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ABSTRACT

Palm crops worldwide are experiencing adverse effects in crop yields and survivorship from exposure to phytopathogens, including phytoplasmas (Ntushello *et al.*, 2013). Phytoplasmas are plant-pathogenic bacteria that are associated with over 1000 plant diseases. (Duan *et al.*, 2013; Ntushello *et al.*, 2013). The 16SrIV group of phytoplasmas is associated with lethal yellowing diseases that affect at least 30 species of palms worldwide. Available information for Puerto Rico indicates the existence of 16SrIV phytoplasma group in some palm species, including the Royal palm *Roystonea borinquena* O. F. Cook, the Fishtail palm *Caryota mitis* Lour, the Carpentaria palm *Carpentaria acuminata* (H. Wendl. & Drude) Becc., and the Coconut palm *Cocos nucifera* L. The visual symptoms of the diseases include leaf discoloration (e.g., yellowing, bronzing), flower malformation, premature nuts drop, and death of the plant. This work aimed to identify and characterize palm species, phytoplasma, and associated Auchenorrhyncha occurrence in Puerto Rico. For this study, we collected samples from over 1,027 palms between July 2015 to May 2017 around the island of Puerto Rico. The samples comprise 40 palm species representing species native to the island and introduced ornamental ones. Sixty percent of the collected palms presented symptoms associated with phytoplasma diseases, mainly with premature leave yellowing and decay. We used the coding ribulose-bisphosphate carboxylase gene (*rbcL*) and maturase K gene (*matK*) to determine their power to distinguish between species in the palm family Arecaceae in Puerto Rico. Our study found that *rbcL* and *matk* place the species with 100% accuracy at the family and subfamily levels. However, additional markers may be needed to identify species within the Arecaceae. To amplify the phytoplasma DNA, we carried out

direct and nested PCRs to a sub-sample of 192 palms from the initial sample (n=1,027). Forty-three percent of the samples tested showed amplification using specific primers in the nested PCR. Of these, only 1.5% of the samples were positive for phytoplasma 16SrIV-D associated with lethal bronzing disease of palms. The three confirmed sequences of phytoplasma were from positive samples: two from *Dypsis lutescens* and one *Aiphanes minima*, both collected at the UPR Botanical Garden.

Phloem feeder insects are the vectors of phytoplasmas. The suborder Auchenorrhyncha contains phloem-feeder insects that are listed as vectors of phytoplasmas. We surveyed Auchenorrhyncha insects associated with palms in three localities of different altitudes between August 2016 to October 2018: the UPR Botanical Garden in San Juan, Punta Santiago Natural Reserve in Humacao, and El Verde Field Station (El Yunque) in Río Grande. Thirty-three species of planthoppers and leafhoppers were sweep-collected from palms and associated weeds. Genetic analyses evaluated the mitochondrial gene region for *cytochrome c oxidase subunit I (COI)* to support morphological identification. A subsample of (n=120) insects was screened for phytoplasma by direct and nested PCR assays. We found seven samples that tested positive for phytoplasma. Three samples belonged to *Hortensia similis* (Walker) and four to *Xyphon reticulatum* (Signoret), all collected from *C. Nucifera* in Humacao. To our knowledge, this is the first report of these Cicadellidae species associated with phytoplasma in Puerto Rico. The early detection and characterization of phytoplasma-related diseases and the identification of vector species can help reduce the spread of this organism and avoid the negative impact on crop yields in palm species of agricultural importance.

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**CHAPTER 1. DNA BARCODING FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF PALMS
(ARECACEAE) IN PUERTO RICO**

ABSTRACT

There is currently a lack of proper identification and characterization of palm species occurring in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean basin in general. The aims of this work were to generate a database of palm species occurring in Puerto Rico including their geographic information system (GIS) coordinates, and molecular fingerprinting. The Plant Working Group of the Consortium for the Barcode of Life (CBOL) suggests the use of *rbcL* and *matK* as “core” markers for plant molecular identification. DNA barcode is a tool used to support the identification of organisms at a taxonomic level. The DNA barcode consists of the use of a short DNA sequence that is universally present in the target lineage and has the necessary variation to discriminate between species. We use the coding ribulose-bisphosphate carboxylase gene (*rbcL*) and maturase K gene (*matK*) to determine if they can be used to discriminate between species in the palm family *Arecaceae* occurring in Puerto Rico. For this study we collect samples from over 1,027 palms between July 2015 to May 2017 around the island of Puerto Rico. The sample comprises 40 palm species and includes representation of palm species native to the island, as well as introduced ornamental species. We carried out DNA extraction, and partial *rbcL* amplification of the 1,027 samples. A subsample of 95 samples were amplified with *matK* markers. The *rbcL* and *matK* loci exhibited a PCR amplification success of 97% and 58%, respectively.—We assessed the similarity of the amplified sequences with a Basic Local Alignment Search Tool (BLASTn). We found that *rbcL* and *matk* place the species with 100% accurate at family and subfamily level. Use of additional markers may be needed for species discrimination in *Arecaceae* family.

INTRODUCTION

There are approximately 2,700 species of palms that belong to Arecaceae, the sixth largest monocot family, and the third most important plant family for human use (Elliott *et al.*, 2004; Hahn, 2002; Naeem *et al.*, 2014). Palms are flowering plants almost completely restricted to tropical and sub-tropical areas, where they represent an income source and an aesthetic symbol (Elliott *et al.*, 2004; Lee-Riffle & Craft, 2003). Palms are a source of food, oil, fiber, rattan, lumber, drinks, and medicine (Elliott *et al.*, 2004; Foale, 2005; Roncal *et al.*, 2008). The coconut (*Cocos nucifera* L.) crop, for instance, has a great socioeconomic impact in development countries in the Caribbean, Latin America, Asia, and Africa, been Indonesia, Philippines, and India the producers of 78 percent of coconut in the world (Silva *et al.*, 2019; FAOSTAT, 2017). In the Caribbean Arecaceae is represented by 21 genera and 135 species, of which 121 species are endemic to the region (Roncal *et al.*, 2008). Caribbean palms such as *Roystonea* sp. and *Coccothrinax* sp. are widely used as ornamental species (Roncal *et al.*, 2008). In Puerto Rico, Arecaceae are represented by 10 native species (**Table 1**), and many other species have been introduced primarily for ornamental purpose.

The Caribbean islands are experiencing increased losses of palms probably associated to phytoplasma disease, which is expanding its range throughout the region (CABI, 2012; Ntushello *et al.*, 2013). There are reports of some varieties that show tolerance or resistance to phytoplasma disease as the ‘Malayan Dwarf’ coconut cultivar, and some other species are more vulnerable to this type of diseases as date palm (*Phoenix dactylifera*) and coconut palm (*Cocos nucifera*) (Harrison & Elliot, 2008). The difference in phytoplasma palm host imposes the need of accurate taxonomic identification tools, in

order to better understand the phytoplasma-host interactions. Systematics works rely not only on morphological character but in molecular data that support, and allow in many cases to resolve morphological identification, group relationship and family placements of organisms (Judd *et al.*, 2008).

Plants have three different genomes located in the chloroplast, the mitochondrion, and in the nucleus, all three with different sizes (Judd *et al.*, 2008). The chloroplast genome has uniparental inheritance and is the smallest of the three genomes with a size of 135-160 kilobase pairs (kbp) of DNA. It is the focus of this study (Judd *et al.*, 2008). This genome shows some advantage due to its low rearrangement that enable to differentiation of major groups. Also, some chloroplast genes show enough divergence to allow to inference of populations and closely related species.

A DNA barcode is a tool used to support the identification of organisms at taxonomic level. The DNA barcode consist of use a short DNA sequence that is universally present in the target lineage and has the variation necessary to discriminate between species. In animals, the mitochondrial gene *cytochrome c oxidase I (COI)* has been shown to have a high discriminatory power between species, and is used routinely as an identification tool in many animal groups (Herbert *et al.*, 2003). In plants, it is not possible to used mitochondrial genes in DNA barcode due to its low substitution rate that result in less variability in *COI* gene within species (CBOL Plant Working group, 2009; Naeem *et al.*, 2014). The Plant Working Group of the Consortium for the Barcode of Life suggested ribulose-bisphosphate carboxylase (*rbcL*) and (*matK*) as “core” markers for plant molecular identification (CBOL Plant Working group, 2009).

Based on those recommendations here, we use the coding genes: *rbcL* and *matK* to determine their potential and efficacy as DNA barcodes for species discrimination in palm family Areaceae occurring in Puerto Rico. There is currently a lack of proper identification and characterization of palm species occurring in Puerto Rico as well as all over the Caribbean basin. The aims of this work were to generate a database of palm species occurring in Puerto Rico including their geographic information system (GIS) coordinates, and molecular fingerprinting to support the phytoplasma associated disease management programs.

METHODS

Palm samples were collected from July 2015 to May 2017. We collected 1,027 palm samples around the island of Puerto Rico (**Figure 1**). The sampling included 5 native species, as well as 34 introduced species (**Table 2**). For the native taxa, sampling strategy aimed to represent almost all ecosystems where they occur in the island. We collected species of *Acrocomia aculeata*, *Acrocomia crispa*, *Adonidia merrillii*, *Aiphanes aculeata*, *Archontophoenix* sp., *Bismarckia nobilis*, *Carpentaria acuminata*, *Caryota mitis*, *Cocos nucifera*, *Corypha umbraculifera*, *Cryosophila* sp., *Cyrtostachys renda*, *Desmoncus orthacanthos*, *Dypsis decaryi*, *Dypsis lutescens*, *Dypsis* sp., *Elaeis guineensis*, *Elaeis oleifera*, *Hyophorbe lagenicaulis*, *Hyophorbe verschaffeltii*, *Latania* sp., *Licuala grandis*, *Licuala paludosa*, *Licuala* sp., *Livistona chinensis*, *Livistona* sp., *Phoenix dactylifera*, *Phoenix roebelenii*, *Phoenix* sp., *Podococcus barteri*, *Prestoea acuminata*, *Pritchardia thurstonii*, *Pseudophoenix sargentii*, *Ptychococcus* sp., *Ptychosperma burretianum*, *Ptychosperma micranthum*, *Ptychosperma* sp., *Roystonea borinquena*, *Roystonea* sp., *Sabal palmetto*, *Sabal* sp., *Syagrus* sp., *unknown* sp., *Veitchia arecina*,

Veitchia merrillii, *Veitchia* sp., *Washingtonia robusta*, *Washingtonia* sp., and *Wodyetia bifurcata*.

Tissue samples were collected from different palm species showing both, leaf discoloration symptoms and from symptomless palm. Plant samples were collected using the methods describe by Harrison *et al.*, (2002) for phytoplasma detection. About 6g of vascular tissue were removed from interior basal trunks. Samples were obtained by making a hole 10 to 15 cm in length into the trunk of each palm using a portable electric drill and a sterile bit with 7.8 mm in diameter. After the tree was sampled, the opening was sealed using wood filler, to prevent the exposure to harmful infections or diseases. Vascular tissues were stored on ice for transport to the laboratory for processing.

The DNA from palm vascular tissue was extracted using DNeasy® Plant MiniKits following the protocol of the manufacturer (Qiagen Inc., Valencia, CA, USA). For *rbcL*, PCRs were conducted in a total volume of 15µl containing 5.7µl of H₂O molecular grade, 7.5µl Master Mix (2X) (Promega, Madison, WI, USA), 0.15µl of each primer and 1.5µl of DNA template. For *matK*, PCRs were conducted in a total volume of 15µl containing 5µl of H₂O molecular grade, 7.5µl MyTaq Plant-PCR Mix (2X) (Promega, Madison, WI, USA), 0.5µl of each primer and 1.5µl of DNA template. Table 3 summarizes primers information.

PCR thermocycling for *rbcL* was performed under the following conditions: denaturation of 3min at 95°C, followed by 35 cycles of 30s at 94°C, 1min at 57°C, 1min at 72°C, and terminated by and extension of 10 min at 72°C. PCR thermocycling for *matK* was performed under the following conditions: denaturation of 2min 30s at 94°C, followed by 10 cycles of 30s at 94°C, 30s at 54°C, 30s at 72°C, and 25 cycles of 30s at

88°C, 30s at 54°C, 30s at 72°C, and terminated by and extension of 10 min at 72°C. The PCR products were run in an Applied Biosystems® 2720 Thermal Cycler. PCR amplifications were visualized in 1% agarose gel.

PCR products of *rbcL* were purified with ExoSAP-IT® following the protocol of the manufacturer (Affymetrix, Inc). PCR products of *matK* were purified with QIAquick® Gel Extraction Kit following the protocol of the manufacturer (Qiagen Inc., Valencia, CA, USA). PCR products were sequenced at Macrogen Inc., Seoul, Korea. Sequences were manually edited using CodonCode Aligner 6.0.1 (Centerville, MA, USA). Multiple sequence alignment, and phylogenetic analysis were conducted in Mega software version X (Kumar *et al.*, 2018; Miller *et al.*, 2010). All sequences were deposited in NCBI (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>). We calculated PCR, and sequence success for both genes (*rbcL* and *matK*). Transition and transversion rate were calculated by Tamura-Nei model of nucleotide substitution in Mega software X (Tamura *et al.*, 2004; Kumar *et al.*, 2018). We searched for species sequence similarity using the nblast tool of NCBI. A Neighbor Join tree was constructed for *rbcL* and *matK* genes, using the Tamura 3-parameter method to compute the evolutionary distance, and bootstrap was set as 1,000.

RESULTS

A total of 1,027 palms were sampled between July 2015 to May 2017 throughout the island of Puerto Rico. The most sampled palm genera/species were *Cocos nucifera* (30.7%), *Roystonea* spp (11.7%), and *Syagrus* sp. (9.6%) (**Figure 2**).

The DNA extraction was successful for our sample (n=1,027), with DNA concentrations that ranged from 2 to 60 ng/ul. We amplified partial *rbcL* gene for the whole sample (n=1,027), and a subsampled of (n=95) were amplified with marker for partial

matK gene. The PCR product amplified for *rbcL* and *matK* were ~650 and 850 bp, respectively. The plastid gene *rbcL* has higher universality showing 97% of PCR and sequencing success. For *matK* gene the results were 92% and 58% of PCR and sequencing success, respectively. PCR amplification for *matK* was more difficult because we encountered low specificity problems resulting in multiple band amplification. When we assessed the quality of the sequences, we found that high quality bidirectional sequences are produced using the *rbcL* loci, while fewer bidirectional sequence of high quality (55%) was obtained with *matK* loci (**Table 4**). Moreover, sequences of *matK* gene required more manual editing to obtained contig sequences.

The search for species sequence similarity using the nblast tool of NCBI found that *rbcL* and *matK* place the species with 100% accurate at family, and subfamily level. The *rbcL* and *matK* markers showed a percentage of genus discrimination of 70%. For species considered as closer to each one, the power of discrimination is reduced. The nblast search retrieved 22 different genera. The sequence alignments show low polymorphism among species that can affect the discrimination power.

For *rbcL* gene, analysis of transition and transversion rate involved 54 nucleotide sequences with a total of 453 positions in the final dataset (**Table 5**). The transversion rate for T to G and C to G was 4.29, for A to T and G to T was 5.53, for T to A and C to A 5.33, and for A to C and G to C was 4.32. The transition rate for A to G was 8.26, for T to C was 18.65, for C to T was 23.89, and for G to A was 10.25. The nucleotide frequencies was adenine (27.38%), thymine (28.40%), cytosine (22.17%), and guanine (22.05%).

For *matK* gene analysis of transition and transversion rate involved 55 nucleotide sequences with a total of 888 positions in the final dataset (**Table 6**). The transversion rate for T to G and C to G was 2.7, for A to T and G to T was 6.44, for T to A and C to A 5.19, and for A to C and G to C was 3. The transition rate for A to G was 8.63, for T to C was 12.75, for C to T was 27.37, and for G to A was 16.57. The nucleotide frequencies were adenine (29.93%), thymine (37.16%), cytosine (17.31%), and guanine (15.59%).

A Neighbor Join tree was constructed for *rbcL* and *matK* genes to evaluate the phylogenetic relationship of the collected species is in congruence with currently accepted relationships evaluated in previous studies (**Figure 3 & 4**) (Asmussen *et al.*, 2001 & 2006; Hahn, 2002). The evolutionary distances were computed using the Tamura 3-parameter method and are in the units of the number of base substitutions per site.

For *rbcL*, the analysis involved 54 nucleotide sequences. The tree for *rbcL* show similarity between *Adonia merrillii*, *Dypsis lutescens*, *Dypsis* sp., *Carpentaria* sp., *Ptychosperma* sp., and *Wodyetia bifurcata*. Those species belong to the subfamily Arecoideae and are classified in the tribe Areceae. The phylogeny inference showed species of subfamily Coryphoideae forming a clade that group *Livistona chinensis*, *Livistona* sp, *Licuala* sp, *Pritchardia thurstonii*, and *Washingtonia robusta*. Another clade of species in the subfamily Coryphoideae cluster *Corypha* sp, *Latania* sp, and *Phoenix* sp. The sequence of *Syagrus* sp. and *Cocos nucifera* formed another clade with high branch support (65%). The two sequences of *Pseudophoenix sargentii* included in the analysis appear as separate one from the other in the phylogeny. Moreover, sequence of (4) *Roystonea* sp. were cluster together as well as (2) *Cryosophila* sp., and (2) *Hyophorbe* sp. For *matK*, sequence of species classified in subfamily Coryphoideae form

a clade that include *Licuala* sp., *Livistona* sp., *Phoenix roebelenii*, *Phoenix* sp., *Pritchardia thurstonii*, and *Washingtonia robusta*. The subfamily Ceroxyloideae formed a clade that cluster *Hyophorbe* sp., and *Pseudophoenix sargentii*. The sequence of *Pseudophoenix sargentii* had more diversification than other species. The subfamily Arecoideae, tribe Areceae formed a clade that included species of *Adonia merrillii*, *Carpentaria* sp., *Cyrtostachys renda*, *Dyopsis lutescens*, *Dyopsis* sp., *Roystonea* sp., *Ptychosperma* sp., and *Wodyetia bifurcata*. Another clade of subfamily Arecoideae clusters species of tribe Cocoeae that included *Elaeis guineensis*, *Cocos nucifera*, and *Syagrus* sp.

DISCUSSION

DNA Barcoding tools can help taxonomist to resolve the identification of species for which key parts are missing, those species in early life stages (juveniles or immatures individuals), and to conduct large inventory of biodiversity in a short time frame. A good marker for DNA barcode needs to be universal in order to retrieve sequence across different taxa, produced quality sequence, and has variation necessary to discriminate between species (CBOL Plant Working Group, 2009). Different loci have been proposed and tested in many plant species, and the standard barcode region currently selected for plants are *rbcL* and *matK* genes (CBOL Plant Working Group, 2019; Fazekas *et al.*, 2008). In this study, the *rbcL* gene showed the higher percentage (97%) of amplification, and sequence success. The *matk* loci showed a high PCR amplification power (92%), but fewer quality sequence where retrieve (55%). Some studies reported fewer sequence retrieved with this locus that can be explained by mononucleotide repeats that interrupt the sequence reads (CBOL Plant Working Group, 2009; Fazekas *et al.*, 2008; Naaem *et al.*, 2014). Moreover, a disadvantage with the PCR reaction it's that DNA polymerase

can make mistakes during the reaction that can potentially reduce sequencing both strands of the molecule (Judd *et al.*, 2008). Amplification of un-specific bands and low-quality sequence were found with the *matK* markers used on this study; we suggest to test of this region in other palm species.

Phylogenetic reconstruction based in *rbcL* gene placed Arecaceae family as a monophyletic group within the Order of Arecales. The palm family is divided into five subfamilies: Calamoideae, Nypoideae, Coryphoideae, Ceroxyloideae, and Arecoideae. Only the last three families have species representation in the West Indies, and in this study. In summary, with some exceptions, the phylogeny shows clusters of species that are evolutionary more closely and are classified in the same subtribe, as suggested by previous works (Asmussen *et al.*, 2001 & 2006; Hahn, 2002). The discriminatory power of the 2 barcode genes was similar, both loci placed species 100% accurate at family, subfamily, and tribe level. When we evaluated the identification of closely related species, we were able to identify individuals down to the subtribe level. These results indicate that the discriminatory power of these loci decreases while the relationship between species becomes closer. The sequence variation between species was low and could be explained by low rates of sequences evolution of two genetically close species. In some palms group plastid DNA shows slower sequence evolution than any monocot family (Jeanson *et al.*, 2016). As report Jeanson et al (2016) for tribe Caryoteae the combination of *rbcL* and *matK* does not provide good discrimination between species. Some well-known species were identified down to species level as *Cocos nucifera*, and *Elaeis guineensis* but other species that are not routinely studied or sequenced could not be identified using the NCBI database due to the lack of a reference sequence.

In our study we generated six sequences for the native palm *P. sargentii* for which there were only 2 records of *rbcL* sequence previously on NCBI. *Pseudophoenix* is the only genus of Ceroxyloideae that occur in the Caribbean, and only *P. sargentii* is present in Puerto Rico. Other two introduced species of subfamily Ceroxyloideae (*Hyophorbe lagenicaulis*, and *Hyophorbe verschaffeltii*) are frequently used as ornamental plant in the Island. In this work phylogeny inferred with *matK* showed similarity between these two genera that were clustered in the same clade. Phylogenetic studies classify *Pseudophoenix* in a monogeneric tribe (Cyclopatheae) with no close relation with other species in the same subfamily as we report in the NJ tree construct with *rbcL* (Roncal *et al.*, 2008).

In conclusion, *rbcL* and *matK* has the power to discriminate between plants families and can differentiate most of the genus of palms. A focus on a detailed morphological study of native species of palms in Puerto Rico must take precedence combined with the collection of specimen's vouchers, and the generation of DNA barcode of different loci in order to manage and protect critical species.

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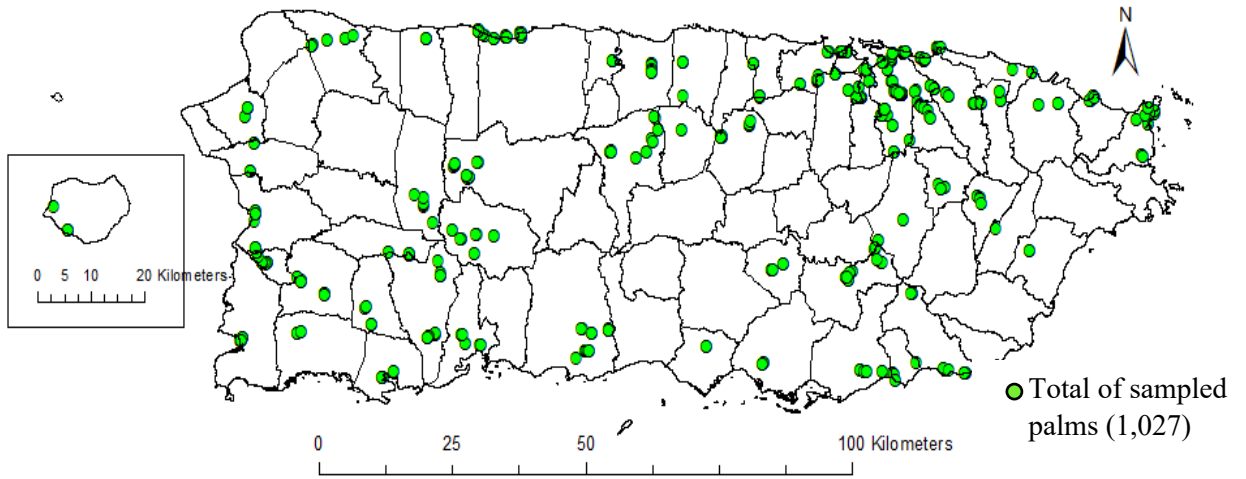


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF THE PALMS SAMPLED FOR THIS STUDY.

