

Coconut mealybug

(*Nipaecoccus nipae*)

- ❑ Intercepted in shipments from HI & San Francisco and nurseries in LA (Malibu, Monterrey Park). Occurs also in Florida, Mexico, Central & South America and South Africa.
- ❑ Hosts:
 - Palms: Sago palm (*Cycas revoluta*); Pygmy date palm (*Phoenix roebelenii*); California fan palm (*Washingtonia filifera*); Parlor palm (*Chamaedorea elegans*); Queen palm (*Syagrus romanzoffianum*); Fishtail palm (*Caryota mitis*); Areca or cane palm (*Dyopsis lutescens*); Kentia palm (*Howea*); Lady palm (*Raphis*).
 - Flowers and cut foliage: Ginger; Ti; Betel; Broadleaf; *Dracaena*; *Heliconia*; Orchids; also Avocado; Guava; Banyan trees.
- ❑ Field ID: Adult female 1.5-2.5 mm long, **oval**, body yellow to orange covered with **yellowish wax**, and with **marginal pyramid-shaped wax tufts**; no ovisac produced. Males develop in cocoons of very thin white cottony wax, oblong and smaller than females.

