN TREES AND SHRUBS OF MEXICO, STANDLEY

2. **Coccoloba uvifera** (L.) Jacq. Enum. Pl. Carib. 19. 1760. *Polygonum uvifera* L. Sp. Pl. 365. 1753. In coastal thickets, Tamaulipas to Yucatán and Sinaloa. Florida, West Indies, Central America, and northern South America. Shrub or tree, sometimes as much as 15 meters high, with a trunk a Meter in diameter, but usually much smaller, densely branched; bark thin, smooth, brown; leaves about 20 cm. wide, very thick, the veins often red; Flowers white; fruit purple, 1 to 2 cm. in diameter, in long dense heavy racemes; wood hard, dark brown, taking a good polish, its specific gravity about 0.96. "Uva de la playa" (Tamaulipas, Veracruz, Venezuela); "uva de la mar" (Tamaulipas, Yucatán, Oaxaca, Porto Rico); "uvero" (Tamaulipas, Cuba); "uva" (Yucatán, Veracruz, Santo Domingo); "manzano" (Sinaloa); "uva caleta" (Cuba); "papaturo" (Costa Rica); "uvero de playa" (Panama, Costa Rica); "uvilla" (Santo Domingo). In Florida and the British West Indies the plant is known as "sea-grape." "pigeon-wood," "horsewood," and "hopwood." The wood is highly esteemed in tropical America for cabinet work, and is used also for fuel. It is said to yield a red dye. The roots are astringent and have been employed as a remedy for dysentery. The fruit is edible, with an acidulous, somewhat astringent flavor, and in the West Indies it has been fermented, with sugar, to produce an alcoholic drink. Febrifuge properties are attributed to the bark. The shrub is often planted (as in Florida) for ornamental purposes, for the large thick leaves are of striking and handsome appearance. It grows readily from cuttings. The first account of the plant, probably, is that given by Oviedo (Lib. VIII, Cap. XIII), who says: "The Christians give the name uvero to the tree the Indians call quiabara. This is a fine tree, with good wood, especially for making charcoal for blacksmiths and silversmiths; as they are trees with spreading tops, and not straight, although the branches are thick and the wood strong, they are useless for construction of houses, but may be employed for butchers' blocks and shoe lasts. The wood resembles that of madrono, for it is red, but it is stronger. The fruit consists of thin racemes of grapes, separated from each other, rose or purple in color, and good to eat, although the stone is very large in proportion to the size of the fruit and the amount of flesh; the largest are the size of a filbert. The leaves are like those illustrated; they are so different from other leaves that I have shown them here.

(Standley 1922: 245).

BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE *COCCOLOBA UVIFERA* BY STANDLEY FOR YUCATÁN

Coccoloba uvifera (L.) Jacq. Niiche. Sp. Uva del mar, Uva. Common along seashores. Seagrape. A shrub or small tree, the handsome thick rounded leaves often red when young. The wood, when of sufficient dimensions, is useful for cabinetwork. The calyx is accrescent and at maturity large, fleshy, juicy, and edible. The plant is astringent, and tonic properties are ascribed to it. It is employed locally as a remedy for chronic diarrhea and dysentery, and for venereal diseases.

(Standley 1922: 245).

The current series of reports is on edible plants of wetlands ecosystems. But in the future we will also be writing reports on the other edible species, so I show all five species here.

<i>Coccoloba barbadensis</i>	<i>Coccoloba belizensis</i>	<i>Coccoloba diversifolia</i>	<i>Coccoloba spicata</i>	<i>Coccoloba uvifera</i>
CAM	CAM		CAM	CAM
CHIS	CHIS		CHIS	CHIS
GRO				
JAL				
MICH				
OAX		OAX		OAX
PUE			PUE	
QRO	QRO	QRO	QRO	QRO
				SIN
				SLP
TAB			TAB	TAB
				TAM
	VER	VER	VER	VER
YUC		YUC	YUC	YUC



Coccoloba uvifera



Coccoloba uvifera.

