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# Phylogenetics of Iriarteeae (Arecaceae), cross-Andean disjunctions and convergence of clustered infructescence morphology in *Wettinia*

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The Neotropical palm tribe Iriarteeae is ubiquitous in several lowland and montane biomes across northern South America, but the phylogenetic relationships among genera and species remain unresolved. A well resolved phylogenetic tree is key to exploring morphological evolution in the tribe, including striking features such as the complex and unique inflorescence structures in Wettinia. We generated data from five plastid (ndhA, petD-rpoA, psbK-trnS and trnG) and six nuclear (AG1, CISPs 4 and 5, PRK, RPB2 and WRKY21) molecular loci to infer the phylogeny. We explored the evolutionary patterns of trait evolution using the D statistic and stochastic character mapping. All genera were inferred as monophyletic and their relationships were recovered with strong to moderate support. Based on these results we synonymize the two species of Iriartella under I. setigera and resurrect Socratea montana from S. rostrata. Interspecific relationships were mostly consistent with current morphological classification. One exception concerns trait evolution in Wettinia, in which the clustered infructescence was found to have evolved at least four times. Phylogenetic signal for this trait was weak and randomly distributed across the tree, probably representing convergence. Our results provide a robust phylogenetic framework for Iriarteeae, largely corroborating current morphological classification and laying the groundwork for macroevolutionary studies in the tribe. © 2016 The Linnean Society of London, Botanical Journal of the Linnean Society, 2016

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#### INTRODUCTION

The Neotropical tribe Iriarteeae (Arecaceae) comprise medium to large palms (up to 25 m) found across northwestern South America and southern Central

America. Species in the tribe are ubiquitous in the rain forests of western Amazonia, the Pacific low-lands of Colombia and Ecuador and the northern Andes and some of its species are dominant elements in these forests (Galeano & Bernal, 2010). *Iriartea deltoidea* Ruiz & Pav. and *Socratea exorrhiza* (Mart.) H.Wendl. have the widest distributions in the tribe

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and are found from Central America and the Chocó in the west to the Amazon and Guiana Shield in the east. Furthermore, these two species are the fifth and ninth most abundant species in the Amazonian tree flora (ter Steege et al., 2013), suggesting a fundamental importance in forest structure and function. In terms of aboveground woody biomass, I. deltoidea is the tenth most dominant species in Amazonia (Fauset et al., 2015). Despite these examples of hyperdominance, the tribe also includes rare and narrowly distributed highland species, particularly in Wettinia Poepp. ex Endl., with W. lanata R.Bernal and W. microcarpa (Burret) R.Bernal, having ranges of < 6000 km² (Galeano & Bernal, 2010).

Iriarteeae are easily recognized based on their distinctive stilt roots and crownshafts (Dransfield et al., 2008). The tribe comprises five genera and has been resolved as monophyletic in all phylogenetic studies to date (Hahn, 2002a, b; Lewis & Doyle, 2002; Baker et al., 2009). Despite the unequivocal support for the Iriarteeae as a natural group, the relationships among the genera remain controversial (Henderson, 1990; Asmussen et al., 2006; Baker et al., 2009). Based on a phylogenetic analysis of 17 morphological characters scored at the generic level, Henderson (1990) proposed *Iriartea* and *Dictyocaryum* H.Wendl. as sister lineages, making up a clade that is sister to + Socratea H.Karst, with Iriartella Wettinia H.Wendl. as the early divergent genus of the tribe. Analyses of morphological and molecular data found either a lack of variation or incongruence among topologies. For example, based on four plastid markers Asmussen et al. (2006) resolved only a sister relationship between Iriartella and Wettinia and with low bootstrap support (77%). The most complete generic palm phylogenetic analysis to date (Baker et al., 2009) also lacked support for intergeneric relationships in the tribe, but resolved Iriartea and Wettinia as sister genera that together are resolved in a polytomy with Iriartella and Socratea, with Dictyocaryum as the earliest divergent genus in the tribe. Taken together, these previous studies highlight the need for a comprehensive assessment of generic relationships in Iriarteeae. Furthermore, the monophyly of each genus has never been tested and interspecific relationships have not been explored.

Patterns of morphological evolution remain to be explored in Iriarteeae, once a robust phylogenetic framework is established. For example, pistillate inflorescences in some *Wettinia* spp. have short and thick branches, which results in flowers and fruits that are densely packed along the rachillae, with the pistils and fruits variously angled as a result of mutual physical pressure. For inflorescences that are unbranched, as in *W. augusta* Poepp. & Endl., *W. hirsuta* Burret and *W. longipetala* A.H.Gentry, or have

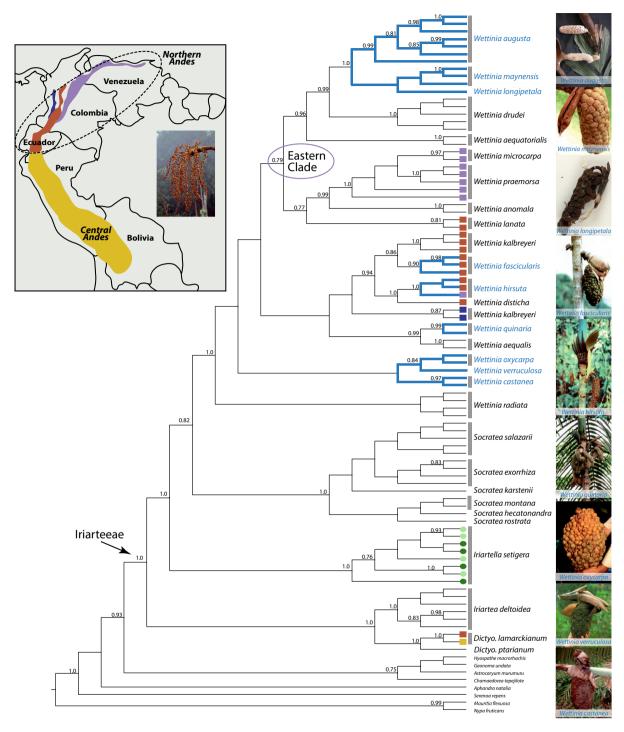
few branches along a short rachis, as in W. maynensis Spruce and W. quinaria (O.F.Cook & Doyle) Burret, the resulting infructescence consists of one to few long, cylindrical branches densely packed with obpyramidal fruits (Fig. 1). Conversely, for infructescences with many branches along an elongate rachis, as in W. castanea H.E.Moore & J.Dransf., W. fascicularis (Burret) H.E.Moore & J.Dransf., W. oxycarpa Galeano-Garcés & R.Bernal and W. verruculosa H.E.Moore, the resulting infructescence is a single large, compact, ellipsoid mass, in which many inner fruits are deeply buried by the outer ones. Both types of infructescences with tightly packed fruits (few branches along a short rachis and many branches along a long rachis) have congeners with loosely arranged fruits and thinner rachillae [W. aequatorialis R.Bernal, W. anomala (Burret) R.Bernal, W. disticha (R.Bernal) R.Bernal, W. drudei (O.F.Cook & Doyle) A.J.Hend., W. aequalis (O.F.Cook & Doyle), R.Bernal, W. kalbreyeri (Burret) R.Bernal, W. lanata, W. microcarpa, W. praemorsa (Willd.) Wess. Boer and W. radiata (O.F.Cook & Doyle) R.Bernal].