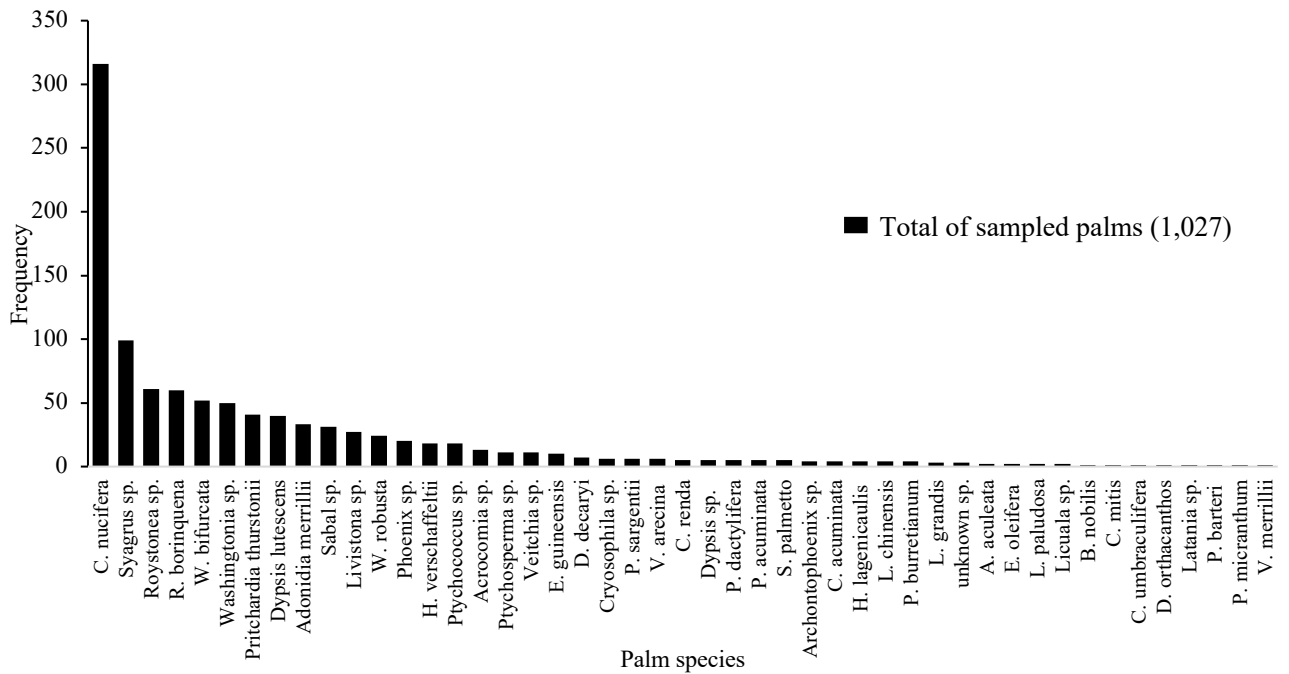


FIGURE 1. FREQUENCY OF PALMS SPECIES COLLECTED.

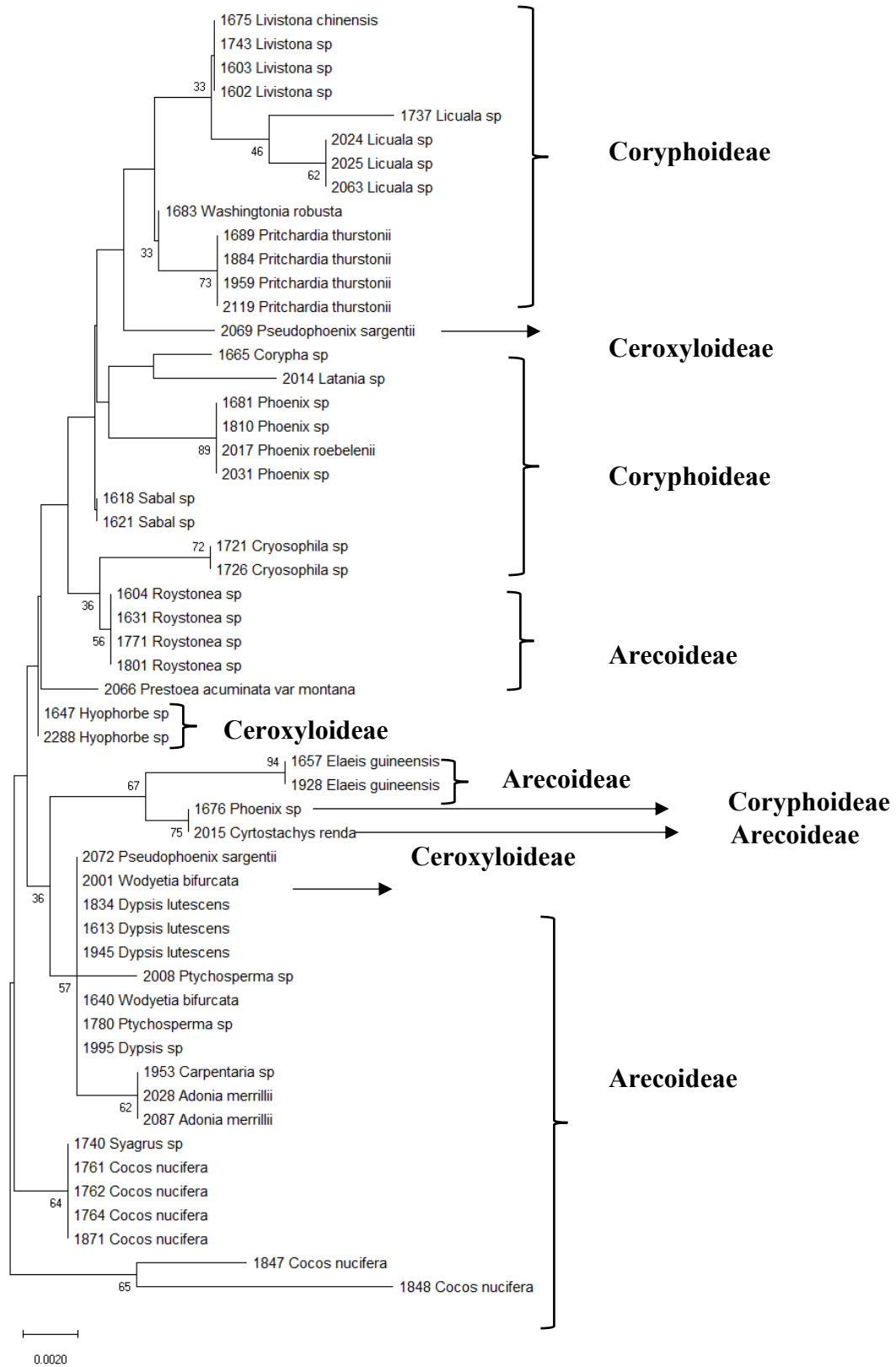


FIGURE 2. NEIGHBOR JOIN TREE BASED IN *RBCL* SEQUENCES.

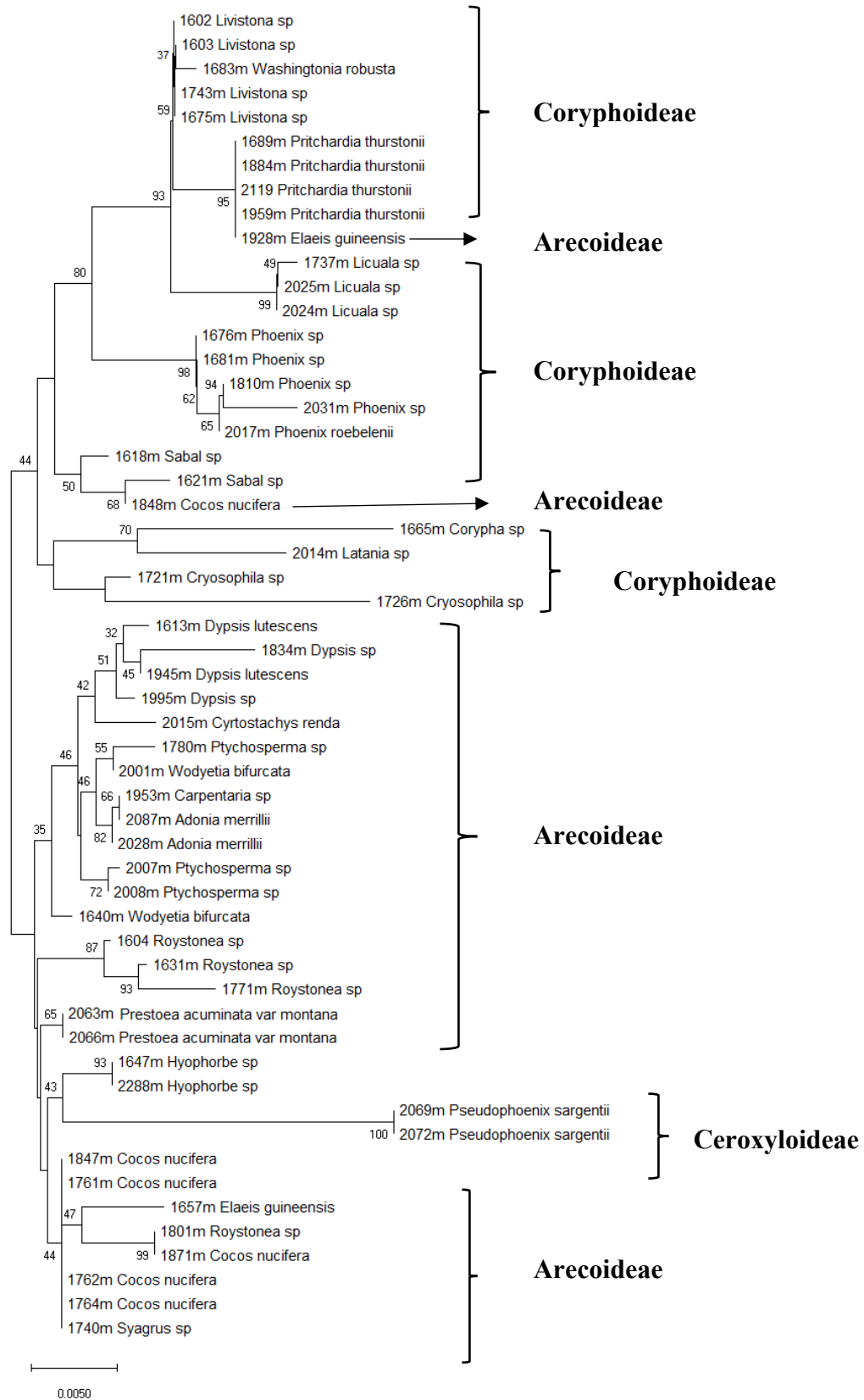


FIGURE 3. NEIGHBOR-JOINING TREE BASED IN *MATK* SEQUENCE.

TABLE 1. NATIVE PALMS SPECIES OF PUERTO RICO

Palm Name	Common name	General distribution
<i>Acrocomia aculeata</i> (Jacq.) Lodd. Ex Mart.	Corozo, Palma de corozo	Lesser Antilles, Mexico, N. America, S. America, Puerto Rico & Virgin Islands
<i>Aiphanes minima</i> (Gaertn.)Burret	Palma de coyor	Lesser Antilles, Puerto Rico, Hispaniola
<i>Calyptronoma rivalis</i> (O. F. Cook) L. H. Bailey	Manaca	Puerto Rico & Hispaniola
<i>Coccothrinax barbadensis</i> (Lodd. Ex Mart.) Becc.	Palma plateada, Palma de abanico	Trinidad and Tobago, Lesser Antilles, Puerto Rico & Virgin Islands
<i>Gaussia attenuata</i> (O. F. Cook) Becc. ^(b)	Llume, Palma de lluvia	Puerto Rico & Hispaniola
<i>Prestoea acuminata</i> (Willd.) H. E. Moore var. <i>Montana</i> (Graham) A. J. Hend. & Galeano	Palma de sierra	Greater and Lesser Antilles (absent from Jamaica & Virgin Island)
<i>Pseudophoenix sargentii</i> H. Wendl. Ex Sarg.		Florida Keys, Cuba, Bahamas, Hispaniola, Navassa, Saona, Puerto Rico (only in Mona islands), Dominica, Mexico & Belize
<i>Roystonea borinquena</i> (O. F. Cook)	Palma real, Palma real puertorriqueña, Palma de yaguas	Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands & Hispaniola.
<i>Sabal causiarum</i> (O. F. Cook) Becc.	Palma de sombrero, Palma de escoba, Yarey	Hispaniola, Puerto Rico & Virgin Islands
<i>Leucothrinax morrisii</i> (H. Wendl.) C. Lewis & Zona	Palma de escoba	Florida Keys, Bahamas, Cuba, Puerto Rico & Western Lesser Antilles.

^(a) Acevedo-Rodríguez & Strong, 2005; Roncal *et al.*, 2008; Axelrod 2011

^(b) Palm specie know to be susceptible to Phytoplasma (16SrIV)

TABLE 2. LIST OF PALMS COLLECTED FOR THIS STUDY

Palm_id	Palm_species	Collection date	Collection site	Latitude	Longitude
1602	<i>Livistona chinensis</i>	07/22/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3915	-66.0567
1603	<i>Livistona chinensis</i>	07/22/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3913	-66.0565
1604	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	07/22/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3912	-66.0565
1605	<i>Roystonea</i> sp.	07/22/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3912	-66.0566
1606	<i>Roystonea</i> sp.	07/22/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3913	-66.0566
1607	<i>Dypsis lutescens</i>	07/22/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3914	-66.0563
1608	<i>Wodyetia bifurcata</i>	07/22/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3913	-66.0563
1609	<i>Wodyetia bifurcata</i>	07/22/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3913	-66.0563
1610	<i>Wodyetia bifurcata</i>	07/22/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3913	-66.0562
1611	<i>Wodyetia bifurcata</i>	07/22/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3913	-66.0562
1612	<i>Wodyetia bifurcata</i>	07/22/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3912	-66.0562
1613	<i>Dypsis lutescens</i>	07/23/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3913	-66.0562
1614	<i>Roystonea</i> sp.	07/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR Norte	18.392	-66.0568
1615	<i>Roystonea</i> sp.	07/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR Norte	18.392	-66.0568

1616	<i>Roystonea</i> sp.	07/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR Norte	18.392	-66.0568
1617	<i>Sabal palmetto</i>	07/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR Norte	18.392	-66.0568
1618	<i>Sabal palmetto</i>	07/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR Norte	18.392	-66.0568
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1620	<i>Sabal palmetto</i>	07/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR Norte	18.392	-66.0568
1621	<i>Sabal palmetto</i>	07/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR Norte	18.392	-66.0568
1622	<i>Desmoncus orthacanthos</i>	07/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR Norte	18.392	-66.0568
1623	<i>Aiphanes aculeata</i>	07/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR Norte	18.392	-66.0568
1624	<i>Aiphanes aculeata</i>	07/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR Norte	18.392	-66.0568
1625	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	07/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR Norte	18.392	-66.0568
1626	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	07/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR Norte	18.392	-66.0568
1627	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	07/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR Norte	18.3934	-66.0617
1628	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR Sur	18.3916	-66.056
1629	<i>Podococcus barteri</i>	07/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR Norte	18.391	-66.0567
1630	<i>Livistona chinensis</i>	08/25/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR Norte	18.391	-66.0567

1631	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	08/25/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR Norte	18.3909	-66.0567
1632	<i>Dypsis lutescens</i>	08/26/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3916	-66.056
1633	<i>Wodyetia bifurcata</i>	08/26/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3916	-66.0562
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1703	<i>Dypsis lutescens</i>	09/18/2015	Utuaado	18.2657	-66.7849
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1705	<i>Syagrus</i> sp.	09/18/2015	Utuaado	18.2657	-66.7849
1706	<i>Dypsis lutescens</i>	09/18/2015	Utuaado	18.2656	-66.7849
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1709	<i>Syagrus</i> sp.	09/18/2015	Utuaado	18.2682	-66.7878
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1711	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	09/21/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3912	-66.0545
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1713	<i>Pritchardia thurstonii</i>	09/21/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3912	-66.0527
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1715	<i>Livistona</i> sp.	09/21/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3914	-66.0543
1716	<i>Livistona</i> sp.	09/21/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3913	-66.0543
1717	<i>Dyopsis</i> sp.	09/21/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3915	-66.0544
1718	<i>Carpentaria acuminata</i>	09/21/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3915	-66.0543
1719	<i>Carpentaria acuminata</i>	09/21/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3916	-66.0544
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1721	<i>Cryosophila</i> sp.	09/21/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3917	-66.0544
1722	<i>Livistona</i> sp.	09/22/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3915	-66.0542
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1724	<i>Dyopsis lutescens</i>	09/22/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3914	-66.0541
1725	<i>Dyopsis lutescens</i>	09/22/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3914	-66.054
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1733	<i>Dyopsis lutescens</i>	09/22/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3914	-66.0539
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1735	<i>Sabal sp.</i>	09/22/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3914	-66.0533
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1737	<i>Licuala</i> <i>paludosa</i>	09/22/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3915	-66.0534
1738	<i>Licuala</i> <i>paludosa</i>	09/22/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3914	-66.0535
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1740	<i>Syagrus sp.</i>	09/24/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3903	-66.0536
1741	<i>Ptychosperma</i> <i>burretianum</i>	09/24/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3902	-66.0535
1742	<i>Ptychosperma</i> <i>burretianum</i>	09/24/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3902	-66.0535

1743	<i>Livistona</i> sp.	09/24/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3903	-66.0535
1744	<i>Livistona</i> sp.	09/24/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3903	-66.0534
1745	<i>Livistona</i> sp.	09/24/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3903	-66.0534
1746	<i>Livistona</i> sp.	09/24/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3901	-66.0533
1747	<i>Livistona</i> sp.	09/24/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3903	-66.0533
1748	<i>Livistona</i> sp.	09/24/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3903	-66.0533
1749	<i>Livistona</i> sp.	09/24/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3903	-66.0533
1750	<i>Livistona</i> sp.	09/24/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3904	-66.0533
1751	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	09/24/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3904	-66.0531
1752	<i>Roystonea</i> sp.	09/25/2015	Ciales	18.3044	-66.5452
1753	<i>Roystonea</i> sp.	09/25/2015	Ciales	18.3041	-66.5454
1754	<i>Livistona</i> sp.	09/25/2015	Ciales	18.304	-66.5454
1755	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	09/25/2015	Ciales	18.3045	-66.5447
1756	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	09/25/2015	Ciales	18.3039	-66.5443
1757	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	09/25/2015	Ciales	18.3044	-66.5451
1758	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	09/25/2015	Ciales	18.357	-66.4707
1759	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	09/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3903	-66.0529
1760	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	09/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.39	-66.0527

1761	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	09/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3899	-66.0528
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1764	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	09/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3901	-66.0528
1765	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	09/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3901	-66.0528
1766	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	09/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3902	-66.0528
1767	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	09/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3901	-66.0529
1768	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	09/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.39	-66.053
1769	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	09/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.39	-66.0531
1770	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	09/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.39	-66.0532
1771	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	09/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3901	-66.0532
1772	<i>Sabal</i> sp.	09/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3902	-66.0531
1773	<i>Sabal</i> sp.	09/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3902	-66.0531
1774	<i>Licuala</i> sp.	09/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3902	-66.0531
1775	<i>Archontophoeni x</i> sp.	09/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3902	-66.0532

1776	<i>Ptychosperma</i> sp.	09/30/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3901	-66.0532
1777	<i>Roystonea</i> <i>borinquena</i>	10/07/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3906	-66.0532
1778	<i>Ptychosperma</i> sp.	10/07/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3907	-66.0531
1779	<i>Ptychosperma</i> sp.	10/07/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3908	-66.053
1780	<i>Ptychosperma</i> sp.	10/07/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3907	-66.0531
1781	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/07/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3907	-66.0532
1782	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/07/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3907	-66.0533
1783	<i>Livistona</i> sp.	10/07/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3906	-66.0533
1784	<i>Roystonea</i> <i>borinquena</i>	10/07/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3907	-66.0533
1785	<i>Livistona</i> sp.	10/07/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3906	-66.0533
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1788	<i>Livistona</i> sp.	10/07/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3905	-66.0533
1789	<i>Roystonea</i> <i>borinquena</i>	10/09/2015	Yauco	18.1232	-66.8326
1790	<i>Ptychococcus</i> sp.	10/09/2015	Yauco	18.118	-66.8336
1791	<i>Ptychococcus</i> sp.	10/09/2015	Yauco	18.118	-66.8336
1792	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/09/2015	Yauco	18.1179	-66.8334

1793	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	10/09/2015	Yauco	18.1176	-66.8334
1794	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/09/2015	Yauco	18.1174	-66.8334
1795	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	10/14/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3908	-66.0531
1796	<i>Sabal</i> sp.	10/14/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3909	-66.0531
1797	<i>Sabal</i> sp.	10/14/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3909	-66.0531
1798	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	10/14/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3909	-66.053
1799	<i>Sabal</i> sp.	10/14/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.391	-66.053
1800	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	10/14/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.391	-66.053
1801	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	10/14/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.391	-66.053
1802	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	10/14/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.391	-66.0529
1803	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	10/14/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3911	-66.0529
1804	<i>Sabal</i> sp.	10/14/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3912	-66.053
1805	<i>Sabal</i> sp.	10/14/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3911	-66.053
1806	<i>Livistona</i> sp.	10/14/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3912	-66.053
1807	<i>Livistona</i> sp.	10/14/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3912	-66.0532
1808	<i>Phoenix</i> sp.	10/14/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3914	-66.053

1809	<i>Phoenix</i> sp.	10/14/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3913	-66.053
1810	<i>Phoenix</i> sp.	10/14/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3913	-66.053
1811	<i>Dyopsis</i> sp.	10/14/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3912	-66.0528
1812	<i>Dyopsis</i> sp.	10/14/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3912	-66.0528
1813	<i>Syagrus</i> sp.	10/15/2015	Area metro-Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4093	-66.0697
1814	<i>Syagrus</i> sp.	10/15/2015	Area metro-Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4092	-66.0697
1815	<i>Syagrus</i> sp.	10/15/2015	Area metro-Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4093	-66.0697
1816	<i>Syagrus</i> sp.	10/15/2015	Area metro-Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4089	-66.0692
1817	<i>Syagrus</i> sp.	10/15/2015	Area metro-Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4089	-66.0692
1818	<i>Sabal</i> sp.	10/15/2015	Area metro-Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4408	-66.0702
1819	<i>Adonidia merrillii</i>	10/15/2015	Area metro-Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4409	-66.0703
1820	<i>Adonidia merrillii</i>	10/15/2015	Area metro-Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4408	-66.0702
1821	<i>Sabal</i> sp.	10/15/2015	Area metro-Expreso	18.441	-66.0701

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1822	<i>Sabal</i> sp.	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4411	-66.0701
1823	<i>Sabal</i> sp.	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4411	-66.0701
1824	<i>Ptychococcus</i> sp.	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4412	-66.0703
1825	<i>Acrocomia</i> <i>crispa</i>	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4458	-66.0694
1826	<i>Roystonea</i> <i>borinquena</i>	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4515	-66.0681
1827	<i>Roystonea</i> <i>borinquena</i>	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4514	-66.0682
1828	<i>Acrocomia</i> <i>aculeata</i>	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4512	-66.068
1829	<i>Acrocomia</i> <i>aculeata</i>	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.451	-66.0677
1830	<i>Syagrus</i> sp.	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4511	-66.0677
1831	<i>Syagrus</i> sp.	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.451	-66.0676
1832	<i>Dypsis</i> <i>decaryi</i>	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4509	-66.0677

