

## PLANT COLLECTING TECHNIQUES AND IDENTIFICATION

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#### **Overview of Module 1**

This Module shows the basic plant collecting protocol and plant identification procedure. The peatland managers and workers will be guided in these basic yet important preliminary activities to assess the vegetation and determine the plants that are existing and growing for they to know what to protect and conserve in this fragile ecosystem.

#### **Specific Learning Objectives**

Upon completion of this module, the learners/participants will be able to: 1. know how to collect and process plant specimens in the project site;

2. increase the scientific knowledge and contribute to plant diversity conservation;

3. promote the value of plant diversity to the visitors, and

4. develop techniques for collecting plants.













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**Plant Species Identification** 

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At the end of Lesson 2, the participants will be able to: how plant identification and classification.

- become familiar with basic plant physical features.
- begin to identify plants using morphological characteristics.











#### Introduction

Collecting botanical/plant specimens is one of the most important activities in

botanical assessment, particularly in peatland ecosystems. It is thought to be unnecessary, yet it is an essential component, especially if you do not know the identity of a plant you have come across in your sampling area. More so if the plant species is incidentally suspected to be new to science! Hence, you have to know certain things and specific procedures normally introduced to forest managers, peatland personnel, plant enthusiasts, and students, among others.

Most plant collections are for preservation in the herbarium. A *herbarium* is an institution for the collection of dried plant specimens as contrasted to *hortorium*, which is a collection of living plant specimens. In its more than four centuries of history, the herbarium has grown up into an institution. And one may associate the term today not only with collections of dried plant specimens but with instruction, research, and extension- that is, the source of public information (Buot, 2019).











Each specimen contains valuable information such as the use of the plant, the habit, the ecology and distribution, and the taxon to where the plant belongs.

A herbarium can then be viewed as a biological data bank with numerous quantities of raw information that could be interpreted, evaluated, experimented with, synthesized and used by the students, researchers, extension workers and the public laymen as well.

In view of the significant role played by a herbarium both in a college and in a community, it is important that we should learn its techniques.











# PLANT COLLECTION, PREPARATION & IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Collection
- 2. Pressing
- 3. Preservation
- 4. Packaging
- 5. Drying
- 6. Identification/Classification
- 7. Mounting
- 8. Labeling

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9. Filing10. Accessioning/Data-basing

#### **Before:**

## a. Know where and what to collect

Field work consists of collecting plant specimens in places where plants grow. These may be in gardens, cultivated areas, forests, abandoned fields, grasslands, rivers, seashores, lakes and seas.

















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### **Before:**

b. Have a permit to collect & contact persons notified







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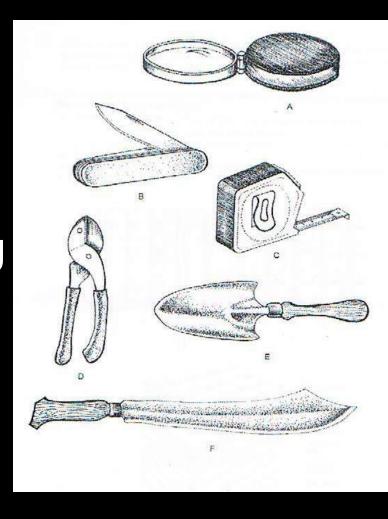




Courtesy call to DENR Regional, Provincial, and CENRO Office; Local Government Units and the community where the research study is conducted.

#### **Before:**

c. Make a checklist of field equipment & supplies needed A collector, before going on a botanical collection, should be provided with supplies and equipment



Ample provisions for food, clothing, and medicine should be prepared.

### **Before:**

## d. Have consider weather forecast







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Crossing the river and transporting supplies and materials

### While in the field:

## **1.** Collection

A good guide and climber should be hired in the locality as aide.

















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### What specimens to collect?

There are various plant groups involved such as flowering and non-flowering plants, mosses, ferns, and their allies.



















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The three largest flowering plant families containing the greatest number of species are:

The sunflower family (Asteraceae) with about 24,000 species,

The orchid family (Orchidaceae) with about 20,000 species.

The legume or pea family (Fabaceae) with 18,000 species.



The general principle to guide a collector is that a specimen to be collected should include reproductive structures, spores, or fruiting bodies for cryptogamic plants and flowers or fruits or both in the case of seed-bearing plants.





Cryptogamic plants: Musci (bryophytes), Filices (ferns)

## COLLECTING AND PROCESSING PLANTS FOR DISPLAY AND HERBARIUM PURPOSES

While in the field

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Field Notebook

A botanical specimen is worthless without any accompanying information.