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CLOSE RELATIVE(S) OF *COCCOLOBA UVIFERA*

There are a dozen other species of *Coccoloba* in the Mayan areas; the other four (that are comestible) are the species that interest me the most:

Coccoloba barbadensis Jacq. — **Syn:** *Coccoloba mayana* Lundell; *Coccoloba schiedeana* Lindau; *Coccoloba Peténensis* Lundell — **Loc Use:** FORG, MED.—
Nv: fresh water grape, wild grape. — **Habit:** Tree.

Coccoloba belizensis Standl. — **Syn:** *Coccoloba hirsuta* Standl. — **Loc Use:** FOOD, FORG, CNST. — **Nv:** berry tree, bob, niiche, papaturo, papa turro, uva montes, uva silvestre, wild grape. — **Habit:** Tree.

Coccoloba diversifolia Jacq. — **Syn:** *Coccoloba lancifolia* Lundell; *Coccoloba laurifolia* Jacq.; *Coccoloba oligocarpa* Lundell — — **Reg Use:** BEV, CNST, FOOD, MED. — **Habit:** Tree.

Coccoloba spicata Lundell — **Reg Use:** FOOD. — **Nv:** wild grape. — **Habit:** Tree.

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WHERE HAS *COCCOLOBA UVIFERA* BEEN FOUND IN THE MUNICIPIO OF LIVINGSTON?

- > Is *Coccoloba uvifera* listed for Biotopo Protegido Chocón Machacas, CECON/USAC?
The genus *Coccoloba* is mentioned in the list of flora species (PEREZ-Consuegra 2001: 92).
- > Is *Coccoloba uvifera* listed for Tapón Creek Nature Reserve (including Taponcito Creek), FUNDAECO?
Not Mentioned.
- > Is *Coccoloba uvifera* listed for Buena Vista Tapón Creek Nature Reserve?
Not mentioned.
- > Is *Coccoloba uvifera* listed for Cerro San Gil (south side of Río Dulce)?
The genus *Coccoloba* is mentioned in the list of timber species of the Cerro San Gil Springs Protective Reserve Master Plan, 2008-2012 (Ruíz 2006).
- > Is *Coccoloba uvifera* listed for El Refugio de Vida Silvestre Punta de Manabique?
FODECYT 2008: Anexo 3
Yes, *Coccoloba uvifera* is mentioned as one of those that interacts with *Chrysobalanus icaco* (FUNDARY 2007 Sheet 22).
- > Is *Coccoloba uvifera* listed for Ecoalbergue Lagunita Creek (Área de Usos Múltiples Río Sarstún)?
No, the species that appears in the list is *Coccoloba belizensis* (CONAP 2003: 82).
- > Is *Coccoloba uvifera* listed for Sarstoon-Temash National Park (northern side of Río Sarstún)?
No, the species that appears in the list is *Coccoloba belizensis* (Meerman, Herrera and Howe 2003: 8).
- > Is *Coccoloba uvifera* listed for Bocas de Polochic?
No, the species that appears in the list is *Coccoloba schiedeana* (FUNDAECO 2007: 45).
- > Is *Coccoloba uvifera* from the Highlands or from the Lowlands (or both)?
Lowlands under 500 meters above the sea level.

WORLD RANGE FOR ***COCCOLOBA UVIFERA***

Native to tropical America. It is found to the south of Florida, Bermuda, Bahamas, West Indies and coast northeastern Mexico. It extends the entire length of the Atlantic coast of Central America, meeting also on both coasts of South America up to Peru and Brazil.

http://www.conabio.gob.mx/conocimiento/info_especies/arboles/doctos/57-polyg2m.pdf

DOES *COCCOLOBA UVIFERA* ALSO GROW IN HOME GARDENS?

If you live on the Caribbean shore, you may have *Coccoloba uvifera* behind your house. But I doubt people would plant this tree in their garden if they live elsewhere.

IS THERE POTENTIAL MEDICINAL USAGE OF ***COCCOLOBA UVIFERA* BY LOCAL PEOPLE?**

Yes, the medicinal uses of *Coccoloba* plants would be a separate research project.

Edible Plants of Municipio de Livingston

Plants That Grow Along The Beach Shore Of Amatique Bay



Coccoloba uvifera.

