

QUALITIES OF THE FIQUE

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WHAT IS THE FIQUE?

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The fique is a plant of the agave family whose genus is known as *Furcraea andina*. This species is born in the South American Andes and its largest plantation is in Colombia, mainly in the departments of Nariño, Cauca, Antioquia, La Guajira and Santander.

There are more than 20 species of agave, however fique (*Furcraea andina*) is the most representative national fiber of Colombia after cotton.

Its height varies between two and seven meters. Its leaves are long, narrow, fleshy, pointed, ribbed, toothed, spiny (in some varieties), and green in color. The width of the leaves varies between ten and twenty centimeters and the length between one and two meters.

OTHER AGAVE SPECIES:



FURCREAE FOETIDA



FURCREAE
PARMENTIERI



FIQUE BENEFITS



The fique has innumerable benefits, these are both environmental, social, economic and medicinal.

Regarding the environment, it restores ecosystems, fertilizes the land, protects the ozone layer and allows for clean production.

In the social sphere, the fique fiber has allowed the preservation of the culture and traditions inherited from the Guane indigenous people, thus generating development for families.

ficke producers and artisan communities.

Economically, the ficke is a generator of employment and the base of the economy for many Colombian families.

Finally, the medicinal benefits offered by ficke silver are innumerable, it is used in diseases of the digestive and endocrine systems, wounds and disorders of the respiratory system, skin, prostatic inflammation, among others.

Licor	Dulce	Fibra	Usos Medicinales
Upi Tequila Mescal Vinagre	Chancaca Toffes o Caramelos	Para confeccionar sogas, soguillas, etc., en base a las pencas secas para hacer papel, compost y humus.	Se extrae de la hoja o penca y sirve para curar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gastritis, • Diabetes, • Granos en la cara • Cicatrizar heridas • Para aliviar la tos. Además, se emplea en enfermedades del sistema digestivo, endocrino, heridas y desórdenes del sistema respiratorio, cutáneo, inflamaciones (tomar el agua miel) prostáticas. <p>En base al gel que tienen las pencas también se puede realizar cremas</p>

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