Despite various alternative explanations for morphological variation (e.g. phylogenetic signal, characdisplacement, random phenotypic drift. convergence), a recent study in palms (Roncal et al., 2012) showed there is no correlated phylogenetic signal among traits in Geonoma Willd., suggesting that character variation is due to random drift or convergence. Iriarteeae and Geonoma are in the same subfamily (Arecoideae) and share similar Amazonian and Andean distributions. Therefore we hypothesize that, similar to traits in Geonoma, the phylogenetic signal would be weak in infructescence morphology in Wettinia and that convergence may drive morphological patterns. Infructescence morphology may also be plastic in that it may undergo rapid shifts depending on ecological requirements. In this study we infer a molecular phylogeny for Iriarteeae based on 11 loci from the plastid and nuclear genomes. We use the phylogenetic framework to explore intergeneric and interspecific relationships and morphological evolution.

#### MATERIAL AND METHODS

#### Sampling

Eighty-nine individuals were sampled including seven outgroups: Aphandra natalia (Balslev & A.J.Hend.) Barfod, Astrocaryum murumuru Mart., Chamaedorea tepejilote Liebm., Hyospathe macrorhachis Burret, Mauritia flexuosa L.f., Nypa fruticans Wurmb., and Serenoa repens (W.Bartram) Small; (Appendix 1). Our outgroup sampling represents all tribes of subfamily Arecoideae and exemplars from



**Figure 1.** Phylogenetics of the palm tribe Iriarteeae estimated using Bayesian inference implemented in BEAST. Clade support > 0.75 (Bayesian posterior probability) is displayed to the upper left of each node. Species are indicated with a grey bar when multiple individuals were sampled and those with a tightly packed infructescence are shown in blue font and branches. The insert map shows the location of the central and northern Andes and the three cordilleras of the northern Andes, in which dark blue is the western, orange is the central and purple is the eastern Cordillera. Andean taxa are indicated with squares at tips with colours reflecting in which Cordillera they occur. A loosely arranged infructescence of Wettinia disticha is shown to contrast with the tightly packed morphology, which is shown to the right of the tree. Dictyocaryum is abbreviated Dictyo. and light and dark green circles represent individuals of Iriartella setigera and I. stenocarpa, respectively.

the other subfamilies of palms (Dransfield  $et\ al.$ , 2005). We sampled c. 94% of all described species of Iriarteeae (29 out of 31, following the nomenclature of Galeano & Bernal, 2010) and to capture the geographical range and genetic variation within species, more than one individual per species was sampled for all but five species.

Total genomic DNA was extracted from silica-geldried leaves following the protocol described by Alexander et al. (2006). New sequences for five plastid loci [ndhA, petD-rpoA, psbK-trnS and trnG (Scarcelli et al., 2011) and trnD-trnT (Hahn, 2002b)] and six nuclear loci [AG1 (Ludena et al., 2011), CISP4 and CISP5 (Bacon et al., 2008), PRK (Lewis & Doyle, 2002), RPB2 (Roncal et al., 2005) and WRKY21 (Mauro-Herrera et al., 2006)] were generated. All 11 loci were amplified following the PCR protocol in the original publications. Amplified products were purified using Qiagen PCR purification kits and sequenced at Macrogen (Korea). The same primers used for PCR were also used for sequencing. All new sequences generated in this study were deposited in GenBank under accession numbers KJ540542 to KJ540615 (Appendix 1).

#### Phylogenetic analysis

Nucleotide alignments were obtained independently for each of the 11 loci using default parameters in MUSCLE v3.6 (Edgar, 2004). Manual adjustments to the MUSCLE alignments were performed in Geneious (Biomatters, New Zealand) using the procedure outlined by Simmons (2004), following Zurawski & Clegg (1987). The Akaike information criterion (Akaike, 1974) as implemented in iModeltest v0.1.1 (Posada, 2008) was used to select the best-fit model for each data partition. The nuclear data were partitioned by locus to allow for variation in substitution models and due to the inherent linkage of plastid loci, they were treated as a single locus and analysed as a single partition separate from the nuclear genes in BEAST v. 1.8.1 (Drummond et al., 2012). Effective sample sizes (ESS) values for all parameter values exceeded 200 and most relationships were well supported across the phylogenetic tree. The analysis was run using an uncorrelated lognormal molecular clock model, a Yule pure birth speciation model with no starting tree, the GTR +  $\Gamma$  model of nucleotide substitution with four rate categories and the default operator. The Markov chains were run for 100 million generations and repeated three times to test for Markov chain Monte Carlo chain convergence and to ensure that ESS exceeded 200. After verifying that chains had reached stationarity in Tracer v. 1.5, 50% of the posterior distribution of trees was removed as burn-in and BEAST log files were combined in

LogCombiner v. 1.8.1. The remaining tree files were combined to estimate mean node height and the 95% highest posterior density (HPD) in TreeAnnotator v. 1.8.1. The data matrix is available from TreeBase (study accession 18196).

A coalescent species tree analysis in \*BEAST (Heled & Drummond, 2010) was initially attempted on the dataset, but results never converged. There are an accumulating number of studies showing that coalescent methods fail for moderately sized datasets (e.g. Bayzid & Warnow, 2013) and/or for studies at deeper phylogenetic levels (Gatsey & Springer, 2014). Furthermore, despite the recent popularity of species tree analysis, parameter space for 89 individuals across 11 genes in seven partitions scaling > 50 Myr, such as for our data for Iriarteeae, is quite large for accurate estimation based on two to three individuals per species (Knowles, 2010). Following these analytical shortcomings and Gatsey & Springer (2014), we therefore considered the concatenation approach as appropriate here, under the expectation that the phylogenetic information in the data should overcome noise associated with incomplete lineage sorting and introgression.

