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COMMON NAME

Coconut Buff Mealybug

ORDER OR FAMILY

Hemiptera: Pseudococcidae

SCIENTIFIC NAME

Nipaecoccus nipae Maskell

DESCRIPTION

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HOST RANGE

avocado, banana, citrus, cacao, coconut, guava, mango, oil palm, orchids, papaya, and pineapple




DAMAGE CHARACTERISTICS

Feed on plant sap. Presence of honeydew may interfere with normal plant function such as photosynthesis.

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




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