### Data should include the following :

Name of collector \_\_\_\_\_Field No. \_\_\_\_
 Locality \_\_\_\_\_

(Barrio, municipality, province)

- 3. Local name \_\_\_\_\_ Dialect \_\_\_\_
- 4.Habitat \_\_\_\_\_\_Altitude \_
- 5. Description \_\_\_\_\_

(Tree, shrub, bush, vine, herb; flower, kind, odor, colors; fruit, taste, kind,

odor, color; diameter and height for big trees; and other characteristics)

6. Special notes

(Introduced, cultivated, etc.)

7. Economic uses \_\_\_\_\_

(Food, fiber, oil, timber, ritual, etc.)

8. Date collected

(Month, day, and year.)

# Specimens Collection for Spermatophytes (flowering plants and gymnosperm).

Big flowering plants and gymnosperm, the twigs containing leaves, flowers or fruits of about 30 centimeters long would be sufficient.



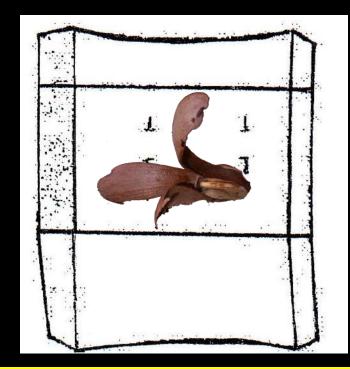
There must be duplicates, if possible, selected from the best of the available materials.



Care must be taken to avoid mixing specimens with other numbered collections. The specimens should be properly tagged with their respective numbers.

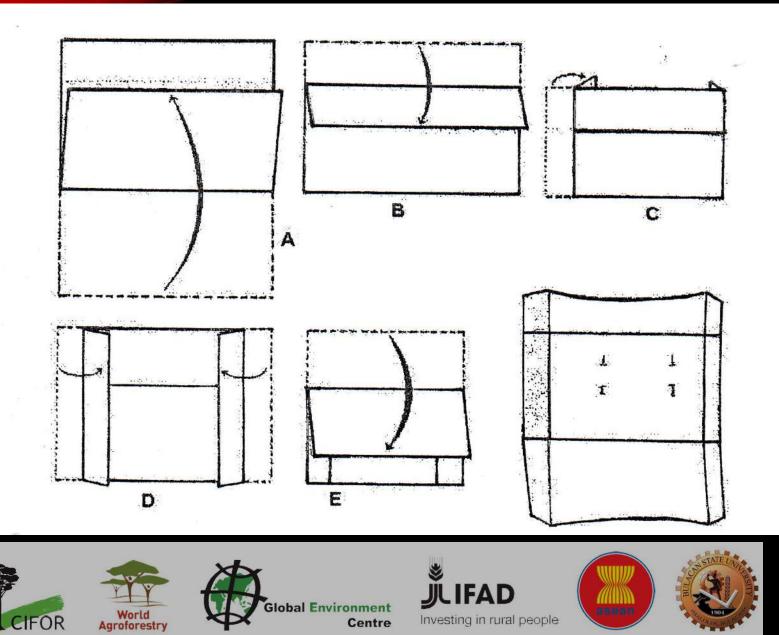


Some parts of the specimen particularly fruit or flower can be collected from the ground



Every specimen should be provided with notes/labels.

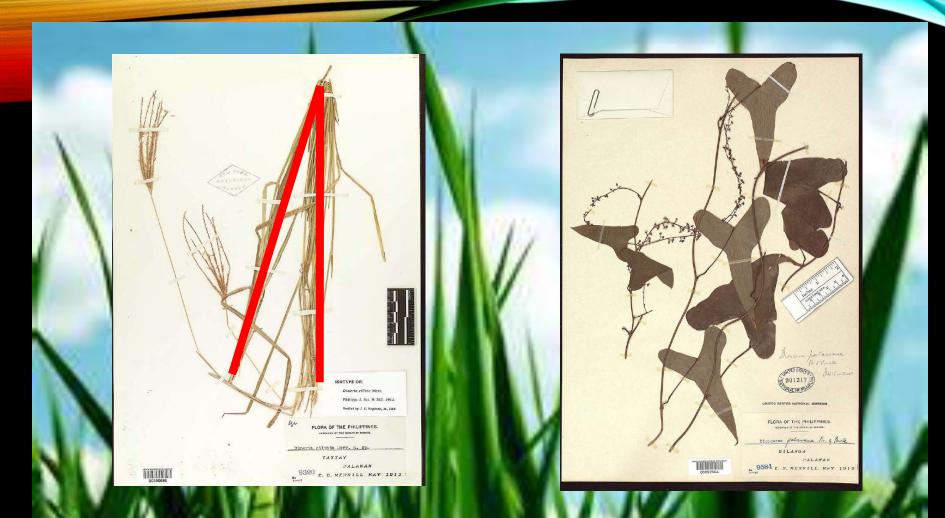
### **Envelope Storage Technique**



Small plants, complete specimens should be collected, that is, to include roots, stems, leaves, flowers, and fruits.