#### Infructescence evolution

We investigated the evolution of infructescence types in Wettinia by first assessing its phylogenetic signal and then reconstructing ancestral states along the phylogenetic tree. For both analyses, the tree was reduced to one individual per species using a drop random tip function in the R package Phytools v. 0.3-72 (Revell, 2012). To determine the degree of phylogenetic signal we used the D statistic (Fritz & Purvis, 2010), a measure of phylogenetic signal for binary traits based on the sum of sister clade differences in a given phylogenetic tree. The D statistic value will be low (approaching or below 0) for clustered, phylogenetically informative traits and high (approaching or exceeding 1) for phylogenetically labile, strongly overdispersed traits. We computed the distribution of D values for a set of 10 000 Wettinia phylogenetic trees from the Bayesian posterior sample and used 1000 permutations to estimate the significance of D on each tree. We then compared this empirical distribution with two alternative distributions: one describing the sister clade differences computed under a random phylogenetic pattern (obtained by shuffling the tips of the tree) and one obtained after simulating traits under a Brownian motion threshold model (keeping the same trait prevalence as seen in the observed data). Trait evolution under Brownian motion will cause related species to have similar trait values, more than expected by chance (e.g. Harvey & Pagel, 1991). We performed these analyses in the R package caper v. 0.5.2 (Orme *et al.*, 2013) using the function 'phylo.d' to calculate D and test the departure of empirical data from the alternative distributions as described above.

We reconstructed the evolution of infructescence type across the Wettinia phylogenetic tree, which was reduced to one individual per species to account for interspecific dynamics and avoid bias from intraspecific sampling. We coded infructescence shape as 1 (tightly packed morphology) and 0 (loosely arranged morphology) from field observations. We used stochastic character mapping (Bollback, 2006) as implemented in Phytools using the function 'make.simmap'. The values for the rate of change matrix (Q) were estimated from the data and the most likely values were used in all simulations. We applied an empirical method to estimate ancestral characters and their rate of change across the tree using the ER (equal rates) and the ARD (all rates different) models. To estimate credible intervals for the estimates we performed 1000 stochastic ancestral state reconstructions. A likelihood ratio test and resulting AIC scores were used to find the model (ER or ARD) that best fit the data.

# RESULTS

#### Intergeneric relationships

Our results show strong support for the monophyly of Iriarteeae [1.0 posterior probability (PP)], all intergeneric relationships (> 0.82 PP) and the monophyly of each genus in the tribe (1.0 PP; Fig. 1). The relationships suggested by molecular phylogenetic analyses of Asmussen et al. (2006) and Baker et al. (2009) were not supported by our data. Phylogenetic relationships among sister genera were consistent with the morphological analysis by Henderson (1990), but clades resolved different deeper relationships (e.g. the topological position of *Iriartella* in the tribe). We reconstructed Socratea and Wettinia as sister groups (0.82 PP), a relationship that Henderson (1990) also found based on the asymmetrical and triangular staminate flowers and sepals shared by those genera. Iriartella was found to be sister to Socratea + Wettinia with strong support (1.0 PP). Henderson (1990) recognized that *Iriartella* was difficult to place in the tribe, noting its morphological, palynological and anatomical distinctiveness. The early divergent clade (1.0 PP) in our phylogenetic tree is the sister group formed by *Dictyocaryum* + *Iriartea* (1.0 PP). Various morphological characters are shared between these sister genera, including inflorescences branched to two orders, the absence of the prophyll at anthesis, nine to 15 peduncular bracts, gibbous staminate sepals and globose fruits (Henderson, 1990).

#### EVOLUTION OF INFRUCTESCENCE MORPHOLOGY

We found that the tightly packed form of infructescences in Wettinia evolved four times across the tree (Fig. 2). The observed D values across the set of trees showed a majority of positive D values (99.98%) with a mean of 0.7, indicating low phylogenetic signal (Fig. 2A). In addition, the departure of D from 1 (random expectation) was non-significant for 100% of the trees (P > 0.05), whereas the test of departure of D from 0 (clumping) was significant only for 1.28% of the trees (P < 0.05) and non-significant for 98.72% of the trees (P > 0.05). Although the ER model of trait evolution had the lowest likelihood (-13.044), it was not significantly better than the fit of the ARD model (-12.843) according to the likelihood ratio test. The AIC test between the models favoured the ER model, which scored lower than the ARD model (28.088 vs. 29.687). Given that the ER model is less parameterized and has lower scores (for likelihood and AIC), we chose this model to best represent the rate of trait evolution (Fig. 2B).

#### TAXONOMIC TREATMENT

TAXONOMIC TREATMENT OF IRIARTELLA

Iriartella setigera (Mart.) H.Wendl., Bonplandia 8: 104. 1860. Basionym: Iriartea setigera Mart., Hist. Nat. Palm. 2(2): 39, t. 37. 1824. Lectotype (Moore, 1963). Brazil. Amazonas: Rio Japurá, Feb 1820, Martius s.n. (lectotype, M; syntype, M).

# Homotypic synonym

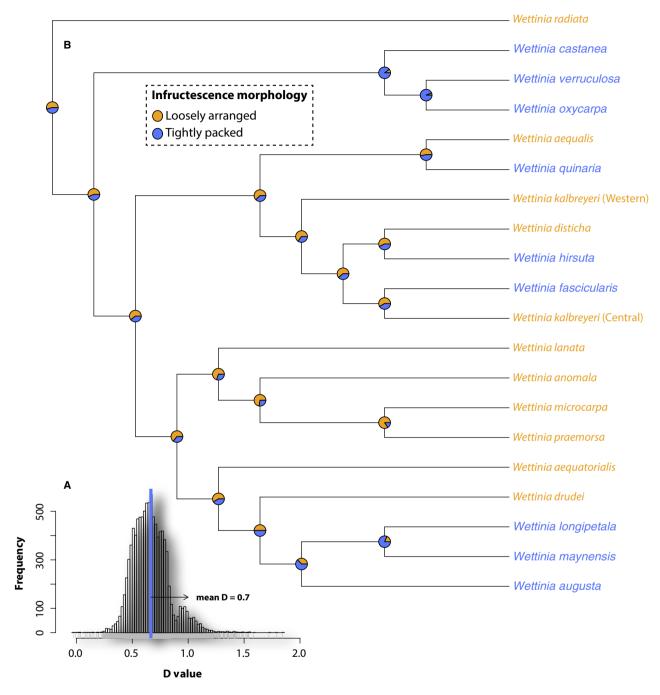
Iriartella setigera var. pruriens Barb. Rodr. Sert. Palm. Brasil. 1: 18. 1903. Iriartella pruriens (Barb. Rodr.) Barb. Rodr. Sert. Palm. Brasil. 2: 102. 1903.