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USES OF *COCCOLOBA UVIFERA*

The wood is highly esteemed in tropical America for cabinet work, and is used also for fuel. It is said to yield a red dye. The roots are astringent and have been employed as a remedy for dysentery. The fruit is edible, with an acidulous, somewhat astringent flavor, and in the West Indies it has been fermented, with sugar, to produce an alcoholic drink. Febrifuge properties are attributed to the bark.

(Standley 1922: 245).

Coccoloba uvifera (L.) L. — **Ref:** FG 4: 118. 1946; Howard, 1959b: 217.
— **Loc Use:** FOOD, BEV, MED, FUEL, FORG — **Reg Use:** FOOD, PRD, MED, FUEL, CNST, BEV, TAN. — **Nv:** grape, niiche, sea

(Balick, Nee and Atha 2000: 63).

WOW, Food, products, medicine, fuel, construction, beverage, and tannin. It sounds like a useful plant that has been blissfully neglected in focus on root crops, Ramón, and the need for agricultural engineering to produce food.

ARE ANY PARTS OF *COCCOLOBA UVIFERA* **EATEN BY MAMMALS?**

Bats are the main consumers of the fruit of this species and fulfill the function of dispersing the seeds.

(Madriz and Ramirez 1997: 111).

WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY POLLINATORS OF *COCCOLOBA UVIFERA* FLOWERS?

Pollination is done by small insects, mainly hymenopterans. The pollination system is generalist according to insect visitation, frequency, pollen load and site of pollen transportation.

(Madriz and Ramirez 1997: 107).

Seven species of social insects belonging to the order Hymenoptera were found visiting the flowers of *C. uvifera*, *Nannotrigona testaceicornis*, *Trigona* sp. and *Apis mellifera* have high frequency of visits.

(Madriz and Ramirez 1997: 107).

CONCLUDING DISCUSSION AND SUMMARY **ON COCCOLOBA UVIFERA TREES**

My goal is to bring *Coccoloba uvifera* (and *Coccoloba belizensis*) back from obscurity. Both these trees grow in water-associated habitats in the Municipio of Livingston (and elsewhere in Mesoamérica). We are presenting a separate report on each of these two species. The one you are reading now covers *Coccoloba uvifera*, a beachside grape "tree" (not a vine or liana).

Ethnobotanist Cyrus Lundell lists two edible *Coccoloba* species (1938):

Coccoloba x lundellii Standl. Uva

Coccoloba uvifera (L.) Jacq. Uva

We have not yet researched *Coccoloba x lundellii* but it is not listed as FOOD for Belize (Balick, Nee and Atha 2000). This is an accepted name (usually without the x in the middle). *Coccoloba x lundellii* is not in the Mexican plant list of Villaseñor (2016: 861).

We are working on the two best known edible species:

- *Coccoloba belizensis* (common in wet areas of Petén and Muni Livingston)
- *Coccoloba uvifera* (common in Muni Livingston)

Coccoloba diversifolia is also FOOD but we have not yet found this in situ.

Coccoloba spicata is also FOOD but we have not yet found this in situ.

Coccoloba laurifolia and *C. lancifolia* are both synonyms of accepted name.

Coccoloba diversifolia Jacq. This should be findable in Izabal.

Coccoloba laurifolia Jacq. *C. lancifolia* Lundell, (type from Jacinto Hills, Toledo District, British Honduras, W. A. Schipp 1200). Wet forest or thickets, 500 meters or less; Alta Verapaz; Izabal. British Honduras; southern Florida; West Indies; Venezuela.

Coccoloba spicata Lundell Dry upland forest, or about lake borders, 300 meters or less; Petén; Alta Verapaz. British Honduras; Yucatán; Quintana Roo; Campeche.

(Standley and Steyermark 1946: 117). Vol. 24, part IV

The present report on *Coccoloba uvifera* is to introduce the edible aspect of many species of the genus *Coccoloba*. We start with the sea grape, since this species is not known to all of us who work in Petén, Alta Verapaz, etc. I never paid much attention to *Coccoloba uvifera* until I was hiking along the sandy shore facing Amatique Bay. And although included *Coccoloba uvifera* in my multiple editions of edible and usable plants already a decade ago, it was not until the present months (February and March 2021) that I began to study it.

