Seychelles Special Plants

There are about 850 species of flowering plants in Seychelles, of which, 250 species are indigenous including 75 endemic species (meaning they are found only in Seychelles, nowhere else). The rest are introduced species. Many introduced species have become invasive and put many endemic species in danger. Conservation action is needed to save these special endemic plants. This poster presents some endemic species that are only found in Seychelles.

Coco de Mer

*Lodoicea maldivica* is the most famous plant of Seychelles, which has the biggest nut in the plant kingdom. The biggest nut can weigh up to 20 kg. Male and female flowers grow on separate trees. It has huge, fan-like, rigid leaves.

**Latannyen Fey**

*Physocladium bigibbum* has very large leaves with open tips. It has branched inflorescence with many tiny yellow flowers. It has no petals and results in the trunk.

**Latannyen Lat**

*Veschoptera dubia* has a cone shaped inflorescence, with many white flowers. Its leaves are very large with an open at the tips.

**Vakwa Paradis**

*Pandanus hornei* is not so common. They can be found in wet upland areas and river ravines.

**Vakwa maron**

*Pandanus sechellarum* is very common and can be found in low and middle altitude forests. Tree can grow up to 14 m.

**Bwa Rouz**

*Dillenia melinensis* is a common and can be found from middle to high altitude forests. The tree can grow up to 20 m.

**Bwa Zeoliter**

*Nepenthes pervillei* is a medicinal plant growing in open south-southeast areas from 200-500 m. Local people use the leaves to treat many problems.

**Kapisen**

*Nepenthes pulcherrima* is a common plant that uses its fluid containing in the pitchers to trap insects for food. The lid of the pitcher is open when the pitcher is full with fluid, and keeps the rain water from getting in.

**Belzamin Sofia**

*Jasminum gardmani* is a very rare herbs. They can be found growing in moist forest on the forest floor.

**Zakobe**

*Gynura albostriata* is a medicinal herb used to treat cold and cough by local people by boiling the old leaves and drink the infused juice.

**Bwa media/ Jellyfish Tree**

*Medusagyne oppositifolia* is one of the rarest trees in the world. It is very special to the plant world due to its family of its own, meaning they don’t have any relatives can be found.