1833	<i>Dypsis decaryi</i>	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4509	-66.0677
1834	<i>Dypsis lutescens</i>	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4515	-66.05
1835	<i>Dypsis lutescens</i>	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4514	-66.05
1836	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4516	-66.0502
1837	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4517	-66.0501
1838	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4518	-66.0501
1839	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.452	-66.0501
1840	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.452	-66.05
1841	<i>Washingtonia robusta</i>	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4524	-66.0498
1842	<i>Washingtonia robusta</i>	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4524	-66.0498
1843	<i>Pritchardia thurstonii</i>	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4528	-66.0499
1844	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso	18.4528	-66.0499

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1845	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4529	-66.0497
1846	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4529	-66.0497
1847	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4529	-66.0495
1848	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/15/2015	Area metro- Expreso Luis A. Ferré	18.4522	-66.0488
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1856	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/16/2015	Condado e Isla Verde	18.4524	-66.0474
1857	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/16/2015	Condado e Isla Verde	18.4524	-66.0475
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1863	<i>Pritchardia thurstonii</i>	10/16/2015	Condado e Isla Verde	18.4527	-66.0455
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1869	unknown sp.	10/20/2015	Aeropuerto	18.4408	-66.0152
1870	unknown sp.	10/20/2015	Aeropuerto	18.4407	-66.0153
1871	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/20/2015	Aeropuerto	18.4407	-66.0155
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1879	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	10/20/2015	Aeropuerto	18.4415	-66.0135
1880	<i>Sabal</i> sp.	10/20/2015	Aeropuerto	18.4416	-66.0131
1881	<i>Syagrus</i> sp.	10/20/2015	Piñones	18.4418	-66.0128
1882	<i>Pritchardia thurstonii</i>	10/20/2015	Piñones	18.4587	-65.9925
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1884	<i>Pritchardia thurstonii</i>	10/20/2015	Piñones	18.4589	-65.9923
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1894	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/20/2015	Piñones	18.4602	-65.9912
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1898	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/20/2015	Piñones	18.4591	-65.9872
1899	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	10/22/2015	Cataño	18.4273	-66.1144
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1901	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	10/22/2015	Cataño	18.4272	-66.1145
1902	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	10/22/2015	Cataño	18.4272	-66.1155
1903	<i>Phoenix</i> sp.	10/22/2015	Cataño	18.4269	-66.1155
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1911	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/22/2015	Vega Baja	18.4534	-66.1556
1912	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/22/2015	Vega Baja	18.4534	-66.1555
1913	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/22/2015	Vega Baja	18.4534	-66.1554
1914	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/22/2015	Vega Baja	18.4535	-66.1552
1915	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/22/2015	Vega Baja	18.4535	-66.1552
1916	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/22/2015	Vega Baja	18.4535	-66.1551
1917	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/22/2015	Vega Baja- Area de playa	18.4534	-66.177
1918	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/22/2015	Vega Baja- Area de playa	18.4533	-66.177
1919	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/22/2015	Vega Baja- Area de playa	18.4535	-66.1771
1920	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/22/2015	Vega Baja- Area de playa	18.4535	-66.1771

1921	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/22/2015	Vega Baja- Area de playa	18.4536	-66.1772
1922	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/22/2015	Vega Baja- Area de playa	18.4536	-66.1773
1923	<i>Elaeis guineensis</i>	10/22/2015	Cataño	18.4253	-66.1117
1924	<i>Elaeis guineensis</i>	10/22/2015	Cataño	18.4253	-66.1118
1925	<i>Elaeis guineensis</i>	10/22/2015	Cataño	18.4255	-66.1118
1926	<i>Elaeis guineensis</i>	10/22/2015	Cataño	18.4255	-66.1119
1927	<i>Elaeis guineensis</i>	10/22/2015	Cataño	18.4256	-66.1119
1928	<i>Elaeis guineensis</i>	10/22/2015	Cataño	18.4257	-66.1119
1929	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/23/2015	Lares	18.1983	-66.8457
1930	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/23/2015	Lares	18.2229	-66.861
1931	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/23/2015	Lares	18.2229	-66.861
1932	<i>Ptychococcus sp.</i>	10/23/2015	Lares	18.2269	-66.8619
1933	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/23/2015	Lares	18.2347	-66.8624
1934	<i>Roystonea sp.</i>	10/23/2015	Lares	18.2395	-66.8769
1935	<i>Hyophorbe verschaffeltii</i>	10/27/2015	Corozal	18.327	-66.3587
1936	<i>Hyophorbe verschaffeltii</i>	10/27/2015	Corozal	18.327	-66.3586
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1939	<i>Hyophorbe verschaffeltii</i>	10/27/2015	Corozal	18.3268	-66.3585
1940	<i>Hyophorbe verschaffeltii</i>	10/27/2015	Corozal	18.3267	-66.3582
1941	<i>Roystonea sp.</i>	10/27/2015	Corozal	18.3267	-66.3582
1942	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/27/2015	Corozal	18.3267	-66.3579
1943	<i>Dypsis lutescens</i>	10/27/2015	Corozal	18.3265	-66.3577
1944	<i>Roystonea sp.</i>	10/27/2015	Corozal	18.3261	-66.3578
1945	<i>Dypsis lutescens</i>	10/27/2015	Corozal	18.3262	-66.3578
1946	<i>Dypsis lutescens</i>	10/27/2015	Corozal	18.3262	-66.3579
1947	<i>Dypsis decaryi</i>	10/27/2015	Corozal	18.3262	-66.3597

1948	<i>Dypsis decaryi</i>	10/27/2015	Corozal	18.3263	-66.3598
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1950	<i>Ptychococcus</i> sp.	10/29/2015	Dorado- Finca Monterey	18.4365	-66.304
1951	<i>Dypsis lutescens</i>	10/29/2015	Dorado- Finca Monterey	18.4365	-66.3041
1952	<i>Ptychococcus</i> sp.	10/29/2015	Dorado- Finca Monterey	18.4366	-66.3043
1953	<i>Ptychococcus</i> sp.	10/29/2015	Dorado- Finca Monterey	18.4366	-66.3042
1954	<i>Ptychococcus</i> sp.	10/29/2015	Dorado- Finca Monterey	18.4367	-66.3041
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1956	<i>Roystonea</i> sp.	10/29/2015	Dorado- Finca Monterey	18.436	-66.3041
1957	<i>Roystonea</i> sp.	10/29/2015	Dorado- Finca Monterey	18.4359	-66.3042
1958	<i>Roystonea</i> sp.	10/29/2015	Dorado- Finca Monterey	18.4358	-66.3042
1959	<i>Pritchardia</i> <i>thurstonii</i>	10/29/2015	Dorado- Finca Monterey	18.4356	-66.3048
1960	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/29/2015	Dorado- Finca Monterey	18.4354	-66.3048
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1966	<i>Adonidia merrillii</i>	10/29/2015	Dorado-Finca Monterey	18.4353	-66.3041
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1973	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/29/2015	Bayamón	18.4104	-66.1958
1974	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/29/2015	Bayamón	18.4109	-66.1952
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1983	<i>Syagrus</i> sp.	10/29/2015	Expreso Bayamón-San Juan	18.4199	-66.1644
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1987	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/30/2015	Utuaado	18.2817	-66.81
1988	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/30/2015	Utuaado	18.2827	-66.8096
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1990	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/30/2015	Utuaado	18.2828	-66.8094
1991	<i>Adonidia merrillii</i>	10/30/2015	Utuaado	18.2847	-66.8096
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1993	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	10/30/2015	Utuaado	18.2847	-66.8096
1994	<i>Livistona</i> sp.	10/30/2015	Utuaado	18.2882	-66.7689
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1998	<i>Hyophorbe verschaffeltii</i>	11/03/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3911	-66.0562
1999	<i>Wodyetia bifurcata</i>	11/03/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.391	-66.0561
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2014	<i>Latania</i> sp.	11/03/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3898	-66.0563
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2019	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	11/03/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.3904	-66.0568
2020	<i>Pritchardia thurstonii</i>	11/03/2015	Jardín Botánico UPR	18.39	-66.0568

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2046	<i>Wodyetia bifurcata</i>	11/10/2015	Ave. 65 Infantería	18.4022	-66.0047
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2057	<i>Adonidia merrillii</i>	11/25/2015	Yauco	18.1528	-66.9209
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2087	<i>Adonidia merrillii</i>	03/30/2016	Camuy	18.4738	-66.8572
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2089	<i>Dyopsis decaryi</i>	03/30/2016	Camuy	18.4737	-66.8573
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2099	<i>Sabal</i> sp.	03/30/2016	Expreso San Juan	18.4273	-66.0764
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2107	<i>Roystonea</i> sp.	04/01/2016	Rio Piedras-	18.3212	-66.0387

			Montehiedra		
2108	<i>Roystonea</i> sp.	04/01/2016	Rio Piedras-Montehiedra	18.3212	-66.0387
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2132	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	04/01/2016	Gurabo	18.2479	-65.987
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2134	<i>Sabal</i> sp.	04/19/2016	Carolina	18.3909	-65.9775
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2136	<i>Pritchardia thurstonii</i>	04/19/2016	Carolina	18.3906	-65.9774
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2138	<i>Washingtonia</i> sp.	04/19/2016	Carolina	18.388	-65.9733
2139	<i>Syagrus</i> sp.	04/19/2016	Carolina	18.3881	-65.9734
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2142	<i>Syagrus</i> sp.	04/19/2016	Carolina	18.3764	-65.9311
2143	<i>Wodyetia bifurcata</i>	04/19/2016	Carolina	18.3767	-65.9293
2144	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	04/19/2016	Carolina	18.3768	-65.9215
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2149	<i>Washingtonia</i> sp.	04/19/2016	Canovanas	18.3804	-65.885
2150	<i>Washingtonia</i> sp.	04/19/2016	Canovanas	18.3803	-65.8849
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2154	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	04/19/2016	Loiza	18.4227	-65.8315
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2156	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	04/19/2016	Loiza	18.4228	-65.8314
2157	<i>Roystonea</i> sp.	04/19/2016	Rio Grande	18.3749	-65.8214
2158	<i>Roystonea</i> sp.	04/19/2016	Rio Grande	18.3749	-65.8213
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2169	<i>Ptychococcus</i> sp.	04/22/2016	San Juan	18.3944	-66.0315
2170	<i>Ptychococcus</i> sp.	04/22/2016	San Juan	18.3942	-66.0315
2171	<i>Wodyetia bifurcata</i>	04/22/2016	San Juan	18.3942	-66.0315
2172	<i>Roystonea</i> sp.	04/22/2016	Trujillo Alto	18.3793	-66.0252

2173	<i>Ptychococcus</i> sp.	04/22/2016	Trujillo Alto	18.3793	-66.0252
2174	<i>Roystonea</i> sp.	04/22/2016	Trujillo Alto	18.3741	-66.0212
2175	<i>Ptychococcus</i> sp.	04/22/2016	Trujillo Alto	18.3739	-66.0211
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2177	<i>Dypsis lutescens</i>	04/22/2016	Trujillo Alto	18.3724	-66.0191
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2183	<i>Washingtonia</i> sp.	04/22/2016	Trujillo Alto	18.3705	-66.0161
2184	<i>Washingtonia</i> sp.	04/22/2016	Trujillo Alto	18.3706	-66.0162
2185	<i>Syagrus</i> sp.	04/22/2016	Trujillo Alto	18.3648	-66.0086
2186	<i>Syagrus</i> sp.	04/22/2016	Trujillo Alto	18.3649	-66.0087
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2190	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	05/10/2016	Rio Piedras	18.3676	-66.0813
2191	<i>Sabal</i> sp.	05/10/2016	Rio Piedras	18.3676	-66.0813
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2193	<i>Sabal</i> sp.	05/10/2016	Rio Piedras	18.3677	-66.0814
2194	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	05/10/2016	Rio Piedras	18.3677	-66.0814
2195	<i>Sabal</i> sp.	05/10/2016	Rio Piedras	18.3677	-66.0815
2196	<i>Wodyetia</i> <i>bifurcata</i>	05/10/2016	Guaynabo	18.3847	-66.1211
2197	<i>Wodyetia</i> <i>bifurcata</i>	05/10/2016	Guaynabo	18.3847	-66.121

2198	<i>Wodyetia bifurcata</i>	05/10/2016	Guaynabo	18.3847	-66.121
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2213	<i>Acrocomia aculeata</i>	05/10/2016	Bayamón	18.3846	-66.1299
2214	<i>Acrocomia aculeata</i>	05/10/2016	Rio Piedras	18.3582	-66.087
2215	<i>Acrocomia aculeata</i>	05/10/2016	Rio Piedras	18.3579	-66.0867
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2218	<i>Phoenix</i> sp.	05/10/2016	Rio Piedras	18.358	-66.0759
2219	<i>Syagrus</i> sp.	05/10/2016	Rio Piedras	18.3579	-66.076
2220	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	05/19/2016	Yauco	18.1393	-66.8364
2221	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	05/19/2016	San Juan	18.4379	-66.0842
2222	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	05/19/2016	San Juan	18.4378	-66.0842
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2224	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	05/19/2016	San Juan	18.4375	-66.0845
2225	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	05/19/2016	San Juan	18.4375	-66.0846

2226	<i>Washingtonia</i> sp.	05/19/2016	San Juan	18.4369	-66.0851
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2235	<i>Roystonea</i> <i>borinquena</i>	05/19/2016	Guaynabo	18.3993	-66.1252
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2259	<i>Pritchardia thurstonii</i>	05/26/2016	Ponce	18.0061	-66.5829
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2263	<i>Sabal</i> sp.	05/26/2016	Ponce	18.0064	-66.5821
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2265	<i>Washingtonia</i> sp.	05/26/2016	Ponce	17.994	-66.6046
2266	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	05/26/2016	Cayey	18.1117	-66.1423
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2274	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	06/07/2016	Jardin Botanico Norte	18.3936	-66.0607

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2279	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	06/07/2016	Jardin Botánico Norte	18.3936	-66.0613
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2282	<i>Sabal</i> sp.	06/07/2016	Jardin Botánico Norte	18.3934	-66.0606
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2287	<i>Hyophorbe verschaffeltii</i>	06/07/2016	Jardin Botánico Norte	18.3945	-66.0608
2288	<i>Hyophorbe verschaffeltii</i>	06/07/2016	Jardin Botánico Norte	18.3946	-66.0609
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2294	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	06/16/2016	Expreso de Corozal	18.3496	-66.3087
2295	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	06/16/2016	Toa Alta	18.3861	-66.2925
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2307	<i>Wodyetia bifurcata</i>	06/16/2016	Arecibo	18.4783	-66.7586
2308	<i>Wodyetia bifurcata</i>	06/16/2016	Arecibo	18.4783	-66.7586
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2314	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	06/21/2016	Hatillo	18.4837	-66.7683
2315	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	06/21/2016	Hatillo	18.4836	-66.7684
2316	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	06/21/2016	Hatillo	18.4836	-66.7684
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2318	<i>Veitchia arecina</i>	06/21/2016	Hatillo	18.4836	-66.7683
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2354	<i>Dyopsis</i> sp.	06/22/2016	Cidra	18.1427	-66.0947
2355	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	06/22/2016	Caguas	18.1389	-66.0874
2356	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	06/22/2016	Cidra	18.1382	-66.0849
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2358	<i>Prestoea acuminata</i>	06/22/2016	Patillas	18.091	-66.0359
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2361	<i>Dyopsis lutescens</i>	06/22/2016	Cidra	18.1588	-66.0985

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2363	<i>Syagrus</i> sp.	06/22/2016	Cidra	18.1588	-66.0989
2364	<i>Roystonea</i> sp.	06/22/2016	Cidra	18.1614	-66.0974
2365	<i>Hyophorbe verschaffeltii</i>	06/22/2016	Cidra	18.1613	-66.0975
2366	<i>Hyophorbe verschaffeltii</i>	06/22/2016	Cidra	18.1612	-66.0975
2367	<i>Pritchardia thurstonii</i>	06/22/2016	Caguas	18.1714	-66.0931
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2382	<i>Phoenix dactylifera</i>	06/22/2016	Cayey	18.1157	-66.1462
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2414	<i>Syagrus sp.</i>	06/24/2016	Vega Baja	18.4367	-66.423
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2564	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/08/2016	Cabo Rojo	18.026	-67.1687

2565	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/08/2016	Cabo Rojo	18.026	-67.1688
2566	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/08/2016	Cabo rojo	18.0259	-67.1688
2567	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/08/2016	Cabo Rojo	18.0258	-67.1688
2568	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/08/2016	Cabo Rojo	18.0262	-67.1689
2569	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/08/2016	Cabo Rojo	18.0263	-67.1688
2570	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/08/2016	Cabo Rojo	18.0251	-67.1688
2571	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/08/2016	Cabo Rojo	18.0252	-67.1688
2572	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/08/2016	Cabo Rojo	18.0214	-67.1706
2573	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/08/2016	Cabo Rojo	18.0215	-67.1706
2574	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/08/2016	Cabo Rojo	18.0216	-67.1718
2575	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/08/2016	Cabo Rojo	18.0215	-67.1709
2576	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/08/2016	Cabo Rojo	18.0212	-67.1711
2577	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/08/2016	Cabo Rojo	18.0211	-67.1711
2578	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/08/2016	Lajas	18.0317	-67.0746
2579	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/08/2016	Lajas	18.0317	-67.0747
2580	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/08/2016	Lajas	18.0315	-67.0745
2581	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/08/2016	Lajas	18.0316	-67.0743
2582	<i>Roystonea</i> sp.	07/08/2016	Lajas	18.0351	-67.0687
2583	<i>Roystonea</i> sp.	07/08/2016	Lajas	18.0353	-67.0688
2584	<i>Wodyetia bifurcata</i>	07/08/2016	Guanica	17.9671	-66.9309
2585	<i>Wodyetia bifurcata</i>	07/08/2016	Guanica	17.967	-66.9309
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2587	<i>Bismarckia nobilis</i>	07/08/2016	Guanica	17.9666	-66.931
2588	<i>Wodyetia bifurcata</i>	07/08/2016	Guanica	17.9759	-66.9119
2589	<i>Wodyetia bifurcata</i>	07/08/2016	Guanica	17.9757	-66.9118
2590	<i>Washingtonia</i> sp.	07/08/2016	Yauco	18.0248	-66.854
2591	<i>Washingtonia</i> sp.	07/08/2016	Yauco	18.0247	-66.8539
2592	<i>Syagrus</i> sp.	07/08/2016	Yauco	18.0247	-66.8542
2593	<i>Syagrus</i> sp.	07/08/2016	Yauco	18.0247	-66.8542
2598	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/15/2016	Rio Piedras	18.3918	-66.0564
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2603	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/15/2016	Luquillo	18.3877	-65.7281
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2611	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/15/2016	Luquillo	18.3853	-65.7274
2612	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/15/2016	Fajardo	18.2981	-65.6464
2613	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/15/2016	Fajardo	18.2981	-65.6462
2614	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/15/2016	Fajardo	18.2966	-65.6454
2615	<i>Roystonea borinquena</i>	07/15/2016	Fajardo	18.2966	-65.6454
2616	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/18/2016	Fajardo	18.3519	-65.6564
2617	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/18/2016	Fajardo	18.3519	-65.6564
2618	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/18/2016	Fajardo	18.3455	-65.6364
2619	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/18/2016	Fajardo	18.3456	-65.6365
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2622	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/18/2016	Fajardo	18.359	-65.64
2623	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/18/2016	Fajardo	18.3589	-65.6401
2624	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/18/2016	Fajardo	18.3693	-65.6341
2625	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/18/2016	Fajardo	18.3694	-65.634
2626	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/18/2016	Fajardo	18.3695	-65.634
2627	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/18/2016	Fajardo	18.3697	-65.6338
2628	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/18/2016	Fajardo	18.3618	-65.6252
2629	<i>Dypsis lutescens</i>	07/18/2016	Fajardo	18.3618	-65.6253
2630	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/18/2016	Fajardo	18.3617	-65.6251
2631	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/18/2016	Fajardo	18.3643	-65.6257
2632	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/18/2016	Fajardo	18.3643	-65.6256
2633	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/18/2016	Fajardo	18.3643	-65.6256
2634	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/18/2016	Fajardo	18.3691	-65.6363
2635	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/18/2016	Fajardo	18.369	-65.6364
2636	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/18/2016	Fajardo	18.369	-65.6363
2637	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/18/2016	Fajardo	18.3691	-65.6364
2638	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	07/18/2016	Fajardo	18.3691	-65.6364

TABLE 3. PRIMERS FOR PALMS MOLECULAR IDENTIFICATION USED IN THIS STUDY.

Primer	Sequence (5'-3')	Amplicon Size	Region Amplify	Reference
matK-F	CGTACAGTACTTTTGTGTTTACG AG	846-852bp	maturase K gene	Jeanson <i>et al.</i> , 2011
matK-R	ACCCAGTCCATCTGGAAATCTT GGTTC	846-852bp	maturase K gene	Jeanson <i>et al.</i> , 2011
rbcLa-F	ATGTCACCACAAACAGAGACTA	654bp	ribulose-bisphosphate carboxylase gene	Kress <i>et al.</i> , 2009
rbcLa-R	GTAAAATCAAGTCCACCRCG	654bp	ribulose-bisphosphate carboxylase gene	Kress <i>et al.</i> , 2009

TABLE 4. SUCCESS RATE FOR *RBCL* AND *MATK*

Barcode marker	<i>rbcL</i>	<i>matK</i>
Number of samples	922	95
Sequencing success	892	55
Sequencing success rate (%)	97%	58%

TABLE 5. ESTIMATE OF TRANSITION AND TRANSVERSION RATE FOR *RBCL*

	A	T	C	G
A	-	<i>5.53</i>	<i>4.32</i>	8.26
T	<i>5.33</i>	-	18.65	<i>4.29</i>
C	<i>5.33</i>	23.89	-	<i>4.29</i>
G	10.25	<i>5.53</i>	<i>4.32</i>	-

Transition rates are shown in bold, and transversion rates are shown in italics. For simplicity, the sum of r values is 100.

TABLE 6. ESTIMATE OF TRANSITION AND TRANSVERSION RATE FOR *MATK*

	A	T	C	G
A	-	<i>6.44</i>	<i>3</i>	8.63
T	<i>5.19</i>	-	12.75	<i>2.7</i>
C	<i>5.19</i>	27.37	-	<i>2.7</i>
G	16.57	<i>6.44</i>	<i>3</i>	-

Transition rates are shown in bold, and transversion rates are shown in italics. For simplicity, the sum of r values is 100.

CHAPTER 2. Detection of phytoplasma (16SrIV) associated with palms in. Puerto Rico

ABSTRACT

Phytoplasmas are plant-pathogenic bacteria that, like other Mollicutes, lack cell walls (Vázquez-Euán *et al.*, 2011). These organisms are poorly characterized because they are non-culturable bacteria. Phytoplasmas are known to cause disease in many plant species worldwide, being the lethal yellowing-like diseases (LYDs) of palms the more serious. Available information for Puerto Rico indicates the existence of 16SrIV phytoplasma group in some palm species, including the Royal palm *Roystonea borinquena* O. F. Cook, and the coconut palm *Cocos nucifera* L. The purpose of this study is to confirm the presence of phytoplasmas in palms species in Puerto Rico via its genetic characterization, and determine the extent of spread over the island. For this study we selected a sample of 192 palm samples from an initial pool screening of 1047 palms collected between July 2015 to February 2017 across different localities in the island of Puerto Rico. The samples included representatives of native and ornamental palm species occurring in Puerto Rico as we identified in a previous study. For amplification of the phytoplasma DNA, we carried out direct and nested PCRs. For the direct PCR, we used universal primers for phytoplasma, primers P1/P7 to amplify the 16S-23S rDNA region with an amplicon size of ~1830bp. For the nested PCR, we used the R16F2n/R16F2 primer pair, to amplify the 16S rDNA region with an amplicon size of ~1245bp. To find sequence similarity, we used Basic Local Alignment Search Tool (BLASTn). We obtained 3 sequences that showed 100% similarity to the phytoplasma 16SrIV group. Two of the positive samples corresponded to *Dypsis lutescens* (an introduced species) and one to *Aiphanes minima* (Gaertn.) Burret (a native species). The early detection of phytoplasma-related diseases

can help to reduce its spread and avoid the negative impact to crop yields in palm species of agricultural importance.