#### Heterotypic synonyms

Iriartea spruceana Barb. Rodr., Enum. Palm. Nov. 13. 1875 ('spruciana'); Type. Brazil. Amazonas: Rio Taruma, nr. Manaus, n.d., Barbosa Rodrigues 346 (destroyed). Lectotype (Henderson, 1990): Barbosa Rodrigues, Sert. Palm. Brasil.1, t. 7. 1903. Iriartella spruceana (Barb. Rodr.) Barb. Rodr., Sert. Palm. Brasil. 1: 18. 1903. Cuatrecasea spruceana (Barb. Rodr.) Dugand, Caldasia 2: 72. 1943.

Cuatrecasea vaupesana Dugand, Revista Acad. Colomb. Ci. Exact. 3: 392. 1940. Type. Colombia. Vaupes: Mitú, 200 m, 21 Sep 1939, J. Cuatrecasas 6937 (holotype, COL).

Iriartella stenocarpa Burret, Notizbl. Bot. Gart. Berlin-Dahlem 11: 233.1931. Type. Peru. Loreto: Mouth of Río Napo nr. Río Amazonas, Mar 1931, Hopp 1110 (holotype, B), **Syn. Nov.** 



**Figure 2.** Trait evolution in *Wettinia* infructescences, where pie charts show the probability of each state at ancestral nodes. A, Distribution of the D statistic showing the mean in blue, indicating that infructescence type is not constrained phylogenetically. B, Stochastic mapping showing at least four instances of shifts from loosely arranged to tightly packed infructescence in *Wettinia*.

Iriartella ferreyrae H.E.Moore, Gentes Herb. 9: 278. Fig. 197. 1963. Type. Peru. Ucayali: Province Coronel Portillo, Pampas de Sacramento, a few km Sw of Yurac on road to Boquerón del Padre Abad between Divisoria and Aguaytía, c. 400 m, 28 Apr 1960, Moore et al. 8367 (holotype, BH; isotype, USM).

Key to the rostrate-fruited *socratea* species

- 2 Stilt roots forming a cone usually more than 2 m tall (up to 5 m tall). Pinnae green abaxially with proximal segments stiff or pendulous . . . . . . . . 2

**Socratea montana** R.Bernal & A.J.Hend., Brittonia 38: 55–56, fig. 1. 1986. Type. Colombia. Antioquia: Mun. Frontino, rd. from Nutibara to La Blanquita, western slope, 1800 m, 2 Jul 1983, Bernal *et al.* 631 (holotype, COL; isotypes, HUA, NY).

**Socratea rostrata** Burret, Notizbl. Bot. Gart. Berlin-Dahlem 15: 31. 1940. Type. Ecuador. Pastaza: Mera, c. 1000 m, 11 Sep 1938, Schultze-Rhonhof 2805 (holotype, B).

#### DISCUSSION

Our molecular phylogenetic analysis for Iriarteeae inferred robust intergeneric relationships, which are mostly consistent with the previous morphological revision (Henderson, 1990) but also show novel relationships. Strong branch support across the tree allowed for hypothesis testing of the evolution of infructescence types in *Wettinia*. Like previous studies in palms (Roncal *et al.*, 2012), we found that the tightly packed morphology did not have strong phylogenetic signal, leading to convergence across the tree.

# DICTYOCARYUM AND IRIARTEA: SISTER TAXA

The sister relationship between *Dictyocaryum* and *Iriartea* (Fig. 1) reflects well their overall morphological similarity, since they mainly differ by the width of their leaf segments and the colour of the undersurfaces (Henderson, 1990). *Dictyocaryum* also occurs at higher elevations than *Iriartea*, with *Dictyocaryum lamarckianum* (Mart.) H.Wendl. replacing *Iriartea deltoidea* in the Andean elevation gradient above 1000–1300 m (Henderson, Galeano & Bernal, 1995; Borchsenius & Skov, 1997; Galeano & Bernal, 2010). Although we could not obtain material for *D. fuscum*, the Venezuelan Andes endemic, we were able to establish monophyly for the other two species recognized, *D. lamarckianum* and *D. ptarianum* (Steyerm.) H.E.Moore & Steyerm. (1.0 PP). The

monotypic  $I.\ deltoidea$  was resolved with strong support  $(1.0\ PP)$  with six individuals sampled from across its geographical range. Two clades of  $I.\ deltoidea$  were found: one from the Putumayo and Caquetá departments of Colombia; and the other comprising two individuals from Loreto, Peru (united by 0.98 PP) clustered with an individual from La Paz, Bolivia  $(0.83\ PP;\ Fig.\ 1;\ Fig.\ S1).$ 

#### IRIARTELLA: A MONOTYPIC GENUS

Our results do not support the recognition of two species in Iriartella, as delimited by Henderson (1990). In our phylogenetic tree, specimens from AAU, identified as *I. stenocarpa* (light green circles; Fig. 1), are nested in the clade formed by specimens from COL, identified as I. setigera (dark green circles; Fig. 1). The monotypic nature of Iriartella has been suggested previously (Galeano, 1991; Galeano & Bernal, 2010). The interspecific differences in morphology described by Henderson (1990) are not supported by our study of specimens at COL either. According to Henderson, the taxa differ in the degree of connation of the sepals in staminate and pistillate flowers: connate into a shallow cupule (staminate) and connate basally (pistillate) in *I. setigera* vs. briefly connate below, free and imbricate above (staminate) and distinct and imbricate (pistillate) in I. stenocarpa. Moreover, I. setigera was considered a larger palm with stems to 12 m  $\times$  2–4 cm vs. stems to 3 m  $\times$  1–2 cm in *I. stenocarpa*.