What is notable, is the unexpected number of uses listed by Balick, Nee and Atha for *Coccoloba* in Belize (2000: 63):

Loc Use: FOOD, BEV, MED, FUEL, FORG —

Reg Use: FOOD, PRD, MED, FUEL, CNST, BEV, TAN.

This shows that this is a beverage in addition to also being food, medicinal, and useful as a tannin for curing leather. Now you can see why accomplishing field work an entire week every month in the multitude of different biodiverse ecosystems of the Municipio of Livingston is providing fresh factual documentation of the wild native edible and useful plants available to the Classic Maya for thousands of years.

Coccoloba uvifera





Cocoloba uvifera.

Photography by: Nicholas Hellmuth, FLAAR Mesoamerica, Apr. 27, 2021, 1:28 p.m. Playa Aldea Buena Vista, Tapón Creek, Livingston, Izabal, Guatemala. Camera: iPhone 12 Pro Max.



Coccoloba uvifera.

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Playa Aldea Buena Vista, Tapón Creek, Livingston, Izabal, Guatemala.

Camera: Sony A7R (ILCE-7RM4). Lens: Sony FE gomm Macro G OSS. Settings: 1/1,000 sec; f/7.5; ISO 800.

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The entire book is a totally free download. However, you can't copy and paste so is difficult to add to your discussion.

In the future it would be helpful to have a photographer with high-resolution equipment available and a book producer that can put these photos at a resolution that allows you to see the details. The photos of the overall tree have almost no visible detail. Nonetheless, the authors all have botanical experience, and this book is a good start. A second edition would be helpful. It would also help to have more than one page per photo.

Louteridium is too often considered a shrub, so it would not be expected in monographs on "TREES".

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Helpful book; contributing authors are experienced botanists. They cover 220 species of trees, more than virtually all other "Books on Trees of the Maya". They even include tasiste (which is missing from all other books on "Trees of the Maya", except for the recent book on Árboles de Calakmul).

But if all this effort is going into a book, it would be helpful if there were more photos, larger photos, and not so much blank space at the bottom of each page. Plus, it would help if the text could include personal first-hand experience with these trees out in the Mundo Maya. But even as is, it is a helpful book.

If you are doing field work you need this, plus Árboles de Calakmul, plus Árboles tropicales de México. Parker's book you need back in your office, since out in the field it's not much help due to lack of photographs. Back in your office the books by Regina Aguirre de Riojas are also helpful.

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Playa Aldea Buena Vista, Livingston, Izabal, Guatemala.

Camera: Sony A7R (ILCE-7RM4). Lens: Sony FE 90mm Macro G OSS. Settings: 1/1000 sec; f/7.5; ISO 800.

HELPFUL WEB SITES FOR **ANY AND ALL PLANTS**

There are several web sites that are helpful even though not of a university or botanical garden or government institute.

However, most popular web sites are copy-and-paste (a polite way of saying that their authors do not work out in the field, or even in a botanical garden). Many of these web sites are click bait (they make money when you buy stuff in the advertisements that are all along the sides and in wide banners also). Therefore, we prefer to focus on web sites that have reliable information.

<https://serv.biokic.asu.edu/neotrop/plantae/>

Neotropical Flora data base. To start your search click on this page:

<https://serv.biokic.asu.edu/neotrop/plantae/collections/harvestparams.php>

<http://legacy.tropicos.org/NameSearch.aspx?projectid=3>

This is the main SEARCH page.

<https://plantidtools.fieldmuseum.org/pt/rrc/5582>

SEARCH page, but only for collection of the Field Museum herbarium, Chicago.

<https://fieldguides.fieldmuseum.org/guides?category=37>

These field guides are very helpful. Put in the Country (Guatemala) and you get eight photo albums.

<http://enciclovida.mx>

CONABIO. The video they show on their home page shows a wide range of flowers pollinators, a snake and animals. The videos of the insects are great.

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Kew gardens in the UK is one of several botanical gardens that I have visited (also New York Botanical Gardens and Missouri Botanical Gardens (MOBOT), in St Louis, the botanical garden in Singapore, and El Jardín Botánico, the open forest botanical garden in Guatemala City).

www.ThePlantList.org

This is the most reliable botanical web site to find synonyms. In the recent year, only one plant had more synonyms on another botanical web site.