INTRODUCTION

Palms crops worldwide are experiencing negative effects on crop yields and survivorship from exposure to phytopathogens, including phytoplasmas (Ntushello *et al.*, 2013). Phytoplasmas are plant-pathogenic organisms that are associated with over 1000 plant diseases that cause major economic damage and destroy crop yields every year. (Duan *et al.*, 2013; Ntushello *et al.*, 2013). For years they were known as mycoplasma-like organisms (MLOs), but today it is known that phytoplasmas are bacteria lacking cell walls that inhabit the phloem of plants and particular cells of their insect vectors (Vázquez-Euán *et al.*, 2011). These organisms were discovered in 1967 in the sieve tubes of disease plants by electron microscope examinations (Doi *et al.*, 1967). Phytoplasmas have pleomorphic shapes and are poorly characterized, likely for the difficulty of its culture *in vitro* (Contaldo *et al.*, 2012; Christensen *et al.*, 2005). Phytoplasma detection requires the use of electron microscopy, and molecular-based methods (McCOY *et al.*, 1980; Harrison *et al.*, 1994). However, recently, Contaldo and collaborators (2012) reported the first phytoplasma growth record on axenic culture. These findings have potentiated the direct detection of phytoplasma in plant tissue and insect vectors and provided researchers with the capacity to expand our knowledge about the biology and host colonization mechanism of phytoplasmas.

To date, more than six-hundred plant diseases associated to phytoplasmas have been reported affecting fruits (eg. guava, mango, papaya), vegetables (eg. lettuce, onion) and ornamental crops (eg. hibiscus, poinsettia) (Bertaccini *et al.*, 2014). Studies has

shown that phytoplasma concentration in the phloem tissue is not necessarily homogenous and also symptoms can vary over plant host (Harrison *et al.*, 1992; Perilla-Henao & Casteel, 2016). The visual symptoms of phytoplasma-associated diseases vary widely and in the past have been used as a way to name host diseases (Ntushello *et al.*, 2013). The phytoplasma disease affecting palms known as Lethal yellowing type disease (LY) is a major phytosanitary problem threatening coconut and other palms plantations worldwide (Maust *et al.*, 2003; Silva *et al.*, 2019). Palms that are infected with phytoplasma diseases often have visual symptoms that include flower malformations and necrosis, premature nutfall, leaf discoloration (yellowing or bronzing) starting with the oldest leaves to the center of the crown, with the spear leaf being the last to die (Brown, 2016; Elliot *et al.*, 2004; Maust *et al.*, 2003; Ntushello *et al.*, 2013). These types of diseases are incurable and are lethal to infected trees.

The “*Candidatus*” system is a scheme for assigning a binomial name to incompletely described prokaryotes a designation that was later adopted as the taxonomic rule for the genus and species description of uncultured organisms (Murray and Shleifer, 1994; IRPCM, 2004). Phytoplasmas are classified as ‘*Candidatus* Phytoplasma’ genus with 35 described ‘*Ca.* Phytoplasma species’ and more than 100 isolates based in 16SrRNA gene sequences (Bertaccini *et al.*, 2014; Hogenhout *et al.*, 2008). Phytoplasma strains could be more than 97.5% identical but are considered as different ‘*Ca.* Phytoplasma’ species if they have a different vector species, have different host, or act different on the same host, (Ntushello *et al.*, 2013). Lethal yellowing disease (16SrIV) affects more than 30 species of palms worldwide (Ntushello *et al.*, 2013). The 16SrIV group has been categorized into the following six subgroups (**Table 1**). Subgroup

16SrIV-A includes lethal yellowing (LY) or coconut lethal yellowing (CLY). Subgroup 16SrIV-B includes Yucatan coconut lethal decline. Subgroup 16SrIV-C includes coconut lethal disease (CLD). Subgroup 16SrIV-D includes Texas phoenix palm decline (TPD) and *Carludovica palmata* yellows (CPY). Subgroup 16SrIV-E, that includes CLY identified in *C. nucifera* in the Dominican Republic. Subgroup 16SrIV-F, that includes CLY identified in *Washingtonia robusta* and *Phoenix dactylifera* in Florida (Vázquez-Euán et al 2011).

Phytoplasmas have the capacity to live and alternate between two life kingdoms (Plantae and Animalia) in which they propagate and persist (Ntushello *et al.*, 2013). Although the transmission mechanism of phytoplasmas is still not fully understood (Perilla-Henao *et al.*, 2016), it is known that the primary mechanisms of plant-to-plant transmission occur during the feeding activity of phloem feeding insect vectors – a period known as the acquisition period of the plant- and by the vegetative propagation of infected plant tissue or trees. Recently, phytoplasma cells were documented on coconut embryos and seedlings in the laboratory, confirming that phytoplasma can be transmitted directly from parents to offsprings during reproduction (Oropeza *et al.*, 2017). Once in the vascular tissue, the phytoplasma replicates and systematically spreads and persists throughout the entire plant body (Gurr *et al.*, 2016; Weintraub, 2007). The period between the acquisition and visual symptoms of the disease can vary from months to more than a year (Harrison & Elliot, 2008; Oropeza *et al.*, 2010). Confirmed phytoplasma vectors species are grouped mainly into the families: Cicadellidae, Fulgoridae (Cixiidae, Delphacidae and Derbidae), and Psyllidae (Bertaccini et al., 2014; Weintraub & Beanland, 2006). The cixiid *Haplaxius crudus* (van Duzee) has been reported as a vector of the LY

disease associated with palms in many countries (Weintraub & Beanland, 2006). Another putative vector of LY is the derbid *Cedusa* sp. but transmission assays need to be conducted to confirm this species as phytoplasma vector (Brown *et al.*, 2006; Rodrigues *et al.*, 2010b).

The main control method for phytoplasmas is the surveillance and removal of infected palm trees. Phytoplasmas are sensitive to Tetracycline, but the complete suppression of the bacteria in plants treated with this antibiotic has not been demonstrated (Ishii *et al.*, 1967; Gurr *et al.*, 2016). Other management strategies include the replacement of susceptible species with varieties that have shown resistance to this type of disease, as well as the prohibition of movement of living plants and seeds from affected countries (EFSA Panel on Plant Health, 2017; Gurr *et al.*, 2016).

The first reports of palm mortality due to yellowing symptoms in the Caribbean Basin were in 1834 in the Cayman Islands, followed by reports in Cuba and Jamaica (1870s) (Ntushello *et al.*, 2013). Several outbreaks of yellowing type diseases on coconut plantations have been reported subsequently in this region. During 1970s to 1990s LY type diseases outbreak in Jamaica produced the loss of most of the variety of *C. nucifera* known as ‘Jamaican Tall’ (Ntushello *et al.*, 2013). Moreover, phytoplasma diseases associated to the 16SrIV group were documented in five species of palms native to the Caribbean Basin, including *Coccothrinax readii*, *Sabal mexicana*, *Sabal palmetto*, *Thrinax radiata*, and *Pseudophoenix sargentii* (Narváez *et al.*, 2006; Vázquez-Euán *et al.*, 2011; Harrison *et al.*, 2009).

In Puerto Rico, the first report of phytoplasma was the disease of *Tabebuia pallida* (Lindl.) Miers by Cook (1938) who reported a “viral type disease” and reported

leafhopper *Protalehra tabebuiae* Dozier as possible vector of the disease. In 2010, the Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture established a program to monitor palms with symptoms of lethal yellowing (16SrIV) phytoplasma. Reports confirm the presence of 16SrIV-D phytoplasma group in some palm species (native and introduced), including Royal palms (*Roystonea* sp.), Fishtail palm (*Caryota mitis*), Carpentaria palm (*Carpentaria acuminata*), and coconut palm (*Cocos nucifera*) (Rodrigues *et al.*, 2010a).

The aim of this study was to confirm the presence of phytoplasma in palms in Puerto Rico, characterize it, and determine whether its occurrence has spread over the island. The early detection of phytoplasma related diseases can help to reduce its spread and help prevent potential negative impact in crop yields.

Questions:

- Which 16SrIV subgroups of phytoplasmas are affecting palms in Puerto Rico?
- Which palms species are susceptible to phytoplasma (16SrIV) associated disease in Puerto Rico?
- Are native species of palms susceptible to phytoplasma?
- Are ornamental palms in Puerto Rico susceptible to phytoplasma disease?
- Are phytoplasmas spreading in the Island?

METHODS

A sample of 192 palms (**Figure 1**) were selected from an initial palm survey of 1,027 palms around the island of Puerto Rico that took place from July 2015 to February 2017. Palms species screening for phytoplasma disease (n=192) were *Acrocomia*

aculeata, *Adonidia merrillii*, *Aiphanes minima*, *Bismarckia nobilis*, *Caryota mitis*, *Cocos nucifera*, *Corypha* sp., *Corypha umbraculifera*, *Cryosophila* sp., *Cyrtostachys renda*, *Desmoncus orthacanthos*, *Dypsis decaryi*, *Dypsis lutescens*, *Dypsis* sp., *Elaeis guineensis*, *Elaeis oleifera*, *Hyophorbe lagenicaulis*, *Hyophorbe verschaffeltii*, *Latania* sp., *Licuala grandis*, *Licuala paludosa*, *Licuala* sp., *Livistona chinensis*, *Livistona* sp., *Phoenix dactylifera*, *Phoenix* sp., *Prestoea acuminata*, *Pritchardia thurstonii*, *Pseudophoenix sargentii*, *Ptychococcus* sp., *Ptychosperma burretianum*, *Ptychosperma micranthum*, *Ptychosperma* sp., *Roystonea borinquena*, *Roystonea* sp., *Sabal palmetto*, *Sabal* sp., *Syagrus* sp., *Veitchia arecina*, , *Washingtonia robusta*, *Washingtonia* sp., and *Wodyetia bifurcata* (**Figure 2**). The initial survey involved collecting tissue samples from different palm species showing both, leaf discoloration symptoms and from symptomless palms. We carry out visual symptoms' inspection of palms trees e.g., leaf yellowing, decay, nut falls, inflorescence necrosis. Tissue samples from the trunk were obtained using the methods described by Harrison *et al.*, (2002) for phytoplasma detection. The samples were obtained by making a 10 to 15 cm deep hole into the trunk of each palm at a height of 1.5 meters, using a portable electric drill and a sterile 7.8 mm diameter bit. About 6g of vascular tissue were removed from the interior of the trunks and placed on self-sealing plastic bags. The drill bit was rinsed with ethanol, then heated with a torch, and cooled with distilled water before drilling to prevent any contamination.

Genomic DNA was extracted from the trunk tissue of (n=192) using DNeasy® Plant MiniKits following the protocol of the manufacturer (Qiagen Inc., Valencia, CA, USA). Palm DNA was screened for phytoplasma by direct PCR using the phytoplasma universal ribosomal primer pair P1/P7 and nested PCR using the primers R16F2n/R16R2

(**Table 2**). For the two sets of primers, PCRs were conducted in a total volume of 25 μ l containing 4.75 μ l of H₂O molecular grade, 12.5 μ l Master Mix (2X) (Promega, Madison, WI, USA), 4.75 μ l of BSA, 0.5 μ l of each primer and 2 μ l of DNA template.

PCR thermocycling for P1/P7 was performed under the following conditions: denaturation of 2 min at 94°C, followed by 35 cycles of 1 min at 94°C, 50s at 55°C, 2 min at 72°C, and terminated by and extension of 10 min at 72°C. PCR for R16F2n/R16R2 was performed under the following conditions: denaturation of 2min at 94°C, followed by 35 cycles of 1 min at 94°C, 2 min at 60°C, 3 min at 72°C and terminated by and extension of 10 min at 72°C. PCR were run in an Applied Biosystems® 2720 Thermal Cycler. Following the amplifications, PCR products were viewed by electrophoresis in a 1.5% agarose gel and visualized by UV illumination.

PCR products of ~1,200bp were produced in 83/192 of the samples (**Figure 3**). The amplicons for all positive samples (n=83) were purified with ExoSAP-IT® and sequenced at Macrogen (Seoul, Korea). Sequences were manually edited and contig sequence were produced for n=39 samples using CodonCode Aligner 6.0.1 (Centerville, MA, USA). Multiple sequence alignment was conducted using Muscle in Mega version X (Edgar, 2004; Kumar *et al.*, 2018). We searched for sequence similarity using Basic Local Alignment Search Tool (BLASTn) of the National Center for Biotechnology Information. A phylogenetic tree was constructed by the neighbor-join method with 1,000 bootstraps using MEGAX (Kumar *et al.*, 2018; Saitou & Nei, 1987). The phylogenetic analysis included thirty-two 16SrDNA sequences: three 16SrIV-D strains generated in this study, 28 additional strains of phytoplasma, and *Acholeplasma laidlawii* (Acc. No. M23932) as the outgroup (**Table 3**). The sequences of phytoplasma produced in the

present study were deposited on Genbank. In addition, we did a virtual restriction fragment length polymorphisms (RFLP) analysis using *iPhyClassifier* tools to identify phytoplasma groups and subgroups (Zhao *et al.*, 2009).

RESULTS

Sixty percent of the collected palms presented symptoms associated to phytoplasma diseases, mainly premature leaf yellowing, and decay. Blast analysis indicated that three sequences (7.6%) of the total sample (83 positive sequences) were most similar (99.5%-100%) to that of Texas Phoenix Decline (TPD) phytoplasma, a subgroup 16SrIV-D. The virtual restriction length polymorphism analysis ran on *iPhyClassifier* showed a profile similar to the phytoplasma 16SrIV-D subgroup, confirming the blast results. The three confirmed sequences of phytoplasma were from positive samples of palm species *Dypsis lutescens* (2) and *Aiphanes minima* (1) collected at the UPR Botanical Garden.

This is the first report of ‘Candidatus Phytoplasma’ belonging to the 16SrIV-D associated to palm species *Dypsis lutescens* and *Aiphanes minima* in Puerto Rico. The phylogenetic analysis indicated that the sequence from phytoplasmas detected in this study clustered together with 16SrIV group (**Figure 4**). The observed tree branching pattern indicated that phytoplasma infecting *Dypsis lutescens*, and *Aiphanes minima* clustered together with other 16SrIV-D phytoplasma.

DISCUSSION

Most of the palms observed in coastal and urban areas in Puerto Rico show symptomatology typical of phytoplasma disease, especially leaf yellowing and decay, as well as inflorescence necrosis. These could be related to other biotic or abiotic factors

that affect plants because the symptoms caused by phytoplasma associated diseases resemble other plant disorders symptomatology (fungal diseases, and potassium and boron deficiency) (Elliott *et al.*, 2004). As reported by Harrison and Elliot (2008), there is a pattern of symptoms related with phytoplasma disease, but no single symptom can be used to the diagnosis of LY disease.

The Texas Phoenix palms decline has been associated with the phytoplasma 16SrIV-D subgroup, which is known to affect several palm species, including *Phoenix canariensis*, *P. sylvestris*, *P. dactylifera*, *Syagrus romanzoffiana*, *Pseudophoenix sargentii*, *Thrinax radiata*, *Bismarckia nobilis*, and *Adonidia merrillii* in Mexico, Texas, and Florida. Our study reports, for the first time phytoplasma 16SrIV-D associated with palms species *Dypsis lutescens*, and *Aiphanes minima* in Puerto Rico. *Dypsis lutescens* is a palm species endemic to Madagascar where they are classified as a critically threatened species due to human activities (Riffle *et al.*, 2012). In Puerto Rico, *Dypsis lutescens* are widely used as ornamentals (Acevedo-Rodríguez & Strong, 2005). Closely related species *Dypsis cabadae* and *D. decary* have also shown susceptibility to phytoplasma associated to LY disease (16SrIV-A) (Harrison and Elliot, 2008). *Aiphanes minima* is a palm species native to the Caribbean with no previous report of phytoplasma before this study. The susceptibility of this species to phytoplasma associated diseases could result in a disease outbreak. These results confirm the presence of this pathogen and increase our knowledge of phytoplasma host range in palms in Puerto Rico. Palms that tested positive for phytoplasma were collected at the UPR Botanical Garden, where the first cases of phytoplasma-related diseases affecting palms were reported. By confirming the presence of phytoplasma in other palms at the same locality, we suggest a

possible early outbreak of the disease. Also, the planthopper *Haplaxius crudus* a confirmed vector of LY disease in Florida was observed feeding from palm leaves near infected trees. This interaction needs to be studied further, especially in these areas with unknown mechanism of spread. spread mechanisms.

The virtual RFLP analysis confirmed and classified the phytoplasma sequence generated within the 16SrIV-D subgroup as confirmed by database similarly search on NCBI. The resulting phylogenetic tree clustered this sequence with the LY group in the same clade as 16SrIV-D, and 16SrIV-B. Other yellows within this group are closely related and have been linked to population declines in other palm species such as the Texas Phoenix decline (TPD), *Carludovica palmata* yellows (CPY), and Yucatan coconut lethal decline (LDY) (Harrison *et al.*, 2002b; Vázquez-Euán *et al.*, 2011).

Future research should focus on the identifying of other susceptible palm species in Puerto Rico, and identification of transmission mechanisms. Also, the sampling and monitoring of infected palms throughout the year could help identify fluctuations in the concentration of the pathogen and see if there is any relationship with abiotic factors such as precipitation, and humidity. The identification of possible vectors as well as the study of insect-pathogen-palm interaction is crucial to expand the knowledge about the biology of this organism, and for the establishment of a phytoplasmas management program.

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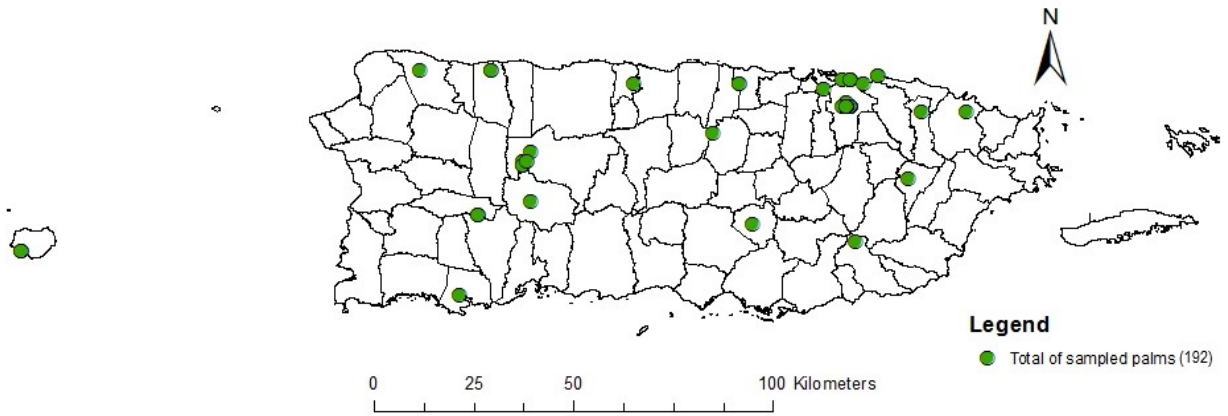


FIGURE 1. LOCATIONS OF THE PALMS SAMPLED FOR SCREENING OF PHYTOPLASMA

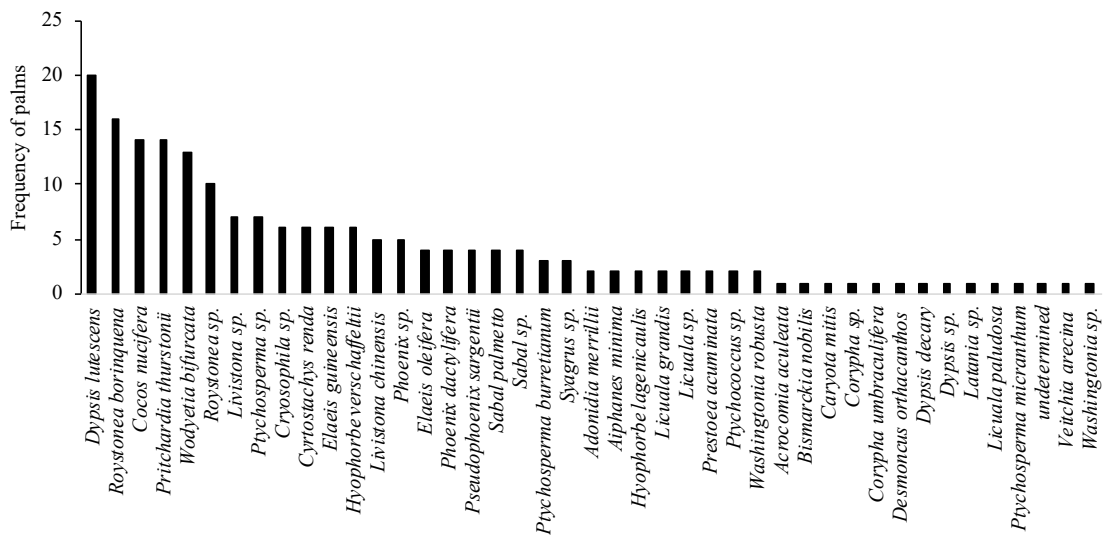


FIGURE 2. FREQUENCY OF PALMS SPECIES SCREENED FOR PHYTOPLASMA.

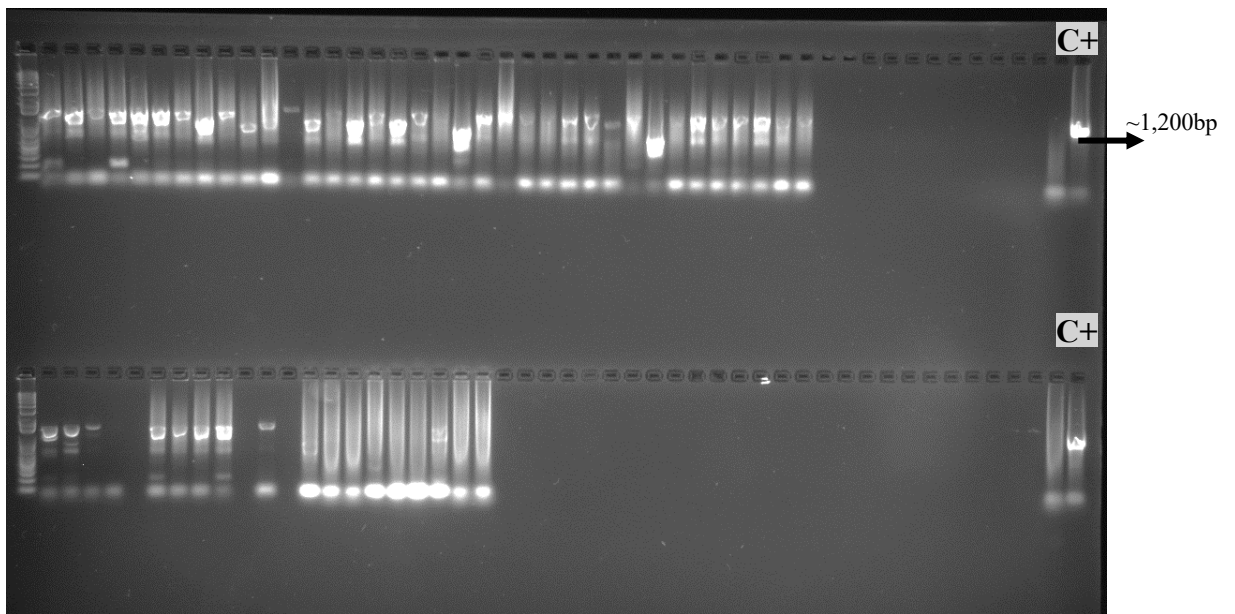


FIGURE 3. AGAROSA GEL (1.2%) SHOWING THE AMPLICON PRODUCED BY NESTED-PCR WITH PRIMERS SPECIFIC TO PHYTOPLASMA (R16F2N/R16R2). THE POSITIVE CONTROLS WERE DNA SAMPLES FROM LY PHYTOPLASMA INFECTED JAMAICA TALL COCONUT PALM, PROVIDED BY UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, FLREC/IFAS.