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Long specimens of vines and grasses should be bent either V – or N- shape.

Some particular groups of flowering plants such as:

## Giant Ferns, Pandan, Palms, Bamboo, Bananas, and Aroids present some difficulties in processing and preparing herbarium specimens.







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If there are several fragments representing one species of plant, they must be numbered or labeled successively to its relative position and marked with the same collector's number.



fertile frond with the rhizome.

### Collecting specimens of Pandan

# Pandan

species may be erect shrub or trees usually with prop-roots or sometimes climbing on trees by means of aerial roots.



For small plants, including the flowering branch with a complete set of leaves. The leaves can be folded to fit in the plant press.

## Collecting specimens of Banana

Banana is a giant herb with modified stem or trunk known as pseudostem and with large fleshy fruits and leaves.





Important parts of the leaf to be collected are from the leaf apex, from the middle portion, and at the basal segment. Collect fingers from the mature bunch.

## Collecting specimens of Palms

Collect fruits of full size that are not quite mature including seeds.

AT AVAILA

For palmate leaves collect the whole leaf blade including the petiole. Leaves can be folded to fit in the plant press.

Pinnate leaves collect portion of the rachis: one from the leaf apex, from the middle portion and at the basal segment. One-half of the blade should be cut except for their attachment.

### Collecting specimens of Aroids.

Aroids are plants with fleshy and large underground parts, leaves and stem. This group is known for their distinctive inflorescence

known as **Spadix** which is subtended by a solitary spathe.















### Collecting specimens of Aroids.





For large aroids, collect the following parts of the leaf blade: the apex of the leaf, a portion of middle leaf, and the posterior lobe including the attachment of the petiole.

## Collecting specimens of Aroids.



For small aroids, collect the complete plant with stem, with two or more attached leaves and inflorescence. Other information can be included like taking photographs of the landscape of study area, plant habit, fruits, flowers, associated species, etc.





Agusan Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, Agusan del Sur







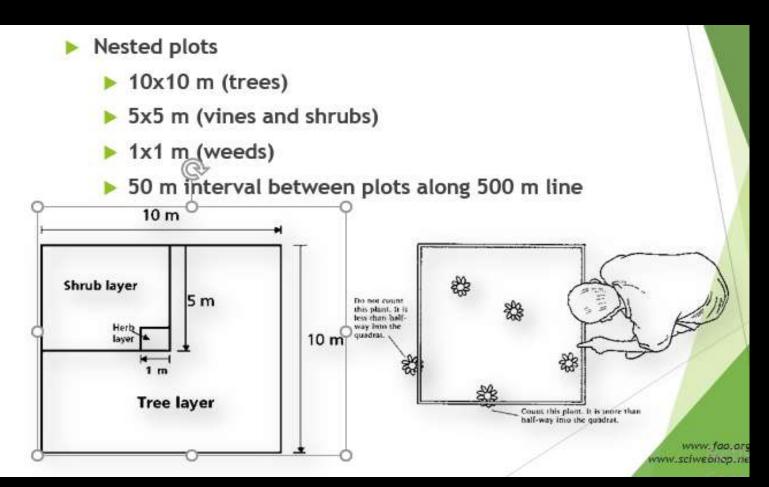




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# Diagnostic characteristics of ferns

# a. A fern is not a flowering plant

b. The mode of sexual reproduction is by spores which are found on the underside of the mature leaves

c. Ferns usually grow in moist shady areas









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There are 1,029 species of pteridophytes, distributed in 156 genera and 33 families.



(Source: Pelser, P.B., J.F. Barcelona & D.L. Nickrent (eds.). 2011 onwards. Co's Digital Flora of the Philippines. www.philippineplants.org

# **Spore Collection**



The spores will be gathered in a paper and will appear as black, brown, or yellow "powder." The sample collected is a mixture of spores and fragments of the spore cases (sporangia).