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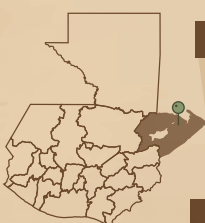
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- 3. El Higuerito
- 4. Área de Usos Múltiples Río Sarstún
- 5. Sierra de Santa Cruz
- 6. Biotopo Protegido Chocón Machacas
- 7. Reserva Protectora de Manantiales Cerro San Gil



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Reserva Natural Tapón Creek, Livingston

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Cocolí

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San Juan

Reserva Natural Tapón Creek
Municipio de Livingston

Siete
Altares

Finca
Gangadiwali

Sarstún Creek

Taponcito
Creek

El Rosario

San
Martin

La Desmembración

Plan Grande
Tatín

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Chocón Machacas

El Golfete

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Edible Wetlands Plants of Municipio de Livingston, Izabal

Wetland Series 1: from Swamps, Marshes and Seasonally Inundated Flatlands of Izabal

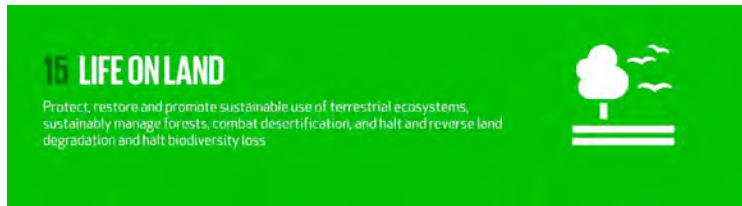
<p>Cyperus esculentus</p> <p>Chufa, Yellow Nutsedge, Earth Almond</p> <p>MLW#1</p>	<p>Eleocharis geniculata Eleocharis caribaea</p> <p>Caribbean Spike-Rush</p> <p>MLW#2</p>	<p>Montrichardia arborescens</p> <p>Camotillo Water Chestnut</p> <p>MLW#3</p>	<p>Nymphoides indica</p> <p>Floating Heart Water Snowflake</p> <p>MLW#4</p>
<p>Pachira aquatica</p> <p>Zapoton</p> <p>MLW#5</p>	<p>Pontederia cordata</p> <p>Pickereel Weed</p> <p>MLW#6</p>	<p>Sagittaria latifolia</p> <p>Water Potatoes</p> <p>MLW#7</p>	<p>Typha dominguensis</p> <p>Cattail</p> <p>MLW#8</p>

Wetland Series 2: plants that grow along the beach shore of Amatique Bay

<p>Amphitecna latifolia</p> <p>Black calabash</p> <p>MLW#9</p>	<p>Coccoloba uvifera</p> <p>Uva del mar</p> <p>MLW#10</p>	<p>Manicaria saccifera</p> <p>Confra, Manaca</p> <p>MLW#11</p>	<p>Chrysobalanus icaco</p> <p>Coco Plum</p> <p>MLW#12</p>	<p>Avicennia germinans</p> <p>Black Mangrove</p> <p>MLW#13</p>	<p>Rhizophora mangle</p> <p>Red Mangrove</p> <p>MLW#14</p>
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Wetland Series 3: plants that grow alongside water: rivers, lagoons, swamps, or ocean

<p>Glossary of Wetland Terms</p> <p>Bibliography of Wetlands Habitat Names</p> <p>MLW#15</p>	<p>Acoelorrhaphe wrightii</p> <p>Pimientillo, Tasiste, Palmetto Palm</p> <p>MLW#16</p>	<p>Acrostichum aureum</p> <p>Mangrove Fern</p> <p>MLW#17</p>	<p>Annona glabra</p> <p>Alligator Apple</p> <p>MLW#18</p>	<p>Bactris major</p> <p>Huiscoyol Palm</p> <p>MLW#19</p>	<p>Diospyros nigra</p> <p>Zapote negro</p> <p>MLW#20</p>
<p>Grias cauliflora</p> <p>Palo de Jawuilla</p> <p>MLW#21</p>	<p>Inga vera Inga multijuga Inga thibaudiana</p> <p>River Koko</p> <p>MLW#22</p>	<p>Pithecellobium lanceolatum</p> <p>Bastard Bully Tree Chucum Red Fowl</p> <p>MLW#23</p>	<p>Coccoloba belizensis</p> <p>Papaturro</p> <p>MLW#24</p>	<p>Symphonia globulifera</p> <p>Barillo</p> <p>MLW#25</p>	<p>Crataeva tapia</p> <p>Matasanillo, Granadillo, Tortugo</p> <p>MLW#26</p>



