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Common Name :

## Coconut

Scientific Name :

*Cocos nucifera*

O se la'au tāua tele i le atina'e o fa'ato'aga. O lona a'ano ua fa'aaogā i ta'umafa ma fagu'u; o lona sua o se vaiinu; o atigi popo e fai ma ipu ma susunu ai malala; o pulu e fili ai 'afa ma o se alālā tafu afi; o lau e lalaga ai pola, ato ma meataulima; ma lona ogala'au e fa'alaupapa. E tutupu vave niu ma fesoasoani o latou a'a taufelefele e tāofiofi le palapala se'iologa e tafia 'ese atoatoa nei la'au. Ua mātāuina le malolosi o ituaiga o niu anamua e tali tafega na i lo ituaiga fa'afeusua'i fou ua iai nei.

The coconut is a valuable agricultural tree. The meat of the coconuts is used for food and oil; the liquid for drinking; the shells for cups and charcoal; the husks for kindling and to make sennit for ropes and cords; the leaves for weaving and plaiting; and the trunk for timber. Coconut trees grow quickly and have a shallow root system that stabilizes sediment until erosion undermines the tree. Traditional knowledge indicates that the local variety is better able to withstand erosion than the shorter hybrid varieties.