Most COL specimens fitting Henderson's description of I. stenocarpa (many of them identified by Henderson himself) are indeed slender palms that have staminate and pistillate flowers with free, imbricate sepals. However, some specimens have sepals partially or fully connate, non-imbricate, both in staminate (Galeano et al. 8540, Guataquira et al. sgg007) and in pistillate flowers (Bernal et al. 2570, Guataquira et al. sgg007, Galeano 1447, Bernal et al. 2611). Likewise, although most specimens fitting I. setigera (also mostly determined by Henderson) are larger palms with thicker stems that have staminate and pistillate flowers with connate sepals, there is variation in this character state. Several specimens have staminate flowers with partially free sepals (one sepal free in one side in Galeano et al. 8540) and pistillate flowers with sepals ranging from just partially connate with one free sepal (Bernal et al. 4462, García-Barriga 14270, Palacios 2443) to completely free (Palacios 2443, Bernal et al. 2607, Bernal et al. 4462). Finally, soil chemical preferences of nearly 5000 individuals measured across 118 transects in the western Amazon are strongly overlapping, indicating that they occupy similar edaphic niches (H. Balslev & R. Cámara, in review). Based

on our phylogenetic results and the considerations above, we here synonymize *I. stenocarpa* under *I. setigera*.

# Resurrection of Socratea montana and variation in S. exorrhiza

Socratea was recovered as monophyletic (1.0 PP). Bernal-Gonzalez & Henderson (1986) recognized two groups in Socratea: one group comprises species with thick rachillae, larger staminate flowers with numerous stamens (84–145) and rostrate fruits, including S. hecatonandra (Dugand) R.Bernal, S. montana and S. rostrata Burret; the other group comprises species with thinner rachillae, smaller staminate flowers with fewer stamens (27–45) and fruits rounded at the apex, including S. exorrhiza and all other species described in the genus up to that time. Our phylogenetic tree (Fig. 1) supports that grouping, adding S. salazarii H.E.Moore and S. karstenii F.W. Stauffer & Balslev (2012) to the group of S. exorrhiza.

Socratea montana was synonymized with S. rostrata by Borchsenius, Borgtoft & Balslev (1998), a treatment followed by Galeano & Bernal (2010), although these authors stated that these species should perhaps be regarded as distinct, since S. montana has thicker rachillae and pinnae divided into narrower segments than S. rostrata. Our phylogenetic tree supports this split, and shows that, as initially proposed by Bernal-Gonzalez & Henderson (1986), S. montana is more closely related to S. hecatonandra than to S. rostrata. Because of this, we resurrect here S. montana, which is restricted to the western slopes of the Andes between 900 and 1800 m of elevation.

Four individuals of *S. exorrhiza* were included to represent the geographical and genetic variation of that species. This inclusion was important because this species is the widest spread of all species of Iriarteeae and has one of the largest distributions of all American palms (Henderson *et al.*, 1995). Two individuals from the Llanos region of eastern Colombia were strongly supported (0.83 PP) as distinct from individuals sampled from the southern portion of the distribution (Bolivia and Peru), showing population structure across our modest sampling.

#### Interspecific relationships in Wettinia

Our phylogenetic analysis supports two separate groups in this genus (0.79 PP), which are consistent with geographical distribution. One (Eastern Clade) is comprised of W. aequatorialis, W. anomala, W. augusta, W. drudei, W. lanata, W. longipetala, W. maynensis, W. microcarpa and W. praemorsa. Except for W. lanata, all these species grow on the eastern

slopes of the Andes, from Venezuela to northern Bolivia. The remaining grade comprises W. castanea, W. disticha, W. quinaria, W. aequalis, W. fascicularis, W. hirsuta, W. kalbreveri, W. oxycarpa, W. radiata and W. verruculosa. All of these species grow on the western slopes of the Andes or in the adjacent Pacific lowlands and Panama or, in the case of W. hirsuta, in the inter-Andean valley of the Magdalena River, Colombia. This phylogeographic pattern suggests that the Eastern Clade derived from the Western Clade, which fits well with the west-toeast uplift of the northern Andes (e.g. Antonelli et al., 2009; Graham, 2009; Hoorn et al., 2010). A formal biogeographic analysis and divergence time estimation are, however, required to further assess this scenario.

Thirteen of the 20 *Wettinia* spp. were resolved as monophyletic (> 0.81 PP; Fig. 1), but some species, sister relationships and clades in the genus remain unresolved. This lack of phylogenetic resolution in *Wettinia* may partly reflect a rapid diversification during the recently formed northern Cordilleras of the Andes (Hoorn *et al.*, 2010; Bermudez *et al.*, 2015).

A major result in Wettinia is the recovery of two distinct clades of W. kalbreveri, each of which are well supported (> 0.87 PP) and are separated by two other well supported branches (> 0.86 PP). Each clade of this species reflects a geographical region, one in the central and one in the western Cordillera of Colombia and may represent a cryptic species with little morphological differentiation or gene flow with other sympatric Wettinia spp. Wettinia kalbreveri has the widest distribution in the genus and potential for hybridization may be high with W. disticha, which replaces W. kalbreveri above 1700 m elevation in the western Cordillera (Galeano & Bernal, 2010). Without further field and laboratory work and careful revision of specimens we hesitate to make nomenclatural changes at this point.

The phylogenetic position of Wettinia lanata is particularly interesting. This species has a narrow distribution in the western slopes of the Andes in Colombia, where it occupies a small range of ca. 3000 km<sup>2</sup> between 2100 and 2600 m, reaching the highest elevation of any species in the tribe. Wettinia lanata resembles the more widely distributed W. disticha and abruptly replaces that species above 2100 m; in many respects (including distichous phyllotaxy), these species appear to be sister taxa. Because of this, the position of W. lanata in the Eastern Clade is unexpected, more so when one considers that it has homogeneous endosperm, whereas the closest species in its clade (W. microcarpa, W. praemorsa, W. anomala) all have a ruminate endosperm, a character that evolved only once in the tribe.

One result that is more difficult to explain is the position of W. hirsuta. This lowland species, endemic to the Magdalena river valley in Colombia, is morphologically similar to W. augusta in having undivided pinnae, an unbranched pistillate inflorescence and tightly packed fruits. However, in our phylogenetic analysis it is resolved as sister to the highland W. disticha, which has distichous leaves, divided pinnae, inflorescences with a long rachis and many branches and loosely arranged pistillate flowers. Although the recurrent evolution of tightly packed fruits is obvious from our phylogenetic tree, the numerous changes in this taxon in relation to its closest relatives in the clade and its geographical separation from them make this topology unexpected.