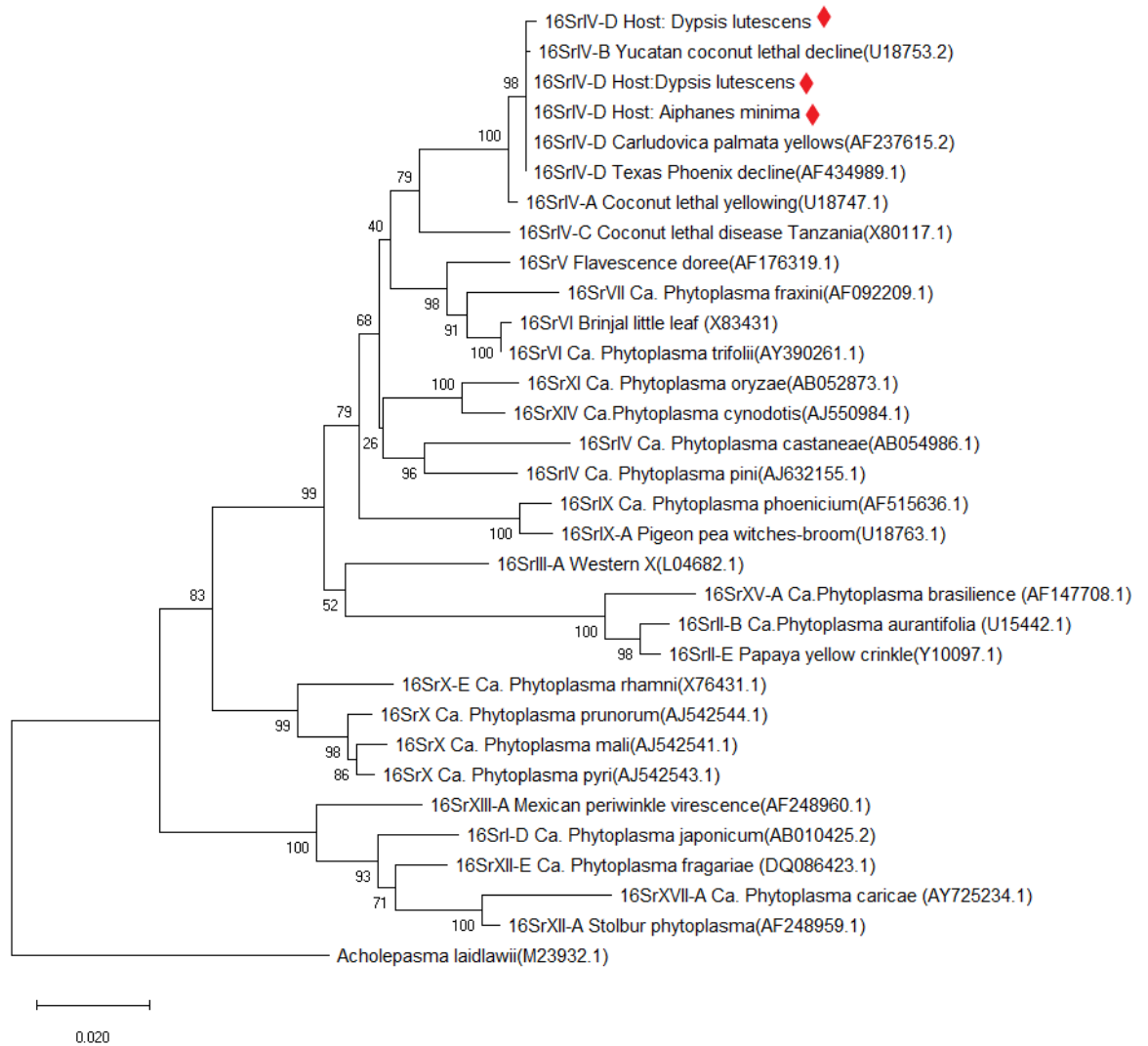


FIGURE 4. PHYLOGENETIC TREE OF 16SRDNA SEQUENCE FROM PHYTOPLASMAS ASSOCIATED WITH LETHAL YELLOWING OF PALMS (16SRIV) AND OTHER PHYTOPLASMA GROUPS CONSTRUCTED BY NEIGHBOR-JOINING METHOD. NUMBER ON BRANCHES REPRESENT BOOTSTRAP VALUES OF 50% OR MORE. PHYTOPLASMA SEQUENCES GENERATED IN THIS STUDY ARE INDICATED BY RED DIAMONDS (◆)

TABLE 1. DISTRIBUTION AND PALM SPECIES SUSCEPTIBLE TO PHYTOPLASMA DISEASES.

Location	16SrIV (Group/Subgroups)	Host	Reference
Antigua, Bahamas, Belize, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Yucatán Peninsula of Mexico, St. Ktts & Nevis, Florida	A	<i>Roystonea regia</i> , <i>Acrocomia mexicana</i> , <i>Phoenix canariensis</i> , <i>P.</i> <i>dactylifera</i> , <i>Sabal</i> <i>mexicana</i> , <i>Cocos</i> <i>nucifera</i> , <i>Coccothrinax</i> <i>readii</i> , <i>Thrinax</i> <i>radiata</i> , <i>Adonidia</i> <i>merrillii</i>	Harrison <i>et al.</i> , 2008; Narváez <i>et</i> <i>al.</i> , 2016; Vázquez-Euán <i>et</i> <i>al.</i> , 2011; Córdova <i>et al.</i> , 2017; Llauguer <i>et al.</i> , 2002
Mexico, Honduras	B	<i>Cocos nucifera</i> , <i>Acrocomia aculeata</i>	Harrison <i>et al.</i> , 2002a; Roca <i>et</i> <i>al.</i> , 2006
Mexico	C	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	Harrison <i>et al.</i> , 2002a
Mexico, Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico	D	<i>Carludovica palmata</i> , <i>Phoenix canariensis</i> , <i>P.</i> <i>dactylifera</i> , <i>P.</i> <i>reclinata</i> , <i>P.</i> <i>roebelenii</i> , <i>P.</i> <i>sylvestris</i> , <i>Syagrus</i> <i>romanzoffiana</i> , <i>Sabal</i> <i>mexicana</i> , <i>S. palmetto</i> , <i>Pseudophoenix</i> <i>sargentii</i> , <i>Thrinax</i> <i>radiata</i> , <i>Bismarckia</i> <i>nobilis</i> , <i>Adonidia</i> <i>merrillii</i> , <i>Roystonea</i> <i>spp.</i> <i>Caryota mitis</i> , <i>Carpentaria acuminata</i>	Vazquez-Euan <i>et</i> <i>al.</i> , 2011; Harrison <i>et al.</i> , 2002b, 2008, 2009; Dey <i>et al.</i> , 2018; Cordova <i>et</i> <i>al.</i> , 2017; Rodrigues <i>et al.</i> , 2010a
Dominican Republic	E	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	Martinez <i>et al.</i> , 2008
Florida	F	<i>Washingtonia robusta</i> , <i>Phoenix dactylifera</i>	Harrison <i>et al.</i> , 2008

TABLE 2. PRIMERS FOR PHYTOPLASMA DETECTION USING DIRECT AND NESTED PCR.

Primer	Sequence (5'-3')	Amplicon Size	Region Amplified	Reference
P1	AAGAGTTTGATCCTGGCTCAG GATT	1830bp	16S-23S rDNA	(Deng and Hiruki, 1991)
P7	CGTCCTTCATCGGCTCTT	1830bp	16S-23S rDNA	(Schneider <i>et al.</i> , 1995)
R16F2n	GAAACGACTGCTAAGACTGG	1245bp	16S rDNA	(Gundersen and Lee, 1996)
R16R2	TGACGGGCGGTGTGTACAAA CCCCG	1245bp	16S rDNA	(Lee <i>et al.</i> , 1993)

TABLE 3. SUMMARY OF PHYTOPLASMA 16SRDNA SEQUENCES USED FOR PHYLOGENETIC ANALYSIS.

Phytoplasma or associated disease	16S rRNA group-subgroup affiliation	GenBank accession no.
<i>Acholeplasma laidlawii</i>	N/a	M23932.1
<i>Ca. Phytoplasma japonicum</i>	16SrI-D	AB010425.2
<i>Ca. Phytoplasma aurantifolia</i>	16SrII-B	U15442.1
Papaya yellow crinkle	16SrII-E	Y10097.1
Western X	16SrIII-A	L04682.1
Lethal yellowing	16SrIV-A	U18747.1
Yucatan coconut lethal decline	16SrIV-B	U18753
Coconut lethal disease, Tanzania	16SrIV-C	X80117.1
<i>Carludovica palmata</i> yellows	16SrIV-D	AF237615.2
Texas Phoenix decline	16SrIV-D	AF434989.1
<i>Ca. Phytoplasma pini</i>	16SrIV	AJ632155.1
<i>Ca. Phytoplasma trifolii</i>	16SrIV	AY390261.1
<i>Ca. Phytoplasma Castaneae</i>	16SrIV	AB054986.1
Flavescence doree	16SrV	AF176319.1
Brinjal little leaf	16SrVI	X83431
<i>Ca. Phytoplasma fraxini</i>	16SrVII	AF092209.1
<i>Ca. Phytoplasma phoenicium</i>	16SrIX	AF515636.1
Pigeon pea witches'-broom	16SrIX	U18763.1
<i>Ca. Phytoplasma pyri</i>	16SrX	AJ542543.1
<i>Ca. Phytoplasma mali</i>	16SrX	AJ542541.1
<i>Ca. Phytoplasma prunorum</i>	16SrX	AJ542544.1
<i>Ca. Phytoplasma rhamni</i>	16SrX-E	X76431.1
<i>Ca. Phytoplasma oryzae</i>	16SrXI	AB052873.1
Stolbur	16SrXII	AF248959.1
<i>Ca. Phytoplasma fragariae</i>	16SrXII-E	DQ086423.1
Mexican periwinkle virescence	16SrXIII-A	AF248960.1
<i>Ca. Phytoplasma cynodotis</i>	16SrXIV	AJ550984.1
<i>Ca. Phytoplasma brasiliense</i>	16SrXV-A	AF147708.1
<i>Ca. Phytoplasma caricae</i>	16SrXVII-A	AY725234.1

CHAPTER 3. Auchenorrhyncha species associated with palms and their potential association to phytoplasma in Puerto Rico.

ABSTRACT

The suborder Auchenorrhyncha contains phloem-feeder insects that have been listed as vectors of phytoplasmas, a plant pathogen. In Puerto Rico the first report of *Haplaxius crudus* (van Duzee) was in 2010, this species is classified as an invasive, and is a vector of phytoplasma associated with lethal yellowing of palms in different countries. This work aimed to identify Auchenorrhyncha insects associated with palms and to determine their potential association to phytoplasma invasion in Puerto Rico. We surveyed insects associated with palms in three localities of different altitudes between August 2016 to October 2018: the UPR Botanical Garden in San Juan, Punta Santiago Natural Reserve in Humacao, and El Verde Field Station (El Yunque) in Rio Grande. Insects were identified morphologically, and specimens were submitted to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Costumers Services for further validation. To date, we have identified 33 species using morphological traits. In order to support morphological identification, genetic analyses evaluated the mitochondrial gene region for *cytochrome c oxidase subunit I* (*COI*). DNA from insects (n=120) were screened for phytoplasma by direct and nested PCR assays. Based on molecular data we identified 17 species of Hemiptera and, so far, we have found 7 samples that tested positive for phytoplasma. Three samples belonged to *Hortensia similis* (Walker) and four to *Xyphon reticulatum* (Signoret). To our knowledge this is the first report of these insect species associated to phytoplasma in Puerto Rico.

INTRODUCTION

There are approximately two-hundred species documented as confirmed or potential vectors of plant pathogens (Hallock, 2013). Species considered pest of crops are primarily herbivores whose feeding can cause serious damage to crops and has the ability to transmit phytopathogens (Perilla-Henao & Casteel, 2016). Reported vectors species are arranged in few taxonomic groups what may suggest that there are phylogenetically conservative traits involved in insect vectoring capacity. The most important vectors of bacterial pathogens of plant (e.g., phytoplasmas) are members of the suborder Hemiptera: Auchenorrhyncha (leafhoppers and planthoppers), and psyllids from the suborder Hemiptera: Sternorrhyncha (Perilla-Henao & Casteel, 2016). In Puerto Rico, knowledge about insect diversity, ecology, feeding preference and potential vectors of plant diseases are scarce for many natural areas.

Phytoplasma, class Mollicute, are plant pathogens vectored by phloem-feeders' insects (Gitau *et al.*, 2009). These bacteria have a complex life cycle that involve their plant host and insect vectors. These vector-borne bacteria specialize in colonizing the phloem tissue and show a persistent association with their vectors. Several steps are required before a phytoplasma can be successfully vectored by the insect (Hogenhout *et al.*, 2008; Perilla-Henao & Casteel, 2016). After being ingested by the insect, there is a latency period between the initial acquisition and the ability to vector the phytoplasma back to plants. This latent period can take from days to three months, and during this period the phytoplasma replicate and move through the insect body (Brown *et al.*, 2006; Munyaneza *et al.*, 2012). Once the phytoplasma passes through the insect's gut cells, it enters the hemolymph from where it can colonize other tissues and eventually spreads to

the salivary glands. Once inside the insect salivary gland cells, phytoplasma continue to replicate and is introduced to the plant vascular tissues, specifically to the phloem. If the bacteria cannot enter into vector salivary gland, it is classified as a dead-end host (Wayadande *et al.*, 1997). Some phytoplasma groups possess antigenic membrane proteins (AMP) that interact with the microfilament of insects' intestinal cells forming complexes; research suggest that those complexes are important for transmission and host colonization (Suzuki *et al.*, 2006). The specific details about intracellular propagation of the bacteria are not well known. A commonality of plant-bacteria-vector interactions is that all the vector-borne bacteria seem to have the capacity to propagate within both the plant and insect host. All present a reduced genome (680-1,600 kb) with reduced coding capacity that makes them entirely dependent on their host, and that encodes proteins crucial for colonization of specific hosts (Perilla-Henao & Casteel, 2016).

The Auchenorrhyncha and Sternorrhyncha species possess some characteristics to be efficient vectors of phytoplasmas: (1) they exhibit incomplete metamorphosis and both nymph and adults have similar feeding preference and habit location thus, often can transmit phytoplasma from immature life stages, (2) they are characterized by having piercing sucking mouthpart which allow them to specialize in liquid diets of specific plant tissues, (3) they have a propagative and persistent association with phytoplasma, and (4) they pass to the offspring obligate symbiotic prokaryotes via transovarial transmission that could allow the transmission of phytoplasma through the same mechanism (Komondy *et al.*, 2021; Wilson & Weintraub, 2007). Confirmed phytoplasma vectors occur mainly in four insect families belonging to Order Hemiptera: Cicadellidae which contain the largest number of known vector species, Cixiidae, Delphacidae and Derbidae (Hallock,

2013; Weintraub & Beanland, 2006). The liquid diet of those insect families, almost restricted to the plant phloem, make them more suitable to acquire phytoplasma from infected palms. Phloem preference is highly related to the high nutrient levels in this tissue that are responsible for the transport of nutrient, carbohydrate, and proteins in vascular plants. Leafhopper and planthoppers also shows different feeding habitats ranging from monophagous to polyphagous species, there are evidence that members of this groups can transmit one or more different phytoplasma strains to one or more different host plants (D'Amelio *et al.*, 2007; Wilson & Weintraub, 2007) . Many vector species as the majority of Delphacidae are commonly found on grassland habitats. Weeds can act as reservoir of plant pathogen. The discovery of phytoplasma in common dicotyledonous weeds in Jamaica suggests the potential for other non-palm specialized insect to be involved in disease spread (Brown *et al.*, 2008a-b). In spite of their socioeconomic importance, these insect groups are still poorly understood. Little is known about their complete biological cycles, including their feeding behavior, and the vector-pathogen-plant interactions (Perilla-Henao & Casteel, 2016; Segarra-Carmona, 2013).

The Auchennorhyncha species *Haplaxius* (=Myndus) *crudus* Van Duzee family Cixiidae, are reported in the literature as confirmed vector of phytoplasma associated to the lethal yellowing of palms (16SrIV-A) and as a putative vector of palm lethal bronzing disease (16SrIV-D) in Florida (Howard *et al.*, 1983, Komondy *et al.*, 2021). Specimens of *H. crudus* was first reported in Puerto Rico in 2010 where it is classified as introduced (CABI 2020, Rodrigues *et al.*, 2010; Segarra-Carmona *et al.*, 2013). Phytoplasma has not yet been detected on specimens of *H. crudus* collected in the Island. Previously, phytoplasma belonging to 16SrIV group were detected in the native derbid *Cedusa inflata*

using primers specific for phytoplasma in nested-PCR assays (Rodrigues *et al.*, 2010). Segarra-Carmona and colleagues (2013) mentioned a lack data of common Fulgoroidea in Puerto Rico associated with palms for which there was limited knowledge about their basic biology, life cycle and behaviors. Previous works for these groups have focused primarily on agricultural crop pest with lower emphasis in ornamental, and natural areas where palms are located (Segarra-Carmona *et al.*, 2013). Biological information of leafhoppers and planthoppers species including data about their occurrence and distribution is crucial to develop phytoplasma management strategies.

In addition to transport via insect vectors, the movement of palms to new environments is probably the primary spread mechanism of palm pests around the world (EFSA PLH Panel, 2017). In order to avoid this mechanism of spread, when palms are introduced to new places, they are required to follow quarantine procedures (Gurr *et al.*, 2016). Nonetheless, the International Board for plant genetic resources suggest that movement of fresh material from LY infected area should be avoided.

Many studies have used DNA-based methods to answer taxonomic, phylogenetic, and evolutionary questions. Barcoding group for animals' identification chooses the mitochondrial *cytochrome c oxidase I (COI)* gene as the barcode region (Herbert *et al.*, 2003). The insect's DNA can serve as template for PCR's assays that can be used for molecular identification of the target organism and for the detection of pathogens (e.g., phytoplasma), allowing us to identify possible vectors of diseases.

The taxonomy of leafhopper and planthoppers is mainly supported by the genitalia morphology of adult males (Hanchipura Mallesh *et al.*, 2020). For identification of nymph and females, it is not possible to use traditional methods because taxonomic tools are often

unavailable. The DNA barcode method can be used to the molecular identification of both nymph and adults, and both males and females. Due to reports of phytoplasma diseases affecting palms in Puerto Rico and the discovery of key lethal yellowing vector, this work aimed to identify, using morphological traits, which Hemiptera: Auchenorrhyncha were associated with palms, generate a species-specific DNA barcodes sequences for molecular identification, and to determine the potential association of those insects to phytoplasma vectoring in Puerto Rico.

METHODS

This study was conducted in the Caribbean Island of Puerto Rico latitude and longitude between 18-18.5 N, and 65-67.4 W. The region is considered a biodiversity hotspot with high number of native and endemic species of flora and fauna (Maunder *et al.*, 2008). Collections were made at three sites with concentration of palms representative of different bioclimatic and urbanization contexts: the University of Puerto Rico Botanical Garden in San Juan (UPR Botanical Garden), the Punta Santiago Natural Reserve in Humacao, and El Verde Field Station (El Yunque) in Rio Grande (Figure 1). The collection sites include representation of a coastal, urban and forest localities, and both moist and dry environments. The rainy season in the Island start on July until November, and the dry season is from January to April (Lugo *et al.*, 2011). The UPR Botanical Garden is located in the municipality of San Juan, the capital of Puerto Rico, the more urbanized, and populated area of the Island (Waide *et al.*, 2013; Ramírez *et al.*, 2014). The UPR Botanical Garden is located within the subtropical moist forest life zone (Holdridge, 1967) at an elevation of 19.2m above the sea level. Average annual rainfall range between 1,500mm on the coast and 2,100mm upland, with a mean average

temperature of 23.9°C and 27°C, and 19.2 m of elevation (Webb & Gómez-Gómez, 1998; Nytch *et al.*, 2019). The El Verde field Station is located in the municipality of Luquillo, as part of El Yunque National Forest, a tropical rain forest with an average annual rainfall of 3,638mm, and an elevation from 200m to 300m (Weaver & Gould, 2013). The mean annual temperature ranges from 19°C to 25°C (Weaver & Gould, 2013). Humacao Natural Reserve is located in the municipality of Humacao, near 70km east from San Juan. The average annual rainfall is 2,000mm, and the annual temperature range between 21°C - 31°C with an average daily temperature of 28°C (China, 2002; Hoffman, 2008). The Reserve elevation is near sea level ~1m. Palm species composition vary along sites with high concentration of Coconut palm (*C. nucifera* L.) at Humacao and Sierra palm (*P. acuminata* var. *montana* (Graham) A.J. Hend. & Galeano) at El Yunque. The UPR Botanical Garden comprises a diversity of cultivated native and introduced species, including the Puerto Rico Royal palm (*Roystonea borinquena* O.F. Cook), the Chinese fan palm (*Livistona chinensis* (Jacq.) R. Br. ex Mart.), the Bottle neck palm (*Hyophorbe* sp.), the Areca palm (*Dyopsis lutescens* (H. Wendl.) Beentje & J. Dransf), as well as *Archontophoenix* sp., *Cryosophila* sp., and *Phoenix* sp.

At each location, we carried out surveys to collect insects associated with palms from August 2016 to October 2018 (Table 1). We sampled the accessible foliage of palms and weed species surrounding palms trees using sweep nets, sweeping 20 times in each sampled site. A total of 16 palms were sampled at the UPR Botanical Garden and in Humacao, and 11 palms were sampled at El Yunque. We visited each collection site twice. Planthoppers and leafhoppers were collected from nets using mouth aspirators, were transferred to vials and taken to the laboratory for processing. For each focal palm,

we recorded its location coordinates and identified the palm species as well as the species of weeds nearby. In the laboratory, collected insects were stored at -20°C for further processing. All Auchenorrhyncha insects were initially identified using morphological traits at the lowest taxonomic level possible (family, genus or species level) and then subsequently submitted to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumers Services for further morphological identification by Dr. Susan Halbert. Specimens' representative of all the Auchenorrhyncha diversity found were mounted, labeled and photographed. To measure the sampling effort and diversity we constructed a cumulative species curve and computed the Simpson's Diversity Index.