# **Spore Collection**



#### Tube with spores









# 2. Pressing

Upon reaching the camp the specimens should be neatly arranged in newspaper folders placed one on top of the other with sufficient blotters in between.







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# 2. Pressing

# Bulky fleshy stems, tubers and fruits should be sliced.



## 3. Preservation

In order to maintain the good quality of all collected specimens while on the field, plants samples can be preserved using ethanol/denatured alcohol.



This solution will prevent immediate deterioration, or the falling off of leaves, flowers, and fruits.

#### Some of the activities done inside the peatland

























# 4. Packaging

# Preparing for transport



# 5. Drying

Wet newspaper must be changed with new ones before drying.





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There are two methods of drying the specimens:

(1). Drying under the sun known as natural drying,

(2). Drying under artificial heat or artificial drying.



# 5. Drying

#### Dried specimens may be removed from heat.



Specimens should be inspected every four hours or as often as necessary.

# 6. Identification

Ways to identify newly collected specimens:

#### a. Use of taxonomic keys

- b. Comparing with herbarium materials
- c. Comparing with colored photographs in books and journals
- d. Consulting with the expert











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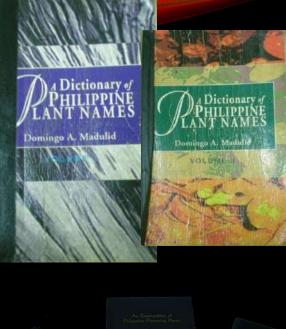






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Dioscoreaceae

bayag-usa (Bik) - Cerbera manghas L. Apocynaceae

bayag-usa (Bik, Dgt, Tag) - Voacanga globosa (Blco.) Merr. Apocynaceae

bayag-usa (Tag) – Gardenia curranii Merr.; G. pseudopsidium (Blco.) E.-Vill. Rubiaceae

bayakan (Tag) – Shorea negrosensis Foxw. Dipterocarpaceae

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- bayakaw (Png) Entada parvifolia Merr. Fabaceae
- bayakbak (Ibg) Syzygium subrotundifolium (C.B. Rob.) Merr. Myrtaceae

bayakbak (Kpm) – Senna timoriensis (DC.) Irwin & Barneby Fabaceae

bayakbak (Png) – Cleistanthus myrianthus (Hassk.) Kurz subsp. myrianthus Euphorbiaceae; Syzygium bordenii (Merr.) Merr.; S. costulatum (C.B. Rob.) Merr. Myrtaceae

bayakbak (Tag) - Cleistanthus myrianthus (Hassk.) Kurz subsp. cupreus (Vid.) Jabl. Euphorbiaceae

bayakbak-bukit (Kpm) - Sesbania cannabina (Retz.) Pers. Fabaceae

bayakew (Png) - Entada parvifolia Merr. Fa-

bayakkot an panumyo (lfg) - Macaranga caudatifolia Elm. Euphorbiaceae
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bayako (BisPn) - Artocarpus cumingianus
Trec. Moraceae
bayakto (Bik) - Micrechites schrieckii (v. Huerck & MuellArg.) Rolfe Apocynaceae
bayakutol (Sbl) - Clerodendrum sp. Verbe- naceae
bayalgan gadudukke (Ifg) - Murdannia nu- diflora (L.) Brenan Commelinaceae
bayalgan mumbolah (Ifg) - Murdannia nudi- flora (L.) Brenan Commelinaceae
bayambang (Tag) - *Amaranthus spinosus L. Deeringia polysperma (Roxb.) Moq. Ama ranthaceae
bayami (Tag) – Pothos philippinensis Eng Araceae
bayan (Mbo) - Lithocarpus solerianus (Vid Rehd. Fagaceae
bayan (Pal) – Mussaenda palawanensis Mer Rubiaceae
bayan (Sbl) - Memecylon lanceolatum Blc Melastomataceae
bayanag (Tag) - Amyema acuta (v. Tiegl Danser Loranthaceae
bayang (Bgb, Bng) - Endospermum peltate

bayang (Msk) - Mallotus mollissimus (Geisel.) Airy Shaw Euphorbiaceae

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## Comparing with herbarium specimens





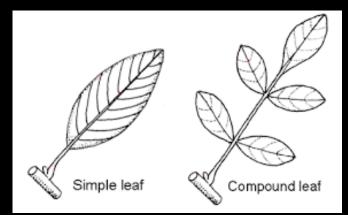


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#### LEAF CHARACTERISTICS

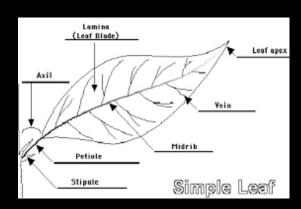
- a. Simple leaf leaf blade is undivided and maybe entire, lobed, or cleft.
   Common examples are santol and gabi).
- b. Compound leaf leaf blade divides into several parts called leaflets.
   Common examples are mahogany and rain tree.