### Infructescence evolution

Following our expectations, we found that tightly packed infructescences have evolved several times in Wettinia. The underlying cause of these repeated events remain elusive. It is conceivable that the evolution of the compressed fruit is a consequence of a shift in pollinators in those lineages. This hypothesis remains untested as we are unaware of any reports published on the comparative pollination of Wettinia spp. with contrasting flower and fruit morphology (but see Nuñez, Bernal & Knudsen, 2005 for data on W. quinaria). Preliminary observations suggest that Andean species tend to share pollinators, whereas Amazonian and Chocoan species do not (L. A. Nuñez Avellaneda, pers. comm., April 2015). Shared pollinator assemblages could cause competitive exclusion and speciation (e.g. Van der Niet, Peakall & Johnson, 2014). Our strong phylogenetic framework for Iriarteeae will benefit future studies on the interplay between members of Iriarteeae and their pollinators.

#### CONCLUSIONS

Our phylogenetic tree, based on 11 gene regions from 89 individuals of 29 species, represents one of the most densely sampled palm phylogenetic analyses to date. This robust topology will be useful for macroevolutionary studies, such as analysis of biogeography and diversification. In particular, the phylogenetic tree lays the groundwork for understanding broad patterns of geographically and geologically driven species diversification in South America (e.g. Bacon, 2013; Hoorn et al., 2013; Roncal et al., 2013) and phylogeographic studies of widespread species, such as *I. deltoidea* and *S. exorrhiza*.

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## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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**Figure S1.** Complete phylogeny of the Iriarteeae with posterior probabilities listed at each node. This topology was randomly reduced to one individual per species to produce results presented in Figure 2.

sequence length, therefore we do not report a GenBank accession number for these samples. DNA sources are abbreviated: Museo sequences shorter than 200 bps denoted with the # symbol that could not be submitted to GenBank because of policies regarding de Historia Natural, Universidad Nacional de Colombia (COL), herbarium of Aarhus University (AAU), and Herbario San Marcos, Appendix 1 Table of sequences generated for this study with taxonomic authorities, voucher or DNA source information, and GenBank accession numbers. Cells containing the \* symbol correspond to sequences that were not amplified. There are two Universidad Mayor de San Marcos (USM).

Species	Taxonomic authority	DNA source	AG1	CISP4	CISP5	ndhA	petD-rpoA	PRK	psbK-trnS	RPB2	trnDT	trnG	WRKY21
Dictyocaryum	(Mart.) H.Wendl.	H. Balslev 8319	KF776099	KF776077	KF776035	KF775961	KF775906	*	KF775810	KF775749	KF775743	KF775694	KF775599
Jamarckianum Dictyocaryum Jamarckianum	(Mart.) H.Wendl.	R. Bernal 4757	*	KF776076	KF776034	KF775967	KF775904	KF775845	KF775801	*	KF775697	KF775692	*
Dictyocaryum ptarianum	(Steyerm.) H.E.Moore &	JC. Pintaud ENV 1185	KF776100	KF776078	KF776036	*	KF775905	KF775846	KF775796	KF775755	KF775744	KF775693	KF775600
Iriartea deltoidea	Steyerm Ruiz & Pav.	H. Balslev 6733	KF776090	KF776084	KF776031	*	KF775931	*	KF775816	KF775757	KF775741	$\mathrm{KF}775690$	KF775596
Iriartea deltoidea	Ruiz & Pav.	(AAC) R. Bernal 2197 (COL)	*	KF776079	*	KF775974	KF775930	*	KF775818	*	KF775740	KF775686	KF775598
Iriartea deltoidea	Ruiz & Pav.	R. Bernal 2200 (COL)	*	KF776081	KF776029	KF775966	KF775929	*	KF775819	*	KF775738	KF775688	*
Iriartea deltoidea	Ruiz & Pav.	R. Bernal 4803 (COL)	KF776092	KF776083	KF776032	*	KF775933	*	KF775821	KF775756	KF775739	KF775689	KF775594
Iriartea deltoidea	Ruiz & Pav.	H. Balslev 7965 (AAII)	KF776091	KF776082	KF776033	*	KF775896	KF775847	KF775820	*	KF775737	KF775691	KF775595
Iriartea deltoidea	Ruiz & Pav.	H. Balslev 8081	KF776093	KF776080	KF776030	*	KF775932	*	KF775817	KF775758	KF775742	KF775687	KF775597
Iriartella setigera	(Mart.) H.Wendl.	R. Bernal 2607	*	KF776085	*	*	KF775897	*	KF775806	*	*	KF775685	*
Iriartella setigera	(Mart.) H.Wendl.	(COL) R. Bernal 4367	KF776088	*	KF776023 KF775962		KF775898	KF775848	KF775804	KF775750 KF775695	KF775695	KF775683	KF775592
Iriartella stenocarpa	Burret	R.Bernal 7412 (AAII)	KJ540605	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Iriartella stenocarpa	Burret	H. Balslev 7593 (AAU)	KF776089	KF776086	*	KF775963	KF775899	KF775849	KF775805	KF775751	KF775696	KF775684	KF775593
Iriartella stenocarpa	Burret	H.Balslev 7688	KJ540603	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	KJ540548	*	*
Iriartella stenocarpa	Burret	H. Balslev 7794	KJ540606	KJ540589	KJ540577	*	*	KJ540575	*	KJ540557	*	*	*
Iriartella stenocarpa	Burret	H. Balslev 7794	KJ540604	KJ540589	KJ540577	*	*	KJ540575	*	KJ540557	*	*	*
Iriartella stenocarpa	Burret	H.Balslev 7807	KJ540604	KJ540590	*	*	*	KJ540576	*	*	*	*	*
Socratea exorrhiza	(Mart.) H.Wendl.	H. Balslev 6739	KF776097	KF776037	KF776026 KF775970		KF775909	KF775852	KF775787	KF775852 KF775787 KF775753 KF775746 KF775680 KF775632	KF775746	KF775680	KF775632
Socratea exorrhiza Socratea exorrhiza	(Mart.) H.Wendl. (Mart.) H.Wendl.	C. Bacon 1 (COL)  R. Bernal 4442 (COL)	* *	KF776040 *	KF776027 KF776028	* *	KF775907 KF775911	KF775850 KF775851	* KF775799	* *	* *	* KF775681	* *