A subsample of 120 leafhoppers and planthoppers were selected for molecular identification and phytoplasma screening from an initial collection of 881 insects collected associated with palms. The subsample included primarily species collected at the Humacao Nature Reserve, with the inclusion of a few species found at El Yunque, and at the UPR Botanical Garden. We intended to include most of the surveyed species, previously identified by morphological characters. Extraction and PCRs amplification of the mitochondrial gene *Cytochrome Oxidase 1 (COI)* were performed at the Agricultural Experimental Station of the University of Puerto Rico. Insect DNA was extracted using QIAamp 96® DNA QIAcube HT Kit following the protocol for insect extraction provided by the manufacturer (Qiagen Inc., CA, USA). Under this protocol we placed the whole insects in a 1.5mL Eppendorf tube to which we add two mini sampling spoons of 0.10mL of zirconium 2mm beads (Next Advance Inc., NY, USA), then the samples were placed in the TissueLyserII (Qiagen, USA) for 1min at 20 1/s to macerate the tissue. Following, we added 200µl of buffer ATL (lysis buffer) and 20µl of proteinase K to each sample

tube. Samples were then incubated in a hot water bath (56°C) for ~1h. The samples were then centrifuged for 1 min at 15,200 rpm and 150µl of lysate, were transfer to a QIAcube HT S-block and placed in the QIAcube HT to complete the extraction.

DNA extracts from 120 specimens were used to partially amplify the *COI* gene using standard LCO1490/HCO2198 primers (Folmer *et al.*, 1994). The amplicon size of LCO1490 (5'-GGTCAACAAATCATAAAGATATTGG-3') was ~487bp; the amplicon size of HCO2198 (5'-TAAACTTCAGGGTGACCAAAAAATCA-3') was ~534bp (Folmer *et al.*, 1994). The expected amplicon size of the overlapping region was ~700 bp of *COI* gene. For PCR amplification, the reaction was performed in a total volume of 50µl containing 13.5µl of H₂O molecular grade, 25µl Master Mix [2X] (Promega, Madison, WI, USA), 1.5µl of BSA at a concentration of 10 µg/µl, 3µl of each primer [10µM] and 4µl of DNA template. The PCRs were run in an Applied Biosystems® 2720 Thermal Cycler. PCR thermocycling for LCO1490/HCO2198 was performed under the following conditions: denaturation of 3min at 94°C, followed by 35 cycles of 30s at 94°C, 30s at 45°C, 1.5min at 72°C, and a final extension of 10 min at 72°C. PCR products were purified with ExoSAP-IT® and send for sequencing at Macrogen Inc., Seoul, Korea.

Genomic DNA from the subsampled of 120 insects (n=120) were screened for phytoplasma occurrence by direct PCR using universal ribosomal primer pair P1/P7 and nested PCR using primers R16F2n/R16R2. The expected amplicon size of P1 (5'-AAGAGTTTGATCCTGGCTCAGGATT-3') and P7 (5'-CGTCCTTCATCGGCTCTT-3') was ~1830bp; and the amplicon size of R16F2n (5'-GAAACGACTGCTAAGACTGG-3') and R16R2 (5'-TGACGGGCGGTGTGTACAAACCCCG-3') was ~1,245bp (Deng and Hiruki, 1991;

Schneider *et al.*, 1995; Gundersen and Lee, 1996; Lee *et al.* 1993). For the two sets of primers PCRs were conducted in a total volume of 25µl containing 4.75µl of H₂O molecular grade, 12.5µl Master Mix [2X] (Promega, Madison, WI, USA), 4.75µl of BSA (Sigma-Aldrich, MO, USA) at a concentration of 10 µg/µl, 0.5µl of each primer [10µM] and 2µl of DNA template. The PCRs were run in an Applied Biosystems® 2720 Thermal Cycler. PCR thermocycling for P1/P7 was performed under the following conditions: denaturation of 2min at 94°C, followed by 35 cycles of 1min at 94°C, 50s at 55°C, 2min at 72°C, and a final extension of 10 min at 72°C. PCR thermocycling for R16F2n/R16R2 was performed under the following conditions: denaturation of 2min at 94°C, followed by 35 cycles of 1min at 94°C, 2min at 60°C, 3min at 72°C and terminated by and extension of 10 min at 72°C. DNA of two samples, LYJT+ and LYAM+, positive to Lethal Yellowing (LY) 16SrIV group were used as positive controls. LYJT sample was collected in 1989 from an LY phytoplasma infected Jamaica Tall coconut palm, and LYAM was collected in 1990 from an LY infected *Adonidia merrilli*. Positive phytoplasma control samples were provided by Ericka Helmick, University of Florida, FLREC/IFAS.

DNA sequences were assembled and edited using CodonCode Aligner 6.0.1(CodonCode Corp., Dedham, MA) and were deposited at GenBank (NCBI). To find sequence similarity we used Basic Local Alignment Search Tool (BLASTn). Reference sequences for each species were selected from NCBI and BOLD database for alignment, and perform phylogenetic analyses (Altschul *et al.*, 1990; Ratnasingham & Hebert, 2007). For species where no previous DNA barcode were available, we select sequences of species of the same genus or at least same family as reference sequences. Multiple sequence alignments were conducted using Muscle (Edgar, 2004) as part of the package

in Mega software version X (Kumar *et al.*, 2018). Phylogenetic analyses and a *COI* gene tree were generated using Randomized Axelerated Maximum Likelihood 7.2.7 (RAxML) Black Box interface with pre-set parameters (Stamatakis, 2006) on the Cipres Science Gateway v. 3.1 (Miller *et al.*, 2010). The maximum time to run was 1h, we allowed RaxML to automatically halt bootstrapping as default parameter. The analysis involve 76 sequence generates on this study and 23 reference sequence. We used four sequences of Miridae as outgroups.

RESULTS

The 881 insect samples from three localities studied included 102 specimens identified to the genus level, 728 specimens identified to species, 2 morphotypes of unidentified Cicadellidae, 8 specimens of unidentified Miridae, 28 unidentified nymphs, and 1 unidentified female Delphacidae (Figure 6). Nearly 85% of specimens were collected at the low elevation sites (Humacao and Botanical Garden) (**Figure 2**). The most frequent Hemiptera family were Cicadellidae (48.6%) and Cixiidae (31.7%) followed by Derbidae (10.4%), Delphacidae (8.1%) and less frequent was Miridae (0.9%) that was found only at Humacao locality (**Figure 3**). The greater insect family diversity (5 families) was found at the Humacao Natural Reserve, a coastal region. Also, here we collected the higher number of individuals. At El Yunque, a rain forest, we collected four families, and the number of individuals collected was the lower. Finally, at the UPR Botanical Garden, located in the San Juan urban area, we collected three different families with high species diversity richness. When we compared insects collected directly from palm foliage (n=319) against insects collected from weed surrounding palms (n=562), we observed a higher number of individuals collected from weeds (**Figure 4**). In the

cumulative species curve the asymptote in the number of species is observed after thirty collections. The Simpson's Diversity Index (1-D) was 0.86, values of D range from 0 (low species diversity) and 1 (high species diversity) (**Figure 5**).

We identified the following species by examining morphological traits (Bartlett *et. al.*, 2011; Choate, 2010; Dietrich, 2005): *Agallia albidula* Uhler, *Agallia* sp., *Agalliana sticticollis* (Stål), *Balclutha guajanae* (DeLong), *Balclutha lucida* (Butler), *Balclutha* sp., *Bothriocera* sp., *Caribovia coffeacola* (Dozier), *Cedusa inflata* (Ball), *Cedusa* sp., *Cedusa wolcotti* Muir, *Chlorotettix minimus* Baker, *Dawnaria sordidulus* (Muir), *Empoasca canavalia* DeLong, *Empoasca nr. martorelli* (Cadwell), *Empoasca* sp., *Graminella cognita* Caldwell, *Graminella* sp., *Haplaxius crudus* (van Duzee), *Hortensia similis* (Walker), *Melanoliarus* sp., *Neocenchrea* sp., *Neomalaxa flava* Muir, *Omegalebra cordiae* (Osborn), *Omolicna cubana* (Myers), *Omolicna* sp., *Patara albida* Westwood, *Planicephalus flavicosta* (Stål), *Protalebrella brasiliensis* (Baker), *Sogatella kolophon* (Kirkaldy), *Sogatella molina* (Fennah), *Tylozygus* sp., *Xyphon reticulatum* (Signoret), and *Xyphon sagittifera* (Uhler) (**Table 2, Figure 6**). *Haplaxius crudus* was the most abundant species at the UPR Botanical Garden and at Humacao, with *Neomalaxa flava* being the most abundant specie at El Yunque.

We extracted the DNA for all the subsample successfully (n=120). Of these, we amplified by PCR reactions partial segments of the mitochondrial *COI* gene for 95 samples (79%). Some of the specimens that did not amplified include: (1) *Balclutha* sp., (4) *Cedusa* sp., (1) *C. minimus*, (2) *D. sordidulus*, (3) *G. cognita*, (4) *H. crudus*, (4) *H. similis*, (4) *N. flava*, and (2) *Omolicna* sp. Of 95 sequences, we report here 76 that went through quality filtering. We obtained an 80% of amplification and sequence success.

The sequence success was determined as the number of bidirectional sequences retrieved from total sample sequenced. The search for sequence similarity using BLASTn resulted in 31 sequences in our sample set showing more than 95% similarity with other sequences in the database (41% of the submitted samples). All the samples of *H. similis* (19) sequenced showed a 99% of similarity compared to other sequences of the same species in the database. Specimens of 2 undetermined *Omolicna* sp. showed 99% similarity with other *Omolicna* sp. sequence, and 2 sequences of undetermined Miridae show 96% and 100% similarity to other Miridae sequence. Specimens of *X. reticulatum* (8) show a high percentage of similarity (95%) to sequence of the same species in NCBI. For some species, the percentage of similarity was found at the genus level was between 84-92%. Those included specimens of: (2) *B. lucida*, (10) *Balclutha* sp., (5) *Empoasca* sp., (2) *Cedusa* sp., (1) *C. minimus*, and (1) *G. cognita*. Some species sequences show a low percentage of similarity with sequences in the database (below 85%), mainly because there were no sequences of those species available in GenBank nor BOLD databases. Sequences of the species *P. brasiliensis* (7) show 85% similarity with other species of the same subfamily, but not found with other sequence of *Protalebrella* spp. available in the databases. Additional sequences that presented low percentage of similarity in comparison to sequences in the databases were (4) *Bothriocera* sp., (4) *D. sordidulus*, (3) *H. crudus*, (2) *Neocenchrea* sp., and (4) *P. albida*, but were placed in the expected superfamily (Fulgoroidea). The *COI* gene maximum likelihood analysis (**Figure 7, Annex 1**) clustered all sequences of the same taxa except for the three sequence of *H. crudus* that instead were grouped with Derbidae sequences. Within Cicadellidae, species in the subfamily Deltocephalinae formed a clade, and species in the Cicadellinae, and

Typhlocybinae all clustered in a second clade. Within the Fulgoromorpha, the reference sequence of the Delphacidae family was placed in a single clade, while species belonging to Cixiidae and Derbidae formed two clades, with the exception of *H. crudus* that clustered with Derbidae sequence instead of Cixiidae. We generated a library of DNA barcode for 17 species belonging to 4 families: *Balclutha lucida*, *Balclutha* sp., *Bothriocera* sp., *Cedusa* sp., *Chlorotettix minimus*, *Dawnaria sordidulus*, *Empoasca* sp., *Graminella cognita*, *Haplaxius crudus*, *Hortensia similis*, (2) Miridae, *Neocenchrea* sp., *Omolicna* sp., *Patara albida*, *Protalebrella brasiliensis*, and *Xyphon reticulatum*.

Amplicons of ~1.2kb were observed in 7 of the 120 (6%) insects tested as well in the positive control sample (**Figure 8**). Samples that tested positive to phytoplasma were distributed as follows: 3 samples of *Hortensia similis*, and 4 samples of *Xyphon reticulatum*, all collected from *Cocos nucifera* palms from Humacao. We were unable to obtain phytoplasma sequences from the insect samples.

DISCUSSION

We conducted a survey of Auchenorrhyncha associated with palms in three localities of Puerto Rico. Faunal surveys like these are important to generate basic information for poorly study organisms. It is important to state that during the survey we could collect insect that were directly associated with the palms, as well as those that were transitory or temporary visitors. With our data, we could enunciate some conservative inferences about the diversity and composition of Auchenorrhyncha species associated with palms and its relationship with phytoplasma vectoring in Puerto Rico.

The order Hemiptera are divided in four suborders: Sternorrhyncha, Auchenorrhyncha, Heteroptera and Coleorrhyncha. Within the suborder Auchenorrhyncha

the lineages Fulgoromorpha and Cicadomorpha are recognized as two monophyletic group so they are treated as infraorders (Bourgoin *et al.*, 1997; Bourgoin & Campbell, 2002; Cryan & Urban, 2012). The monophyly of these groups it is not well understood, and many authors classify Cicadomorpha and Fulgoromorpha as suborders instead as an infraorder. Cicadellidae is the only family that belongs to the infraorder Cicadomorpha present in our survey. This family of leafhoppers is the largest in the order Hemiptera with ~2,400 genera and ~20,000 species, and also display the greatest diversity of sap-sucking herbivores. In our study Cicadellidae was the most sampled family represented by twelve genera, and at least 15 different species. The infraorder Fulgoromorpha comprises the planthoppers families represented in this study by: Cixiidae, Derbidae, and Delphacidae. The Cixiidae family are represented by 231 genera that group ~2,498 species, and Derbidae family are represented by 163 genus that group ~1,686 species. In our sample Cixiidae family are represented by three different genera, and family Derbidae are represented by six genera. Delphacidae family was represented by two genera, and three species.

In a previous survey of palm associated Fulgoroidea in Puerto Rico the most common insects were derbids and cixiids (Segarra-Carmona *et al.*, 2013). In our survey the most common were cicadellids, and cixiids, except at El Yunque where common insects were derbids and delphacids. Many of the commonly found cixiids and cicadellids species at low elevations, were completely absent at El Yunque (above 300m). The cixiid *H. crudus*, an introduced species in the Island was the most abundant planthopper at Humacao, and UPR Botanical Garden. This species, however, was absent from El Yunque where the most abundant specie was *Neomalaxa flava*. Bioclimatic differences

among sites may be one reason that could explain observed differences. For example, in a survey for Cicadellinae species in coffee and citrus plantations in Puerto Rico, Brodbeck and colleagues (2017) reported a higher abundance of *Caribovia coffeacola* individuals during the rainy season and at higher elevations. Consistent with these results, we only found *C. coffeacola* at El Yunque a forest reserve that is at higher elevations and exhibits higher annual precipitation relative to the other two sites in our surveyed. Future studies could address the diversity of Auchenorrhyncha species associated with palms along the year and compare it with the abiotic factors such as precipitation and temperature.

In the collected species we found some species previously reported causing damage to different plants groups. The species *C. coffeacola*, collected in El Yunque, is considered as a potential vector of *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells), a vector borne bacteria restricted to the xylem of host plants (Brodbeck *et al.*, 2017). The genus *Caribovia* is endemic to Greater Antilles and the species *C. coffeacola* is endemic to Puerto Rico (Freytag, 2005). The derbid *Omolicna cordiae* has been reported to cause foliage damage to the native tree *Cordia alliodora* (Ruiz & Pav.) Oken in the form of leaf yellowing a common symptom of some phytoplasma diseases (Torres, 1994). The leafhopper *Planicephalus flavicosta* originally described as *Deltocephalus flavicosta* was reported in Jamaica as the vector of phyllod in palms (Dabek, 1982). In addition, we collected two species known as vectors related to Lethal Yellowing disease: *Haplaxius crudus* and *C. inflata* (Howard *et al.*, 1983; Rodrigues *et al.*, 2010). In our study we report the species *Empoasca canavalia* and *Empoasca* nr. Martorelli. Other species of genus *Empoasca* have been reported as vector of phytoplasma diseases (Salas-Muñoz *et al.*, 2018). To our

knowledge, our study represents one of the first reports of this group in palms. Further studies should evaluate the association of these cicadellids with palms diseases.

The world is facing a period of rapid biodiversity loss, with studies suggesting that we are in the sixth massive extinction of organism in the history of Earth (Barnosky *et al.*, 2011). The biology and diseases of the Palms of Puerto Rico is poorly understood. When we searched for *COI* reference sequence in NCBI and BOLD database. The extent of information scarcity is such, that primary database reference (eg., NCBI and BOLD) hold no record for very common derbids associated with palms, such as *Cedusa inflata*, and *Cedusa puertana*. The correct identification of insects associated to phytoplasma disease is crucial for the implementation of managing programs. Therefore, the information contributed in this study is critical to address phylogenetic relationship of species that can be related with vectoring capacity of insects. This work provided a library of *COI* barcodes for 17 species of Hemiptera occurring in association with palms in the Island. The RAxML tree built with sequence belong to those 17 species, cluster sequence of the same species, and separate species in different clades with the exception *H. crudus* sequence. Our DNA barcode library include the vector *H. crudus*, and *Cedusa* sp. DNA barcode is a tool that enable us to do a precise, rapid inventory, and monitoring of biodiversity. To our understanding this is the first attempt to do a DNA barcode library for Hemiptera species associated with palms in the Island. The uses of phylogenetic information can help in focus future research on insects closely related with phytoplasma vector species.

In this study we reported two new species of insects as potential vectors of phytoplasma diseases in palms in Puerto Rico: *Hortensia similis* and *Xyphon reticulatum*.

Both species show an amplicon of ~1,200bp with primers specific to phytoplasma detection. Further studies, such as transmission assays need to be conducted in order to confirm those species as vector of phytoplasma diseases. The phytoplasma confirmed vector in Florida, *H. crudus* was sampled recurrently at the UPR Botanical Garden and Humacao. Similar to what was reported from Brazil and in a previous study from Puerto Rico, specimens of *H. crudus* did not show amplification with a primer specific for phytoplasma detection (Silva *et al.*, 2019; Rodrigues *et al.*, 2010). Our result suggests that phytoplasma are spreading by insects different than *H. crudus*. The detection of phytoplasma on insect collected at Humacao municipality reported on this study expands the known range of these pathogens in Puerto Rico.

Future studies should address the roles of *H. similis* and *X. reticulatum* reported here as potential vectors of phytoplasma in order to improve our understanding of palm-phytoplasma-vector interaction, and test with transmission assays their vectoring capacity among palms. The life cycle of the pathogen is in part dependent of the vector life cycle. A major route of future research is on the biology of palms associated Auchenorrhyncha species, with focus on those identified as potential vectors of phytoplasma including, the ones reported in this study. This knowledge is important for the understanding of epidemiology and transmission cycle of the diseases as well for the establishment of insect vectors management programs. Certainly, improvement on the methods for sampling and detection should be considered too in order to reduce collections of insects that are transitory visitors, but not true hosts.

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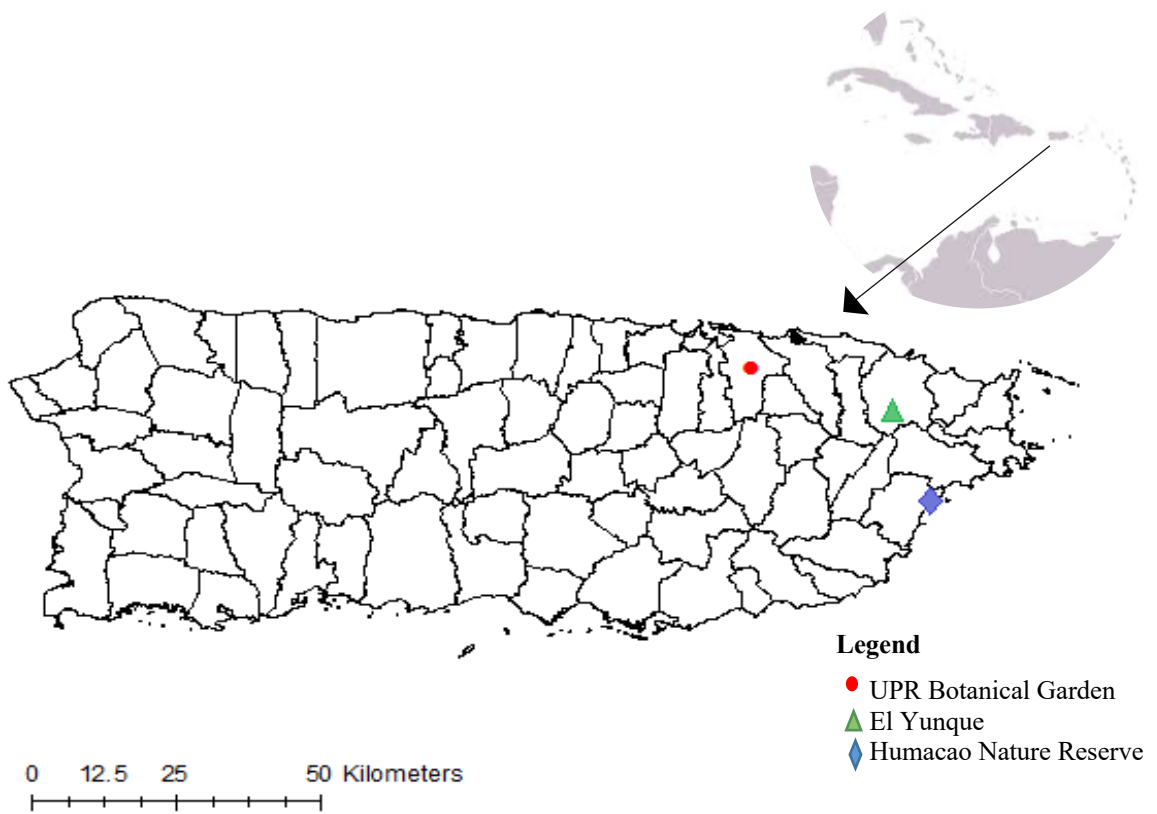


FIGURE 1. MAP OF PUERTO RICO MAIN ISLAND SHOWING THE THREE SAMPLED LOCALITIES. LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE BETWEEN 18 - 18.5 N, AND 65 - 67.4 W.

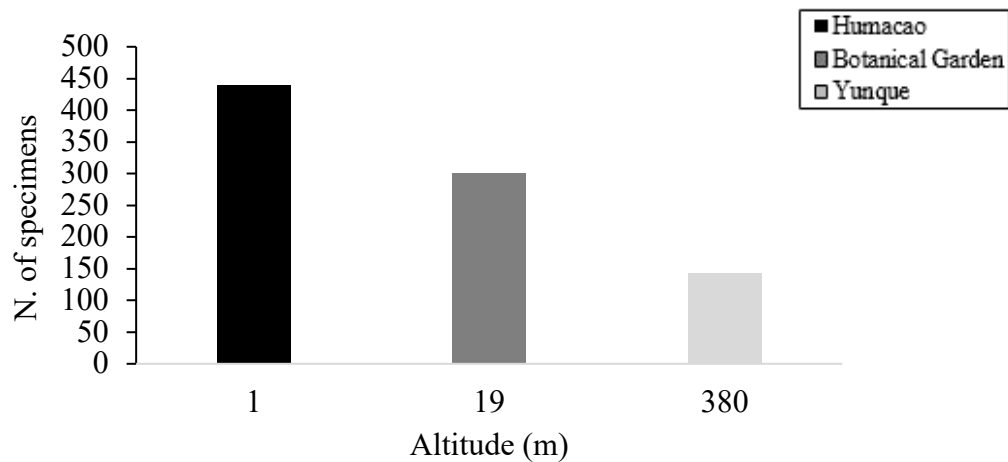


FIGURE 2. ELEVATION AT WHICH THE SPECIMENS WERE COLLECTED.