To have a complete overview of the external morphology of the typical leaf.

- 1. The leaf consists of a leaf base, leaf blade, petiole, and stipules with its unique function.
- a. Leaf base is part of a leaf close to the petiole. In many dicotyledonous plants, the leaf base supports two lateral outgrowths known as stipules. However, in monocotyledonous plants, the leaf base is expanded into a structure called the leaf sheath. These sheaths partially or entirely cover the stem such as in sugarcane.
- b. Leaf-blade/Lamina is the green flattened portion of the leaf that performs photosynthesis in the plant. A noticeable thick vein, known as the midrib, is located from the leaf base to the leaf apex. This midrib branches into thinner lateral veins and veinlets.
- c. Petiole is the stalk of the leaf, which is attached to the leaf base on one side and the stem on the other side. When the petiole is present, it calls petiolate while it calls sessile when the petiole is absent.
- d. Stipules –an outgrowth found paired at the base of some dicot leaves. The leaves with stipules calls stipulate while those without stipules call exstipulate.



#### Phyllotaxy

Phyllotaxy – is the leaf arrangement on the stem or its branches in such a way they receive maximum sunlight. The following is the arrangement of leaves: alternate, opposite, spiral, and whorled.

- a. Alternate a single leaf attached at each node.
  This considers the most common arrangement.
  Typical examples are santol and mango.
- b. Opposite two leaves develop from nodes opposite each other. Common examples are guava and makopa.
- c. Spiral involve alternately arranged leaves in which each succeeding stem node and attached leaf is rotated slightly from the nodes below and above it. A common example is ivy.
- d. Whorled there are more than two leaves developed in a node in a circle or rounded position. Common examples are the yellow bell and dita.

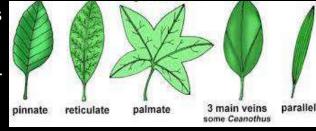


Leaf venation – the arrangement or patterns of veins and veinlets in the blade of a leaf. These veins are composed of vascular tissues that are used for food and water transport. There are two types of venation: netted and parallel.

a. Netted – sometimes called reticulate is a type where there are one or more big veins from which smaller veins branch out and interconnect. This branch and interconnection form a network pattern. This type of venation categorizes into three, and it is characteristic of most dicotyledonous plants.

- 1. Pinnately reticulate has one main vein present from which smaller veins spread out in different directions in the leaf blade.
- 2. Palmately reticulate have two or more big veins radiating from the tip of the petiole.
- 3. Radiate reticulate have two or more large veins radiating from around the tip of the petiole and branching up into smaller veins to form a network throughout the leaf blade.

b. Parallel venation – a form in leaves when all the veins run parallel to each other. Typically, this type of venation is characteristically found in most monocot leaves.











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# **Philippine** Plants

### Updated Online Flora



Pteridophyte Families Gymnosperm An Families #

Angiosperm Families Alphabetical List

s Digital Flora

Families Angiosperm Families al List APG List

This illustrated checklist is a continuation of the works of Elmer D. Merrill (1876-1956) and Leonardo L. Co (1953-2010), authorities on the Philippine vascular Flora.



#### What is CDFP?

It is the most comprehensive digital checklist of Philippine vascular plants.

Includes all native and naturalized species of vascular plants with diagnostic photographs for each taxon.











#### HOYAS



Hoya imbricata



Hoya camphorifolia



Hoya siariae















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First row: (1) Freycinetia multiflora, (2) Melastoma malabathricum, and (3) Amyema celebica

Second row: (1) Barringtonia acutangula, (2) Hoya pentaphlebia, and (3) Nepenthes mirabilis

Third row: (1) *Buchanania arborescens*, (2) *Milletia pinnata*, and (3) *Robiquetia sp*. Fourth row: (1) *Dillenia philippinensis*, (2) *Calamus multinervis*, and (3) *Ardisia squamulosa* 

Fifth row: (1) Hoya imbricata, (2) Pandanus sp., and (3) Cerbera manghas



First row: (1) Hoya sp., (2) aroids, and (3) Lagerstroemia speciosa Second row: (1) Phaleonopsis sp., (2) Syzygium sp., and (3) Asplenium nidum Third row: (1) trunk of Calophyllum sp., (2) Polyporus fungi, and (3)

Morinda sp.

