



TREE SPECIES (SCIENTIFIC NAME)

*Persea americana*

ENGLISH COMMON NAME

Avocado

PERU COMMON NAME

Palto, Aguacate

TREE FAMILY

LAURACEAE

AVERAGE LEAF SIZE (CM)

12.63cm × 6.06cm

Length Width

ELEVATIONAL RANGE (M)

400–1800m

TREE HEIGHT

SMALL (10–20M)



DISTRIBUTION



EXOTIC IN PERU

NATIVE TO

Region: Americas

Latin America: Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua

EXOTIC IN

Latin America: Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, El Salvador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Venezuela

## COFFEE AGROFORESTRY INFORMATION

COFFEE SYSTEM



ARABICA

COFFEE IMPACT

Unknown

CULTIVATION



PLANTED



NATURAL

PREVALENCE



COMMON IN COFFEE AGROFORESTRY

## TREE BENEFITS AND USES

FARMER USES

**Food, Medicinal, Product**

Its leaves are used to combat fever, menstrual cramps and migraine. The pulp of ripe fruits is edible and eaten raw and in soups and salads. It is used to make ice cream and sweets. It is rich in vitamin B2, A and E, also contains sugar, starch and fats. Used in cosmetics and toiletries. The seeds produce a milky juice that has been used as ink to mark flax and clothing.

TREE MANAGEMENT

It is propagated by seeds or grafts in nurseries. Avocados grow best in deep, well-drained soils and should be protected from frost and strong winds when relevant. Thick mulch should be placed around the plants and fertilizer should be applied occasionally. Avocado fruits, leaves, stems and seeds are poisonous to some animals and birds (the leaves are the most toxic part).

FARM SERVICES

Unknown

BIODIVERSITY BENEFITS



YES

Its pulp is a valuable source of energy, proteins and minerals.

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