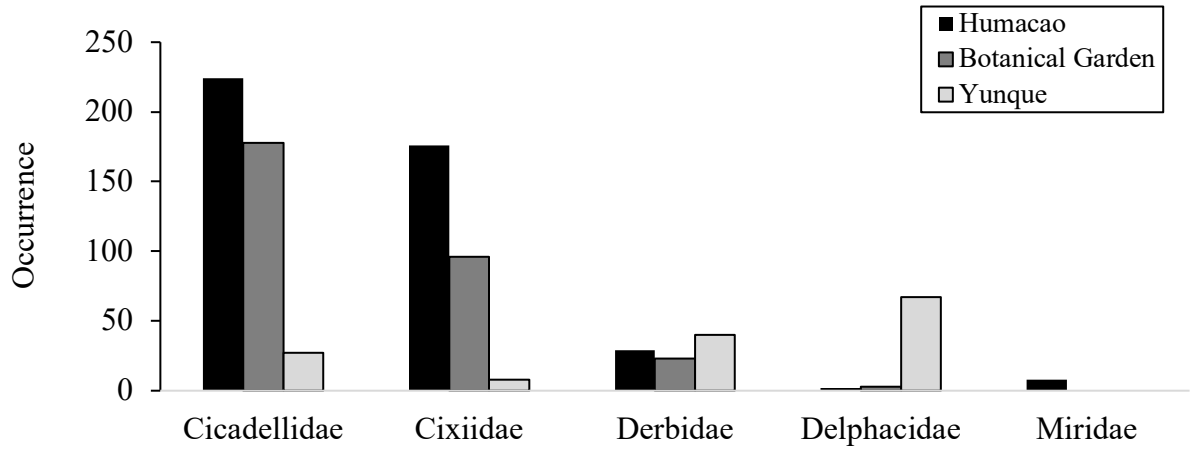


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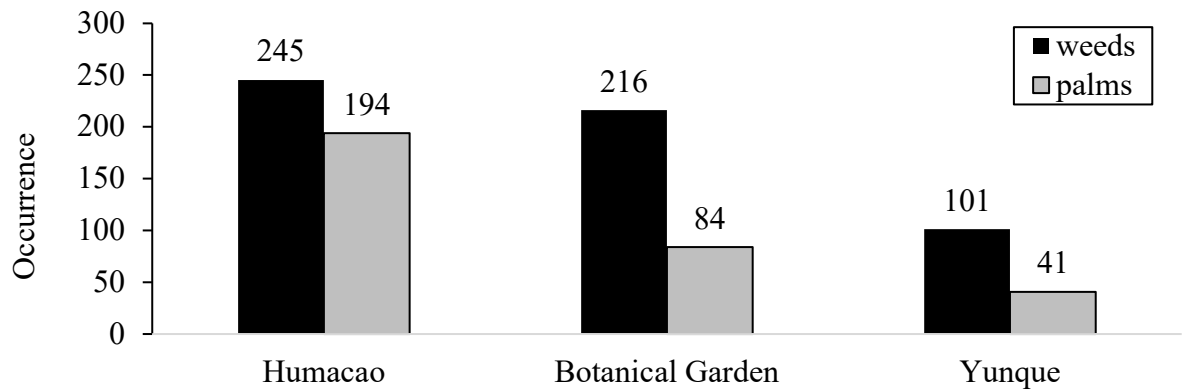


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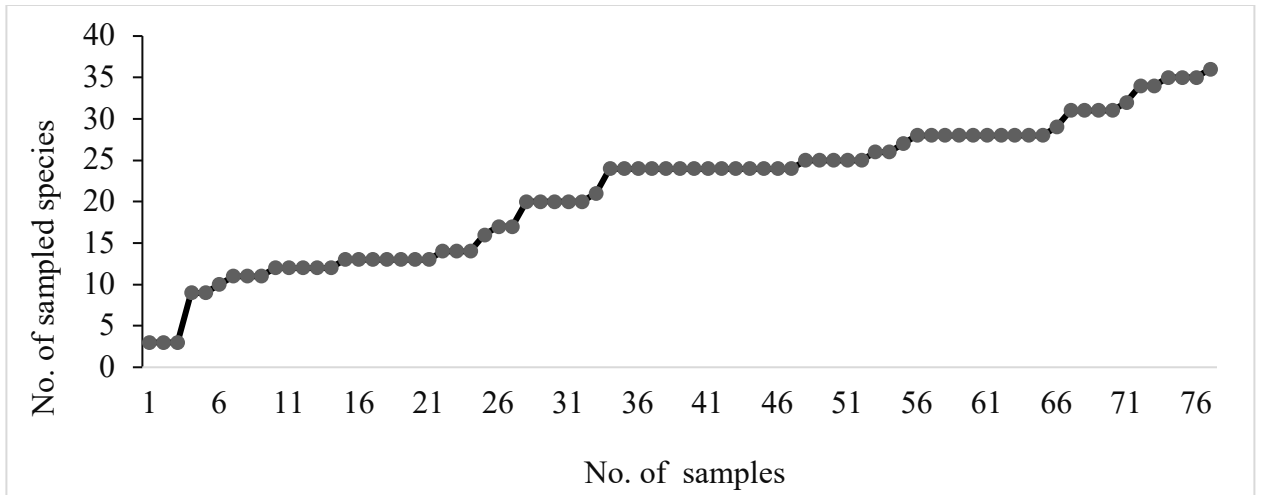


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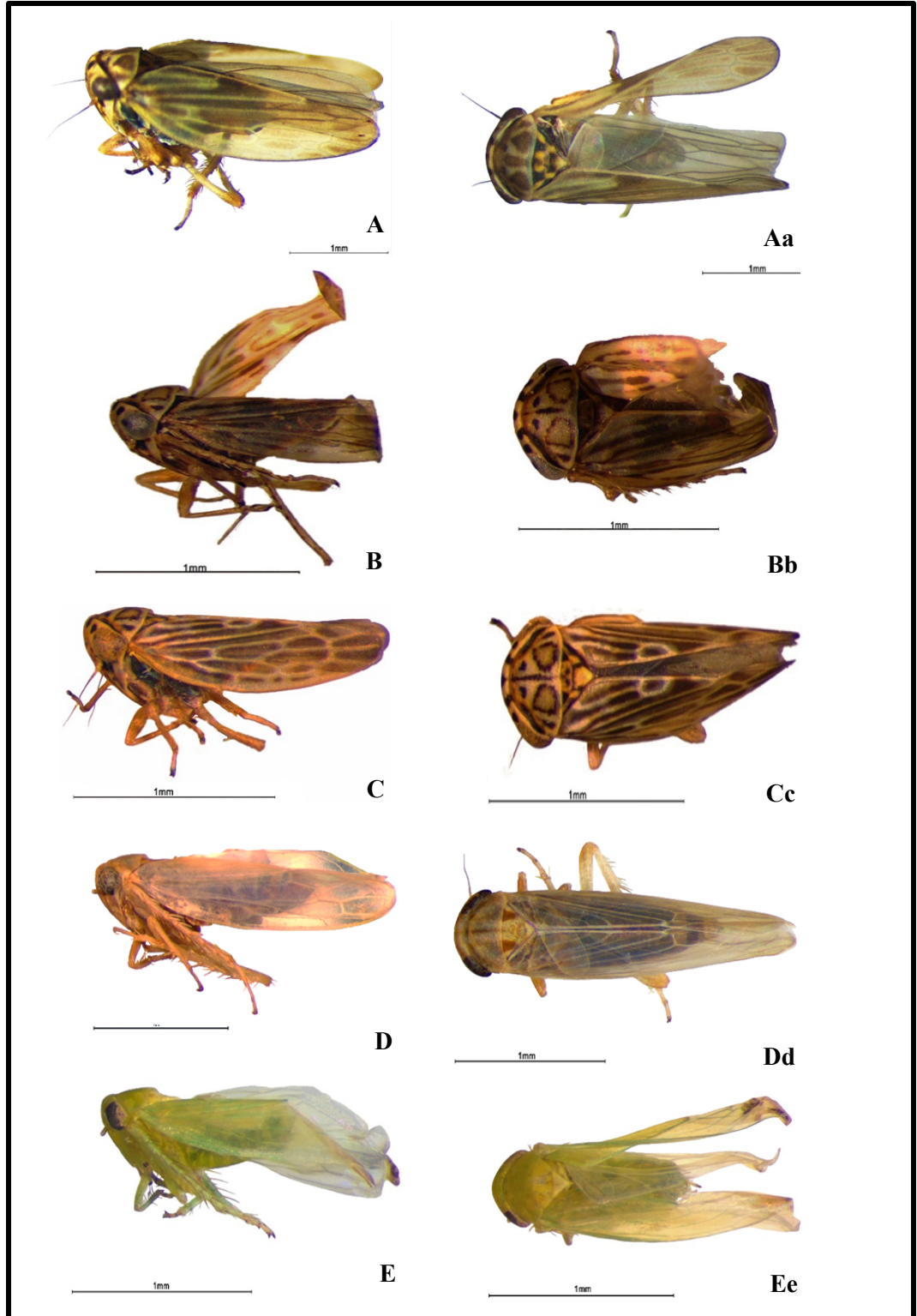
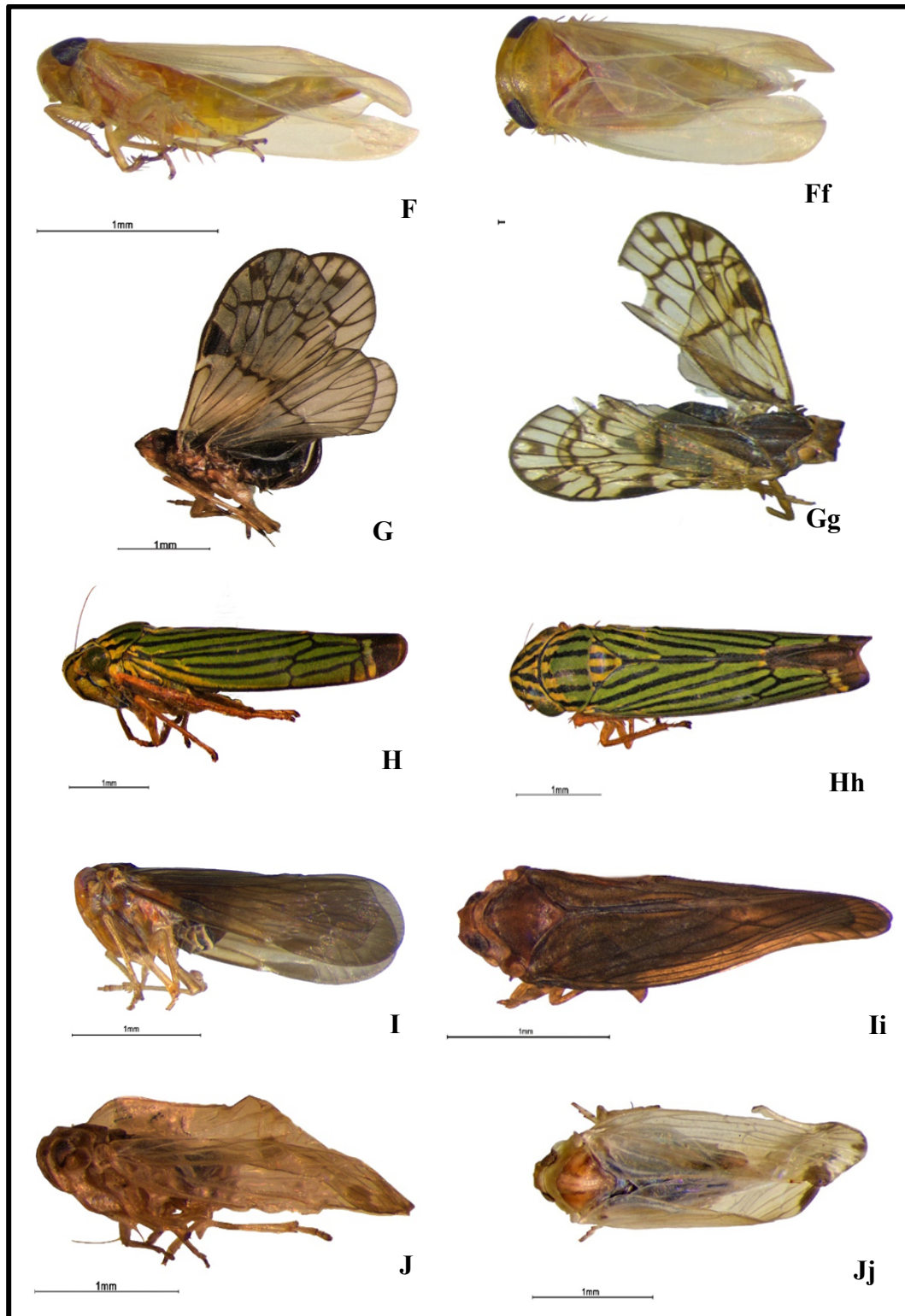
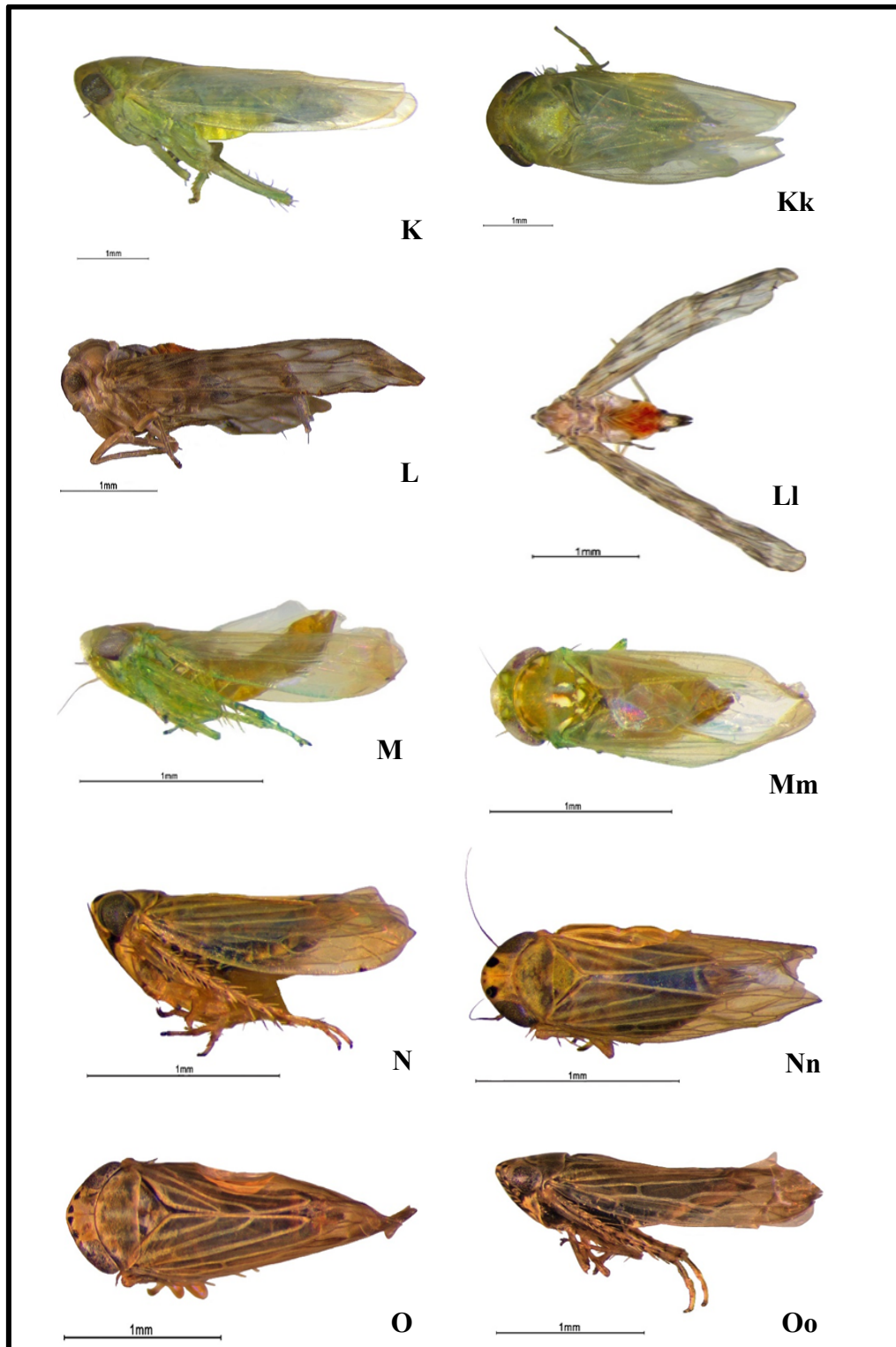


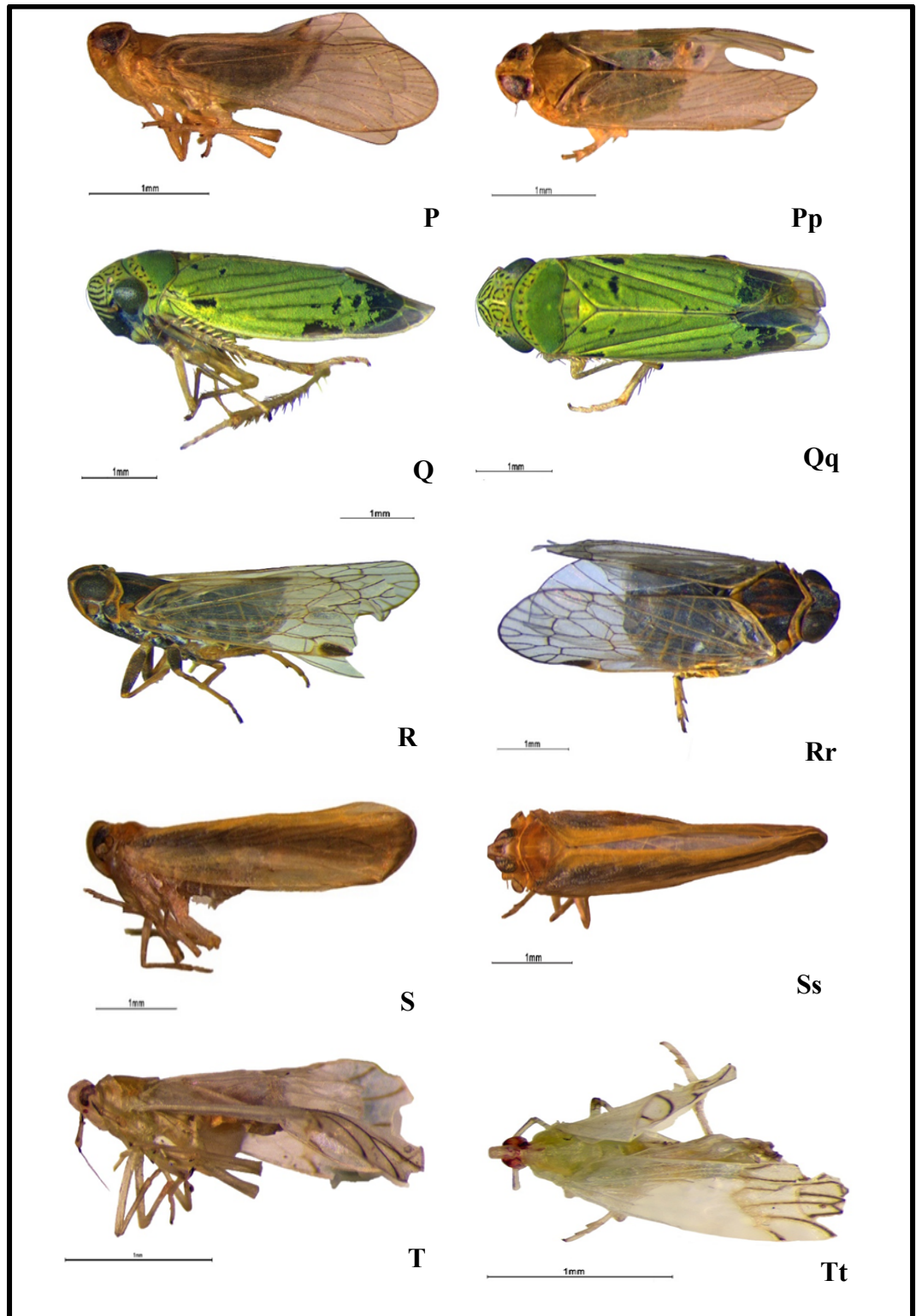
Figure 6. Insects collected associated with palms in Puerto Rico. Morpho-species (Lateral & Dorsal view): A, Aa *Agallia albidula*; B, Bb *Agallia* sp.; C, Cc *Agallia* sp.; D, Dd *Balclutha guajanae*; E, Ee *Balclutha lucida*;



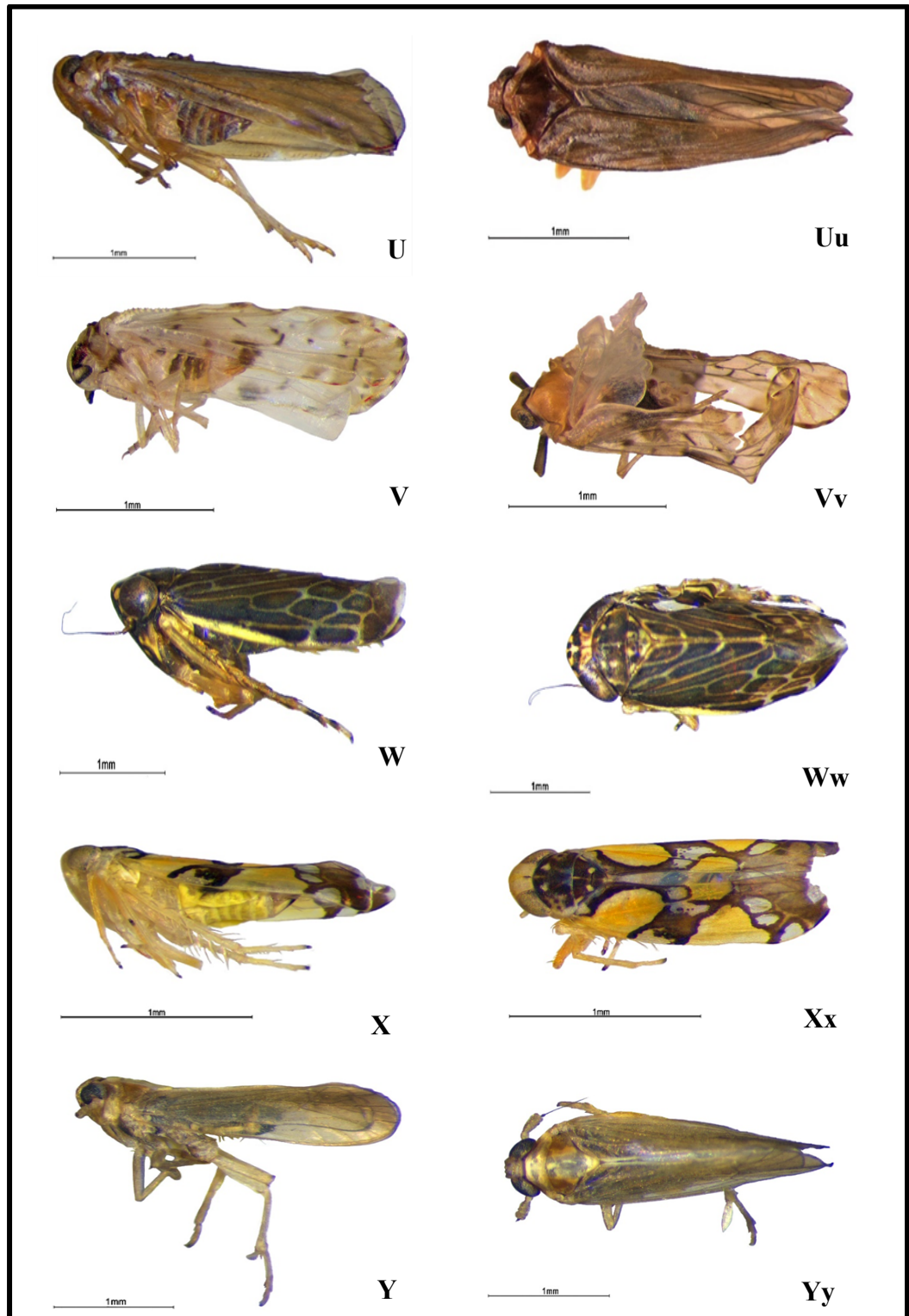
Cont. Figure 6. Hemiptera: Auchenorrhyncha associated with palms in Puerto Rico collected from August 2016 to October 2018. Morpho-species (Lateral & Dorsal view): **Ff** *Balclutha* sp.; **Gg** *Bothriocera* sp.; **Hh** *Caribovia coffeacola*; **Ii** *Cedusa inflata*; **Jj** *Cedusa wolcottii*;