Fourth row: (1) *Hoya sp.,* (2) *Ficus sp.,* and (3) *Hoya sp.* Fifth row: (1) *Hedychium sp.,* (2) *Nepenthes sp.,* and (3) *Ardisia sp.* 















First row: (1) Amischotolype griffithii, (2) Dillenia philippinensis, and (3) Lepironia articulata Second row: (1) Hodychium philippinenso, (2) Colona sorratifolia, and

Second row: (1) Hedychium philippinense, (2) Colona serratifolia, and (3) Cerbera manghas

Third row: (1) *Freycenetia sp.*, (2) *Myrmecodia tuberosa*, and (3) *Medenilla teysmanii* 

Fourth row: (1) Garcinia sp., (2) Nauclea orientalis, and (3) Fagraea philippinensis







#### APOCYNACEAE





Scientific Name: Cerbera manghas L. Local Name: sea mango

Brief Description: A small evergreen coastal tree growing up bright red at maturity. Uses: medicinal

Distribution: Tropical Asia through Malesia to tropical Australia

Ecology: Common along the seashore throughout the







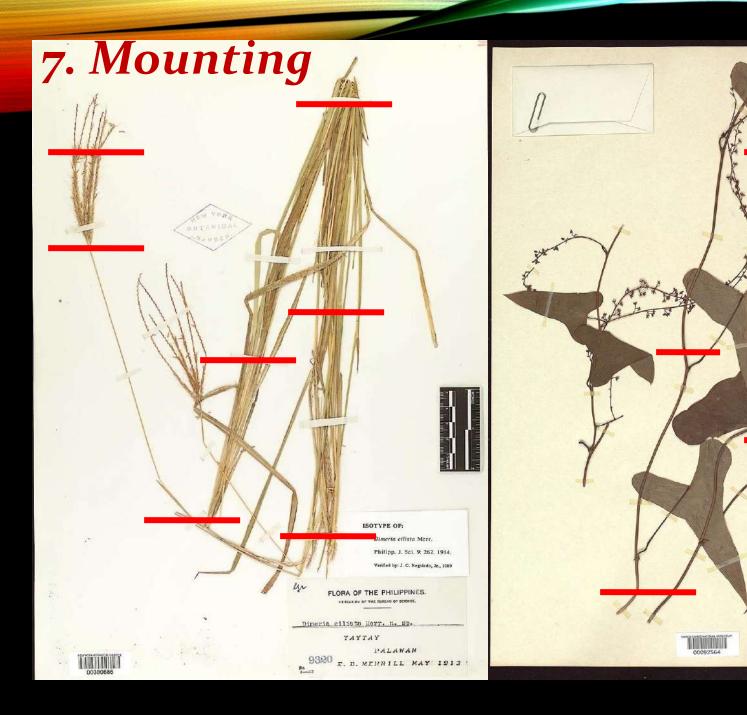












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# 7. Labelling

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Collector D.N. Tandang et al
Island or ProvinceButuan
LocalityBrgy. Tungao
Habitatplanted in backyard
Altitude above the sea meters.
Tree; shrub; bush; vine; herb <b>Tree</b>
Height of plant
Diameter, breast high
Flower
Fruit
Special notesfruit is edible
Economic uses The wood is used for
furniture

Date Feb, 29, 2012

#### **Field label**



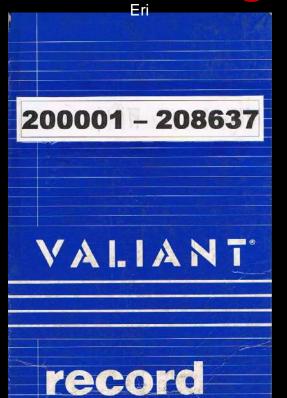
#### Diospyros discolor Willd.

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#### **Herbarium label**

# 8. Accessioning/ Data-basing









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# In filing the specimens in the herbarium cases, there are various systems involved as follows:



**Phylogenetic arrangement** – This order according to evolutionary trend is in accordance with concepts of plant taxonomists such as the systems of Engler and Prantl.

9. Filing

#### **Alphabetical arrangement** – All generic names may be alphabetically arranged, while the species follows suit under each genus, regardless of families.

#### **Compactor System**













**Peatland ecotourism theme:** 

# It's more fun in the Peatlands





#### **R.P Cereno (2012)**