Appendix 1. Continued

Species	Taxonomic authority	DNA source	AG1	CISP4	CISP5	ndhA	petD-rpoA	PRK	psbK-trnS	RPB2 t	$\operatorname{trnDT}$	trnG	WRKY21
Socratea exorrhiza	(Mart.) H.Wendl.	H. Balslev 7905	KF776095	KF776039	KF776025	KF775971	KF775910	KF775853	KF775798	KF775754	KF775745	KF775679	KF775633
Socratea hecatonandra	(Dugand) R.Bernal	R. Bernal 4867 (COL)	KJ540607	KJ540593	KJ540583	*	*	KJ540568	*	KJ540562	KJ540551	*	KJ540543
Socratea hecatonandra	(Dugand) R.Bernal	G. Galeano 8119 (COL)	KF776096	KF776041	KF776024	KF775969	KF775912	KF775854	KF775800	KF775752	KF775748	KF775678	KF775630
Socratea karstenii Socratea rostrata	F.W.Stauffer & Balslev Burret	Ж. Ж.	* *	KJ540591 KJ540594	KJ540581 KJ540578	* *	* *	* KJ540569	* *	KJ540560 * KJ540558 #	* *	* *	KJ540542 *
Socratea salazarii	H.E.Moore	(COL) H. Balslev 7298 (AAII)	*	KJ540592	KJ540580	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Socratea salazarii	H.E.Moore	H. Balslev 7364	KJ540609	KJ540595	KJ540585	*	*	KJ540567	*	KJ540559	KJ540552	*	KJ540544
Socratea salazarii	H.E.Moore	H. Balslev 7310 (AAII)	*	*	KJ540582	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Socratea salazarii	H.E.Moore	H. Balslev 7594	KJ540608	KJ540596	KJ540579	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Socratea salazarii	H.E.Moore	H. Balslev 7662	*	KF776038	*	KF775972	KF775908	KF775855	KF775797	*	KF775747	KF775682	KF775631
Wettinia aequatorialis	R.Bernal	(AAII)	KF776113	*	*	*	KF775914	KF775857	KF775794	*	*	KF775651	*
Wettinia aequatorialis	R.Bernal	F. Borchsenius 635	*	*	KF775997	*	KF775915	KF775856	KF775788	*	KF775698	KF775675	*
Wettinia anomala	(Burret) R.Bernal	R. Bernal 4632	KJ540612	KJ540598	KJ540587	*	*	KJ540572	*	KJ540566	KJ540549	*	KJ540546
Wettinia anomala	(Burret) R.Bernal	R. Bernal 2196	*	KF776052	*	*	KF775934	KF775858	KF775808	*	*	KF775634	*
Wettinia augusta	Poepp. & Endl.	H. Balslev 7355 (AAI)	KF776112	$\mathrm{KF}776050$	KF775999	KF775973	KF775901	KF775859	KF775790	KF775774	KF775717	KF775639	*
Wettinia augusta	Poepp. & Endl.	H. Balslev 7556	KF776109	KF776065	*	KF775964	KF775952	KF775860	KF775803	KF775764	KF775729	KF775640	*
Wettinia augusta	Poepp. & Endl.	H. Balslev 7696	$\mathrm{KF}776108$	KF776058	KF776012	KF775976	KF775953	KF775861	KF775809	KF775772	KF775732	KF775642	KF775613
Wettinia augusta	Poepp. & Endl.	H. Balslev 8017	$\mathrm{KF}776110$	KF776057	KF775996	KF775979	KF775902	KF775862	KF775825	KF775777	KF775716	KF775644	KF775614
Wettinia augusta	Poepp. & Endl.	H. Balslev 8031	KF776111	KF776049	*	KF775978	KF775903	KF775863	KF775826	KF775778	KF775718	KF775665	KF775615
Wettinia castanea	H.E.Moore &	R. Bernal 2825 (COL)	*	KF776063	KF776000	KF775986	KF775946	*	KF775802	KF775779	KF775704	KF775637	KF775625
Wettinia castanea	H.E.Moore &	R. Bernal 4786	KF776114	KF776054	KF776017	KF775987	KF775945	KF775864	KF775813	*	KF775719	KF775645	KF775623
Wettinia disticha	(R.Bernal) R Bernal	R. Bernal 2838	KJ540610	KJ540599	*	*	*	KJ540573	*	KJ540565	KJ540555	*	*
Wettinia disticha	(R.Bernal) R.Bernal	R. Bernal 4774 (COL)	*	KF776062	KF776015	KF775965	KF775947	KF775865	KF775827	KF775760	KF775720	KF775674	KF775604
Wettinia drudei	(O.F.Cook & Doyle) A.J.Hend.	R. Bernal 2952 (COL)	*	KF776043	KF776005	KF775988	KF775954	KF775866	KF775789	*	KF775727	KF775673	KF775607