The current Alcalde of Livingston, Mr. Daniel Pinto, together with his team of International Cooperation division, have set the goal of achieving the municipality development in the years 2020-2024 based on the goals and indicators proposed by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. From this agenda, FLAAR (USA) and FLAAR Mesoamerica (Guatemala) will collaborate to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) number 15 "Life on Land".

Throughout this cooperation project, different materials have been prepared, like this Photo Essay, that helps to collect information on species, different ecosystems: terrestrial, wetlands and fresh water biodiversity. This information would also be useful as part of a strategy to protect threatened species and prevent their extinction. The municipality's goals include to promote the sustainable use, conservation and research of the species of flora and fauna of the terrestrial, wetlands and aquatic shore and coastal ecosystems of the Guatemalan Caribbean. Learn more about this project and the SDG indicators at: <https://flaar-mesoamerica.org/rain-forests-rivers-lakes-bays-ocean-caves-canyons-livingston-the-caribbean-biodiversity-wonderland-of-guatemala/>

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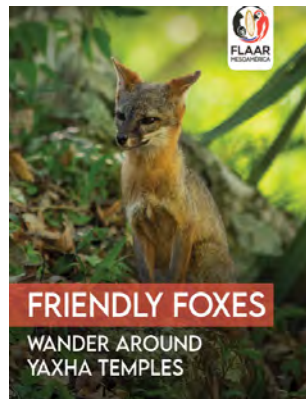
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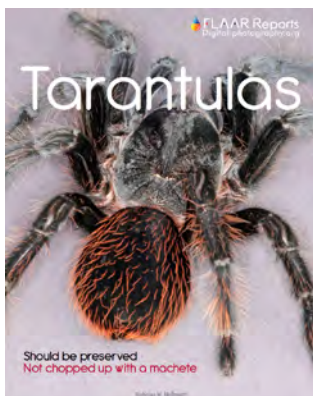
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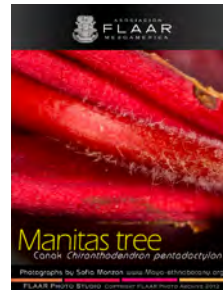
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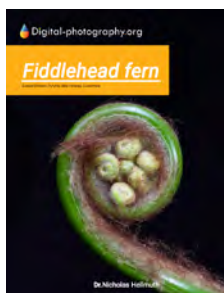
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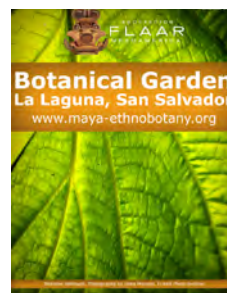
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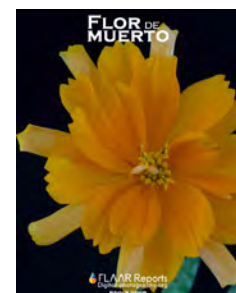
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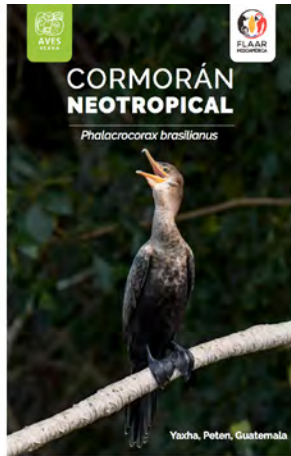
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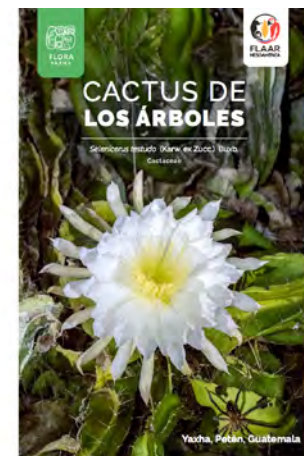
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