

Coconut crisis forces a rethink on gene banks as conservation tools

The international collection of the South Pacific's coconut palm species, held at a field gene bank in Papua New Guinea, is under threat from a disease outbreak close to the gene bank. The gene bank holds 3,200 coconut palms, representing 57 different varieties of *Cocos nucifera*, a number of which are endemic.

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