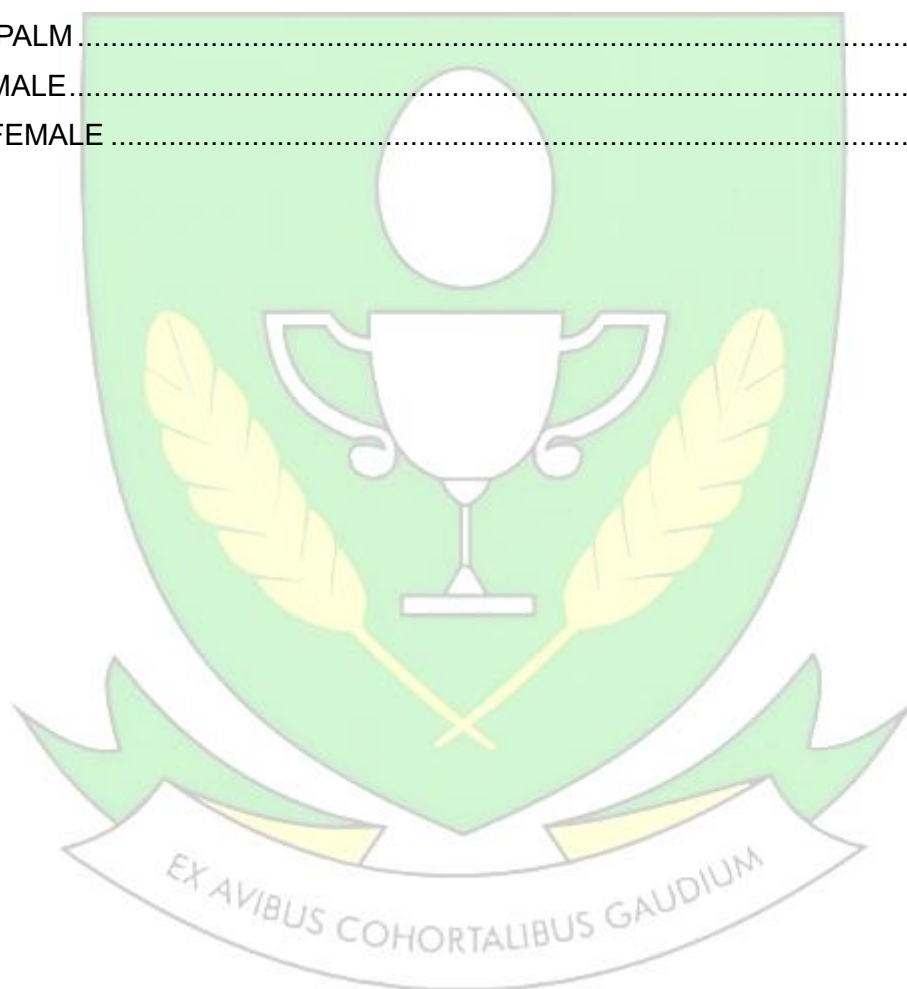

ROYAL PALM TURKEY

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ORIGIN:	American
CLASSIFICATION:	Medium
MASSES:	
Mature Tom:	8.0 to 12.0kg
Mature Hen:	5.0 to 10.0kg
Young Stag:	5.0 to 10.0kg
Young Hen:	3.0 to 8.0kg

The Pied (Europe), Ronquières (Belgium) and Cröllwitzer (Germany) have similar colouring.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

MALE AND FEMALE

Head:	Medium in length, deep broad, carunculated, with tubular leader at base of beak, its size subject to extension or contraction according to the mood of the specimen.
Beak:	Medium length, strong, curved, well set in head.
Eyes:	Full, oval and prominent.
Throat and Wattle:	Throat: heavily carunculated in males. Wattles, male and female: large pendant, extending from lower base of lower mandible to point down front of neck.
Neck:	Medium in length, erect, gracefully curved blending into back
Beard:	Long, bristly, prominent in adult males, not required in females.
Back:	Broad, sloping from neck in a slightly convex curve to tail. Flat between the wings, with width carried well back toward base of tail.
Tail:	Moderately long, feathers broad, carried low in a continued graceful line with back. Coverts: broad and abundant extending well onto tail.

Wings:	Powerful, smoothly folded, carried well up on sides. Feathers: broad and overlapping.
Breast and Keel:	The frontal part: broad, deep, full, well rounded, carried well forward and slightly above horizontal. The breast at the face of the keel should be wide with a flat appearance. Keel medium in length, slightly convex, full fleshed, throughout its entire length.
Body:	Broad, deep, compact. Carriage sufficiently upright to show back angle of approximately forty-five degrees above horizontal from base of tail to shoulders.
Fluff:	Moderately short.
Legs and Toes:	Legs: medium length, strong, straight, set well apart. Thighs: well filled out with flesh down to the hocks. Hanks: strong, of good substance and as approximately as long as the keel. Toes: four on each foot, straight, strong and well spread.
Skin:	Fine in texture.

SERIOUS DEFECTS

Wry tail. Pronounced debeaking.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Wings showing one or more primary or secondary feathers definitely brown in colour. Entire absence of black edging in neck of males. Absence of black bands in main tail and greater coverts of both toms (males) and hens (females). Crooked or other deformity of the breastbone. Any other deformity.

COLOURS

ROYAL PALM

THE MALE

Head:	Red, changeable to bluish white.
Beak:	Light horn.
Eyes:	Light brown.
Throat & wattles:	Red, changeable to bluish white
Neck:	White with narrow black edging running the entire width of each feather becoming greater in width as it approaches the breast. Edging should run from base of head to point of shoulders to from a cape of black and white.

- Back:** Rich, metallic black over the saddle forming a sharp contrast of black against the pure white base colour of body plumage.
- Tail:** Main Tail: pure white with each feather having a broad band of metallic black about 3cm in width terminating in pure white at end of tail.
- Coverts:** White with wide band of metallic black, free of bronze cast, extending across feather near end terminating in a wide edge of white.
- Wings:** Fronts and Bows: white with narrow edge of black across each feather. Coverts: white with narrow edge of black on end of each feather forming a black band when wing is folded. Primaries: dull black. Secondaries: white with exposed portion of each feather having a black stripe running about 4 inches in length on each feather; becoming shorter on top. Secondaries: to form a distinct spot on each feather; brown in secondaries being very objectionable.
- Breast:** Exposed portion of each feather pure white ending in a broad sharply defined band of black to form a contrast of black and white giving the effect of scales of a fish. The contrast of black against pure white is of great importance. Mealiness or smut in this section is very objectionable.
- Body & Fluff:** Body: white with each feather ending in a black band terminating in white. Fluff: white or slate white in colour.
- Legs & Thighs:** White with very light black edging.
- Feet:** Mature specimens: deep pink; in young specimens: pinkish-white.

THE FEMALE

Similar to that of the male in all sections except that the black bands in plumage are less contrasting than in the toms. Edging in neck and wing fronts is less pronounced. The more edging in neck and upper shoulders of females, the better the specimen.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Shape (type)	20
Head, neck and wattle	15
Legs and feet	10
Weight	25
Colour	25
Condition	5
TOTAL	100