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Wettinia drudei	(O.F.Cook & Doyle)	H. Balslev 6996	KF776118	*	*	KF775977	KF775955 I	KF775867	KF775822		KF775721	KF775676	KF775609
Wettinia drudei	(O.F.Cook & Doyle)	H. Balslev 7261	KF776098	KF776044	KF776008	KF775989	KF775956	KF775868	KF775807	*	KF775711	KF775663	KF775610
Wettinia drudei	A.J. Hend. A. J. Hend	(AAU) H. Balslev 7266	*	*	KF775995	KF775990	KF775957	KF775869	KF775795	*	KF775722	KF775677	KF775612
Wettinia drudei	(O.F.Cook & Doyle)	H. Balslev 7309	KF776101	KF776045	KF776003	KF775985	KF775951 I	KF775870	KF775823	KF775773 I	KF775736	KF775671	KF775611
Wettinia equalis	A.J. Hend. (O.F.Cook & Doyle) R. Romal	C.D. Bacon SN	KJ540614	KJ540597	KJ540586	*	<u>~</u>	KJ540570		KJ540564 I	KJ540553	*	KJ540545
Wettinia equalis	(O.F.Cook & Doyle)	G. Galeano 8158a	KF776104	KF776056	KF776009	*	KF775948 I	KF775871	KF775815	KF775763 I	KF775728	KF775662	KF775603
Wettinia fascicularis	K. Bernal (Burret) H.E. Moore &. J. Dransf	(COL)  R. Bernal 2830 (COL)	*	*	*	_	KF775924	KF775872	KF775829	*	KF775723	KF775635	*
Wettinia fascicularis	(Burret) H.E.Moore	R. Bernal 4728	*	KF776068	KF775998	KF775980	KF775917	KF775873	KF775828	KF775767	KF775712	KF775670	KF775622
Wettinia fascicularis	(Burret) H.E.Moore	J. Betancur 7610	*	*	*	*	KF775923	KF775874	KF775831	*	× .	KF775648	KF775627
Wettinia hirsuta	Burret	R. Bernal 2294	*	*	*	<u> </u>	KF775918 I	KF775875	KF775785	*	~	KF775641	*
Wettinia hirsuta	Burret	R. Bernal 4736	KF776103	KF776051	KF776018	KF775983	KF775919 I	KF775876	KF775792	KF775766 KF775730		KF775638 KF775626	KF775626
Wettinia hirsuta	Burret	(COL) (COL)	*	KF776059	KF776010	KF775981	KF775920 I	KF775877	KF775830	KF775765 1	KF775715	KF775657	*
Wettinia kalbreyeri	(Burret) R.Bernal	R. Bernal 2203	*	*	*	_	KF775913 *		KF775791	*	KF775714	KF775664	*
Wettinia kalbreyeri	(Burret) R.Bernal	R. Bernal 2492	*	*	*	*	KF775949 I	KF775878	KF775811	*	KF775734	KF775652	*
Wettinia kalbreyeri	(Burret) R.Bernal	(COL)  R. Bernal 4725	KF776105	*	KF776002	*	KF775916	KF775879	KF775835	KF775761	KF775735	KF775661	KF775601
Wettinia kalbreyeri	(Burret) R.Bernal	R. Bernal 4726	KF776106	KF776046	KF776004	_	KF775921	KF775880	KF775833	KF775780 I	KF775724	KF775658	*
Wettinia kalbreyeri Wettinia lanata	(Burret) R.Bernal R.Bernal	CDB MJS 5 (COL) R. Bernal 2583	KF776102 KJ540615	KF776070 KJ540602	KF776013 ]	KF775982 ]	KF775900 I *	KF775881 KJ540571	KF775834	KF775771 I *	KF775702 KJ540556	KF775666 *	* *
Wettinia lanata	R.Bernal	(COL) R. Bernal 4775	KJ540613	KJ540601	KJ540588	*	*			KJ540563 I	KJ540554	*	KJ540547
Wettinia longipetala	A.H.Gentry	(COL) H.Balslev 6545	KJ540611	KJ540600	KJ540584	*	_	KJ540574	*	KJ540561 I	KJ540550	*	*
Wettinia maynensis	Spruce	R. Bernal 2486	*	KF776042	KF776006	KF775960	KF775950	KF775882	KF775786	KF775776	KF775707	KF775667	*
Wettinia maynensis	Spruce	R. Bernal 4804	*	KF776060	KF776007	_	KF775958 1	KF775883	KF775812	KF775775	KF775701	KF775660	*
Wettinia maynensis	Spruce	H. Balslev 6568	KF776107	KF776061	KF775994	KF775975	KF775959 I	KF775884	KF775784	<u> </u>	KF775713	KF775649	KF775608
Wettinia microcarpa	(Burret) R.Bernal	R. Bernal 3481 (COL)	KF776120	KF776069	KF776021	*	KF775944 I	KF775885	KF775843	KF775781 I	KF775705	KF775643	KF775602

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Wettinia microcarpa	(Burret) R.Bernal	R. Bernal 4831 (COL)	KF776117	KF776066	KF776020	*	KF775943	KF775886	KF775844	KF775770	KF775700	KF775655	KF775619
Wettinia oxycarpa	Galeano-Garcés & B. Bernal	R. Bernal 2498 (COL)	*	KF776047	*	KF775991	KF775937	KF775887	KF775839	*	KF775706	KF775668	*
Wettinia oxycarpa	Galeano-Garcés & R.Bernal	Solarte 1 (COL)	*	*	KF776011	*	KF775936	*	KF775838	*	*	KF775650	KF775616
Wettinia praemorsa	(Willd.) Wess.Boer	R. Bernal 2883 (COL)	KF776115	KF776053	KF776014 KF775993		KF775942	KF775888	KF775837	KF775782	KF775733	KF775636	KF775620
Wettinia praemorsa	(Willd.) Wess.Boer	J. Betancur 7611 (COL)	*	KF776071	KF776001	KF775984	KF775925	KF775890	KF775832	KF775769	KF775726	KF775672	KF775617
Wettinia praemorsa	(Willd.) Wess.Boer	G. Galeano 8256a (COL)	KF776121	KF776072	KF776019	KF775992	KF775940 KF775891		KF775814	KF775759	KF775731	KF775647	KF775618
Wettinia praemorsa	(Willd.) Wess.Boer	R. Bernal 4826 (COL)	*	KF776048	KF776022	KF775968	KF775941	KF775889	KF775842	KF775783	KF775725	KF775656	KF775605
Wettinia praemorsa	(Willd.) Wess.Boer	M. Sanin SN	KF776119	KF776067	KF776016	*	KF775938	KF775892	*	*	*	*	*
Wettinia quinaria	(O.F.Cook & Dovle) Burret	G. Galeano 8168a (COL)	*	KF776075	*	*	KF775939	KF775893	KF775841	KF775762	KF775708	KF775669	KF775606
Wettinia radiata	(O.F.Cook & Doyle) R.Bernal	R. Bernal 2190 (COL)	*	KF776074	*	*	KF775926	*	KF775836	*	*	KF775653	KF775628
Wettinia radiata	(O.F.Cook & Doyle) R.Bernal	R. Bernal 4794 (COL)	KF776116	KF776055	*	*	KF775922	KF775894	KF775824	KF775768	KF775699	KF775646	KF775621
Wettinia radiata	(O.F.Cook & Doyle) R.Bernal	R. Bernal 4873 (COL)	KF776087	*	*	*	KF775927	#	*	*	KF775710	*	*
Wettinia radiata	(O.F.Cook & Doyle) R.Bernal	G. Galeano 8155 (COL)	*	KF776073	*	*	KF775928	*	KF775793	*	KF775709	KF775654	KF775629
Wettinia verruculosa	H.E.Moore	R. Bernal 2500 (COL)	*	KF776064	*	*	KF775935	KF775895 KF775840	KF775840	*	KF775703	KF775659	KF775624