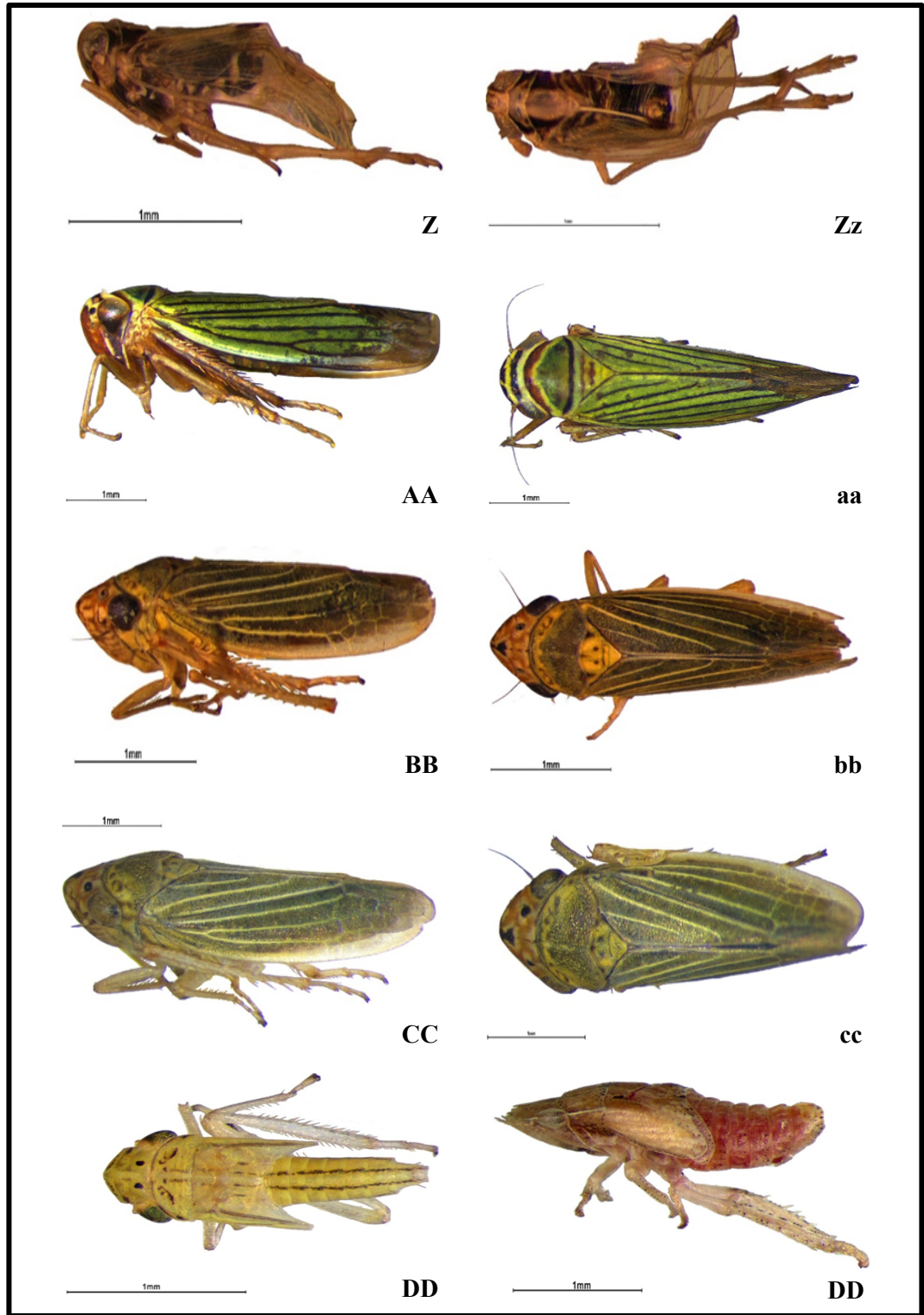
Cont Figure 6. Hemiptera: Auchenorrhyncha associated with palms in Puerto Rico collected from August 2016 to October 2018. Morpho-species (Lateral & Dorsal view): **K, Kk** *Chlorotettix minimus*; **L, Ll** *Dawnaria sordidula*; **M, Mm** *Empoasca* sp.; **N, Nn** *Graminella cognita*; **O, Oo** *Graminella* sp.;



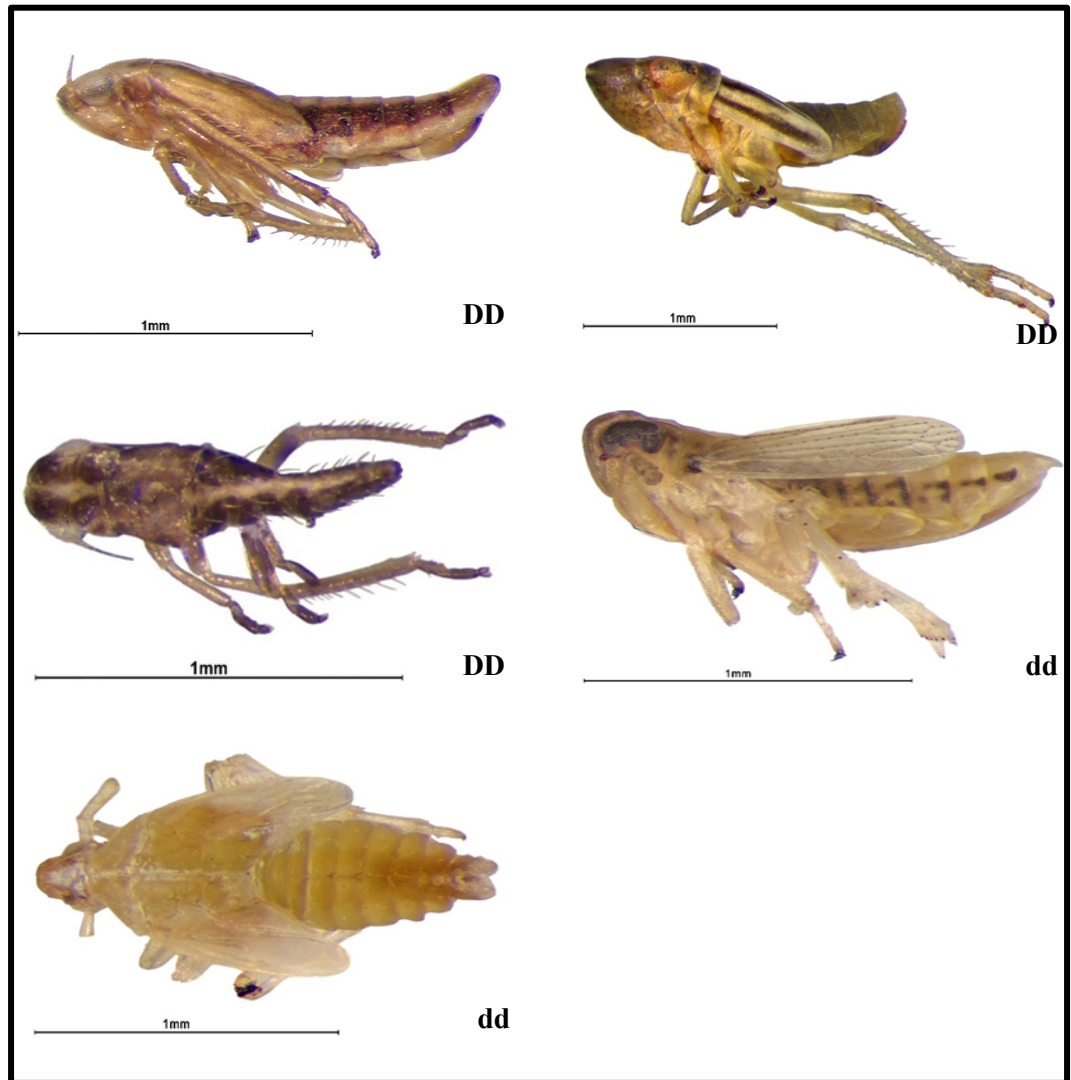
Cont Figure 6 Hemiptera: Auchenorrhyncha associated with palms in Puerto Rico collected from August 2016 to October 2018. Morpho-species (Lateral & Dorsal view): **P, Pp** *Haplaxius crudus*; **Q, Qq** *Hortensia similis*; **R, Rr** *Melanoliarius* sp.; **S, Ss** *Neocenchrea* sp.; **T, Tt** *Neomalaxa flava*;



Cont Figure 6. Hemiptera: Auchenorrhyncha associated with palms in Puerto Rico collected from August 2016 to October 2018. Morpho-species (Lateral & Dorsal view): **U, Uu** *Omolicna cubana*; **V, Vv** *Patara albida*; **W, Ww** *Planicephalus flavicosta*; **X, Xx** *P. brasiliensis*; **Y, Yy** *Sogatella kolophon*



Cont Figure 6. Hemiptera: Auchenorrhyncha associated with palms in Puerto Rico collected from August 2016 to October 2018. Morpho-species (Lateral & Dorsal view): **Z, Zz** *Sogatella molina*; **AA, aa** *Tylozygus* sp.; **BB, bb** *Xyphon reticulatum*; **CC, cc** *Xyphon sagitifera*; **DD** Nymph -- Cicadellidae;



Cont Figure 6. Hemiptera: Auchenorrhyncha associated with palms in Puerto Rico collected from August 2016 to October 2018. Morpho-species (Lateral & Dorsal view): **DD** Nymph -- Cicadellidae; **dd** Nymph -- Delphacidae



FIGURE 7. COI GENE MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD TREE USING RAXML ON CIPRES. THE TREE INCLUDES 99 SEQUENCES OF PLANTHOPPERS AND LEAFHOPPERS. THE SEQUENCE ID SEQ INDICATE THE SEQUENCE GENERATE IN OUR STUDY. RED TRIANGLE INDICATES THE FULGOROMORPHA SUBORDER, AND RED CIRCLE INDICATES CICADOMORPHA SUBORDER.

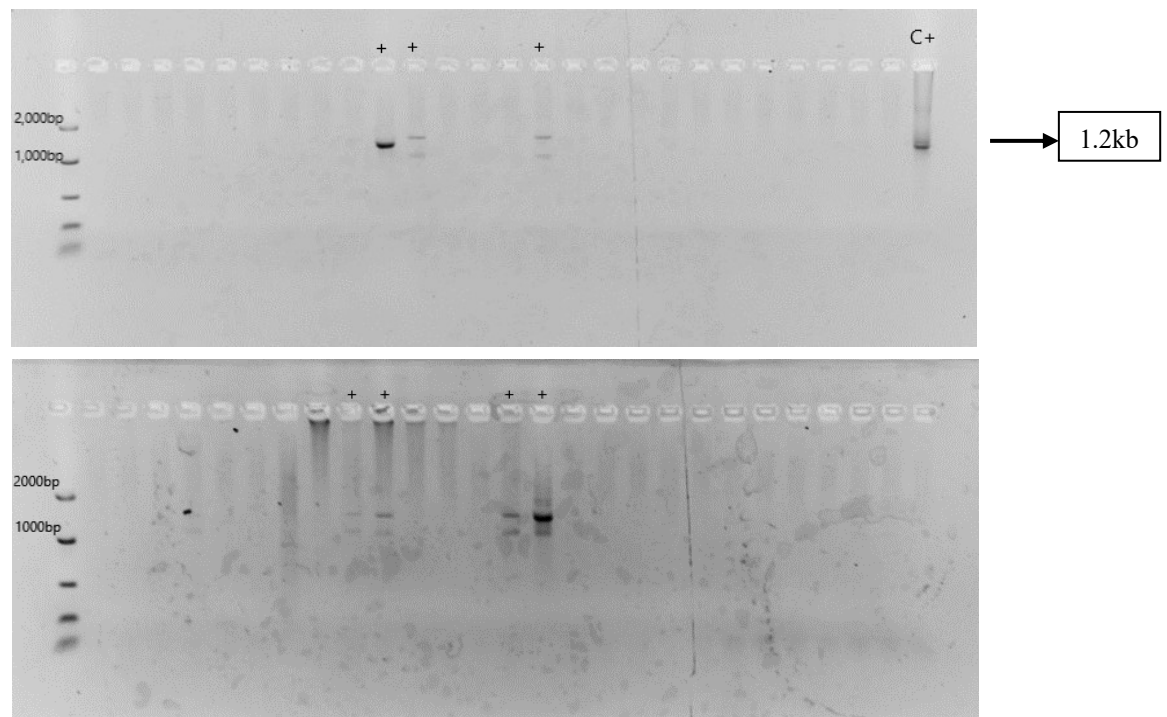


FIGURE 8. ELECTROPHORESIS 1.5% AGAROSE GEL OF DNA AMPLIFIED BY PCR ASSAYS FROM HEMIPTERA ASSOCIATED WITH PALMS IN PUERTO RICO.

TABLE 1. AVERAGE CLIMATE DATA AT COLLECTION SITES BETWEEN 2016-2020.

	UPR Botanical Garden¹	Humacao Natural Reserve²	El Yunque³
Type of region	Urban region	Coastal region	Rain forest
Elevation	19.2m	1m	380m
Average Max. Temp.	34°C	31°C	27°C
Average Min. Temp.	21°C	21°C	21°C
Average annual Precipitation	1,549mm	2,041mm	3,861mm
Average annual Humidity	80-100%	72-100%	61-91%
Common Palms	<i>Roystonea</i> sp., <i>Cocos nucifera</i> , <i>Washingtonia</i> sp., <i>Livistona</i> sp.	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	<i>P. montana</i>
Associated Weed	Poaceae	Asteraceae, Commelinaceae, Convolvulaceae, Fabaceae, Poaceae	Comelinaceae, Poaceae,

¹Data from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) - National Weather Service <https://w2.weather.gov/climate/xmacis.php?wfo=sju>

²Data from U.S. Climate Data <https://www.usclimatedata.com/climate/humacao/puerto-rico/united-states/uspr0045>

³Data from Luquillo Long-Term Ecological Research, University of Puerto Rico, College of Natural Science, Department of Environmental Science.

TABLE 2. DISTRIBUTION OF HEMIPTERA: AUCHENORRYNCHA ASSOCIATED WITH PALMS IN PUERTO RICO.

Species	Distribution	Reference
<i>Agallia albidula</i> (Uhler, 1895)	South America: Argentina, and Brazil, Bahamas, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, St. Vincent, St. Thomas, USA: Maine, and Florida.	Metcalf, 1954; Nielson, 1968; Oman, 1933.
<i>Agalliana sticticollis</i> (Stål, 1859)	South America: Argentina, Brazil, and Guyana, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, St. Vincent, and Trinidad and Tobago.	Nielson, 1968; Oman, 1933 & 1934.
<i>Balclutha guajanae</i> (DeLong, 1926)	Bahamas, Cuba, Haiti, Guadeloupe, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Trinidad and Tobago, St Martin, Guayana, Brazil, Belize, Honduras, Paraguay, Mexico, USA.	Blocker, 1967; Hidalgo-Gato <i>et al.</i> , 1999; Zanol, 2006
<i>Balclutha lucida</i> (Butler, 1877)	Australia, Belize, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Japan, Mecca, Mexico, Micronesia, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Tanzania, USA: Florida, Texas.	Lu <i>et al.</i> , 2013; Zanol, 2006
<i>Caribovia coffeacola</i> (Dozier, 1927)	Puerto Rico	Brodbeck <i>et al.</i> , 2017; Freytag, 2005.
<i>Cedusa inflata</i> (Ball, 1902)	Cuba, Florida, Hispaniola, Puerto Rico	Howard <i>et al.</i> , 2001b; Segarra <i>et al.</i> , 2013
<i>Cedusa wolcottii</i> (Muir, 1924)	Jamaica, Puerto Rico	Howard <i>et al.</i> , 2001a; Segarra <i>et al.</i> , 2013
<i>Chlorotettix minimus</i> (Baker, 1898)	Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Trinidad, United States: Florida, Virgin Islands.	Paradell <i>et al.</i> , 2000 & 2001; McKamey, 2001.
<i>Dawnaria sordidulum</i> (Muir, 1918)	Jamaica	Howard <i>et al.</i> , 2001a
<i>Empoasca canavalia</i> (DeLong, 1932)	Haiti, Puerto Rico, Saint Thomas.	McKamey, 2001.
<i>Empoasca</i> nr. <i>Martorelli</i> (Metcalf, 1955)	Puerto Rico	McKamey, 2001.
<i>Graminella cognita</i> (Caldwell, 1952)	Puerto Rico, St. Thomas Island	McKamey, 2001.

<i>Haplaxius crudus</i> (Van Duzee, 1907)	Bahamas, Belize, Cayman Islands, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Puerto Rico, Trinidad and Tobago, US: Florida, Texas, Venezuela.	CABI, 2020; Rodrigues <i>et al.</i> , 2010; Segarra <i>et al.</i> , 2013; Silva <i>et al.</i> , 2019
<i>Hortensia similis</i> (Walker, 1851)	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, St. Vincent, St. Croix, Suriname, Trinidad, US: Florida, Venezuela.	Wilson & Turner, 2010
<i>Neomalaxa flava</i> (Muir, 1918)	Brazil, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guyana, Jamaica, Panama, Puerto Rico, St. Lucia, Trinidad, Venezuela.	Bartlett, 2020
<i>Omegalebra cordiae</i> (Osborn, 1929)	Puerto Rico, St. Thomas	Young, 1957
<i>Omolicna cubana</i> (Myers, 1926)	Cuba, Jamaica, Puerto Rico	Bartlett, 2020b
<i>Patara albida</i> (Westwood, 1840)	Puerto Rico, St. Vincent, US: Florida	Bartlett, 2020b; Segarra <i>et al.</i> , 2013
<i>Planicephalus flavicosta</i> (Stål, 1862)	Argentina, Brazil, Central America, Mexico, US: Florida, Louisiana, Texas, West Indies	Eckstein <i>et al.</i> , 2014; Kramer, 1971; Pinedo-Escatel & Moya-Raygoza, 2015; Virla & Paradell, 2002
<i>Protalebrella brasiliensis</i> (Baker, 1899)	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Hispaniola, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Puerto Rico, US: Georgia, Florida, Venezuela	McKamey, 2001; Young, 1957
<i>Sogatella kolophon</i> (Kirkaldy, 1907)	Argentina, Australia, Austral Isl, Azores, Bahamas, Belau Isl, Belize, Bermuda Isl, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Canary Isl, Cape Verde, Cayman Isl, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Eniwetok Atoll, Fiji, Galapagos, Guam, Grenada, Guyana, Hong Kong, Henderson Isl, Honduras, India, Indonesia,	Bartlett, 2020d; Bartlett & Kunz, 2015; Remes Lenicov & Virla, 1999

	Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mangareva Isl, Marquesas Isl, Mariana Isl, Martinique, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia, Montserrat, New Caledonia, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Pitcairn Isl, Puerto Rico, Rapa, Rodrigues Isl, Society Isl, St. Helena Isl, St. Kitts-Nevis, St. Lucia, Seychelles Isl, Solomon Isl, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Swains Isl, Taiwan, Thailand, Tonga, Trinidad-Tobago, US: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, NJ, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, Vietnam, Venezuela, Western Samoa	
<i>Sogatella molina</i> (Fennah, 1963)	Bahamas, Bermuda, Cayman Isl, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, Trinidad, USA: AL, MS, SC, FL, Virgin, St. Thomas	Bartlett, 2020d; Bartlett & Kunz, 2015;
<i>Xyphon reticulatum</i> (Signoret)	Brasil, Japan, Mexico,	Da Silva <i>et al.</i> , 2016
<i>Xyphon sagittifera</i> (Uhler)	Puerto Rico	Caldwell & Martorell, 1950

ANNEX

TABLE A.1. REFERENCE SEQUENCE INFORMATION

Family	Accession	Species	Location
Cicadellidae	KR032878.1	<i>Amplicephalus osborni</i>	Canada: Ontario
Cicadellidae	MH670923.1	<i>Balclutha abdominalis</i>	India
Cicadellidae	MH670922.1	<i>Balclutha incisa</i>	India
Cicadellidae	MG404124.1	<i>Balclutha sp</i>	Canada: Ontario
Cicadellidae	KR035352.1	<i>Chlorotettix lusorius</i>	USA: New York
Cicadellidae	MG400578.1	<i>Dikraneura sp</i>	Canada: Ontario
Cicadellidae	KF919344.1	<i>Draeculacephala crassicornis</i>	USA: Washington
Cicadellidae	KF919414.1	<i>Draeculacephala portola</i>	USA: North Carolina
Cicadellidae	<u>KR576105.1</u>	<u><i>Empoasca sp.</i></u>	Canada: Alberta
Cicadellidae	KF919796.1	<i>Graphocephala fennahi</i>	USA: West Virginia
Cicadellidae	KF919692.1	<i>Hortensia similis</i>	Costa Rica
Cicadellidae	HM906757.1	<i>Xyphon reticulata</i>	Mexico
Cixiidae	BBHMA1197-12	<i>Bothriocera sp.</i>	US: Florida
Cixiidae	MT080285.1	<i>Haplaxius crudus</i>	Costa Rica
Cixiidae	MF414210.1	<i>Melanoliarius sp.</i>	USA: California
Delphacidae	HM160121.1	<i>Sogatella furcifera</i>	China
Delphacidae	KX054750.1	<i>Sogatella kolophon</i>	French Polynesia
Derbidae	KR560217.1	<i>Cedusa incisa</i>	Canada: Ontario
Derbidae	MN496473.1	<i>Neocenchrea heidemanni</i>	USA: Delaware
Derbidae	MT413386.1	<i>Omolicna cubana</i>	Jamaica
Derbidae	MN496468.1	<i>Omolicna puertana</i>	Puerto Rico
Derbidae	KR039531.1	<i>Patara vanduzeei</i>	Canada: Ontario
Miridae	KR030779.1	Outgroup1 <i>Trigonotylus tenuis</i>	USA: Florida
Miridae	MH359340.1	Outgroup2 <i>Dolichomiris linearis</i>	Australia
Miridae		Outgroup3 Seq207_Miridae sp.	Puerto Rico
Miridae		Outgroup4 Seq520_Miridae_sp.	Puerto Rico

GENERAL CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION

As a DNA barcoding tool *rbcL* and *matK* are useful to identify species within plant family. Both markers showed a low species discrimination rate and need to be combined with an additional marker.

We were able to identify two additional palms host of phytoplasma disease. These results increased the list from 4 to 6 palm host.

We found a high diversity of insects associated with palms, and two species were identified as potential vector of phytoplasma: *Hortensia similis* and *Xyphon sagittifera*.

This is the first report of phytoplasma in Humacao.

Future research can evaluate:

- How abiotic factors (e.g., precipitation and temperature) influence the detection of phytoplasma in palms.
- The biology of palms associated Auchenorrhyncha species, understanding of epidemiology and transmission cycle of the diseases and the establishment of insect vectors management programs.
- Test with transmission assays the vectoring capacity of *H. similis* and *X. sagittifera*.

