

GEPHE SUMMARY

SHELL (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Gene+Gephebase=^SHELL^#gephebase-summary-title)	Gephebase Gene	GP00001047	GepheID
Published	Entry Status	Martin	Main curator

PHENOTYPIC CHANGE

Morphology (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Trait+Category=^Morphology^#gephebase-summary-title)	Trait Category		
Fruit shell thickness (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Trait=^Fruit+shell+thickness^#gephebase-summary-title)	Trait		
Elaeis guineensis; thick shelled	Trait State in Taxon A		
Elaeis guineensis; thin shelled (Nigeria)	Trait State in Taxon B		
Data not curated	Ancestral State		
Domesticated (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxonomic+Status=^Domesticated^#gephebase-summary-title)	Taxonomic Status		
	Taxon A		Taxon B
Elaeis guineensis (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon+and+Synonyms=^Elaeis+guineensis^#gephebase-summary-title)	Latin Name	Elaeis guineensis (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon+and+Synonyms=^Elaeis+guineensis^#gephebase-summary-title)	Latin Name
African oil palm	Common Name	African oil palm	Common Name
African oil palm; Elaeis guineensis Jacq.; Elaeis guineensis var. tenera (Oil palm); Elaeis guinensis; Elaeis guineensis; Elaeis guineensis	Synonyms	African oil palm; Elaeis guineensis Jacq.; Elaeis guineensis var. tenera (Oil palm); Elaeis guinensis; Elaeis guineensis; Elaeis guineensis	Synonyms
species	Rank	species	Rank
cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Viridiplantae; Streptophyta; Streptophytina; Embryophyta; Tracheophyta; Euphyllophyta; Spermatophyta; Magnoliophyta; Mesangiospermae; Liliopsida; Petrosaviidae; commelinids; Arecales; Areaceae; Arecoideae; Cocoseae; Elaeidinae; Elaeis	Lineage	cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Viridiplantae; Streptophyta; Streptophytina; Embryophyta; Tracheophyta; Euphyllophyta; Spermatophyta; Magnoliophyta; Mesangiospermae; Liliopsida; Petrosaviidae; commelinids; Arecales; Areaceae; Arecoideae; Cocoseae; Elaeidinae; Elaeis	Lineage
Elaeis () - (Rank: genus) (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=51952)	Parent	Elaeis () - (Rank: genus) (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=51952)	Parent
51953 (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=51953)	NCBI Taxonomy ID	51953 (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=51953)	NCBI Taxonomy ID
No	is Taxon A an Intraspecies?	Yes	is Taxon B an Intraspecies?
			Taxon B Description
		Elaeis guineensis; thin shelled (Nigeria)	

GENOTYPIC CHANGE

AGL11	Generic Gene Name	Q38836 (http://www.uniprot.org/uniprot/Q38836)	UniProtKB Arabidopsis thaliana
AGAMOUS-like 11; AGL11; SEEDSTICK; T5L19.90; T5L19_90; STK; At4g09960	Synonyms	()	GenebankID or UniProtKB
3702.AT4G09960.3 (http://string-db.org/newstring_cgi/show_network_section.pl?identifier=3702.AT4G09960.3)	String		
-	Sequence Similarities		
GO:0046983 : protein dimerization activity (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0046983)	GO - Molecular Function		
GO:0003700 : DNA-binding transcription factor activity (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0003700)			

GO:000977 : RNA polymerase II regulatory region sequence-specific DNA binding
(<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:000977>)

GO - Biological Process

GO:0045944 : positive regulation of transcription by RNA polymerase II
(<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0045944>)

GO:0048481 : plant ovule development
(<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0048481>)

GO - Cellular Component

GO:0005634 : nucleus (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005634>)

Presumptive Null

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Molecular Type

Coding ([https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Molecular Type="+Coding^#gephebase-summary-title](https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Molecular+Type=))

Aberration Type

SNP ([https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Aberration Type="+SNP^#gephebase-summary-title](https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Aberration+Type=))

SNP Coding Change

Nonsynonymous

Molecular Details of the Mutation

1a.a substitution in DNA binding domain

Experimental Evidence

Linkage Mapping ([https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Experimental Evidence="+Linkage Mapping^#gephebase-summary-title](https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Experimental+Evidence=))

	Taxon A	Taxon B	Position
Codon	-	-	-
Amino-acid	-	-	-

Main Reference

The oil palm SHELL gene controls oil yield and encodes a homologue of SEEDSTICK. (2013) (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/23883930>)

Authors

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Abstract

A key event in the domestication and breeding of the oil palm *Elaeis guineensis* was loss of the thick coconut-like shell surrounding the kernel. Modern *E. guineensis* has three fruit forms, *dura* (thick-shelled), *pisifera* (shell-less) and *tenera* (thin-shelled), a hybrid between *dura* and *pisifera*. The *pisifera* palm is usually female-sterile. The *tenera* palm yields far more oil than *dura*, and is the basis for commercial palm oil production in all of southeast Asia. Here we describe the mapping and identification of the SHELL gene responsible for the different fruit forms. Using homozygosity mapping by sequencing, we found two independent mutations in the DNA-binding domain of a homologue of the MADS-box gene SEEDSTICK (STK, also known as AGAMOUS-LIKE 11), which controls ovule identity and seed development in *Arabidopsis*. The SHELL gene is responsible for the *tenera* phenotype in both cultivated and wild palms from sub-Saharan Africa, and our findings provide a genetic explanation for the single gene hybrid vigour (or heterosis) attributed to SHELL, via heterodimerization. This gene mutation explains the single most important economic trait in oil palm, and has implications for the competing interests of global edible oil production, biofuels and rainforest conservation.

Additional References

RELATED GEPHE

Related Genes

No matches found.

Related Haplotypes

1 ([https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/or+Gene Gephebase="+SHELL^/and+Taxon ID="+51953^/or+Gene Gephebase="+SHELL^/and+Taxon ID="+51953^#gephebase-summary-title](https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/or+Gene+Gephebase=))

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