

## REVIEW

R.H.M.J. LEMMENS & N. BUNYAPRAPHATSARA (eds.): **Plant Resources of South-East Asia. 12 (3). Medicinal and poisonous plants.** Backhuys Publishers, Leiden, 2003. 663 pp., illus. ISBN 90-5782-125-7. Price: EUR 150. [A paperback edition will be available for c. EUR 70 as from January 2005. For developing countries a much cheaper paperback edition (ISBN 979-8316-44-4) will be available early 2003 from the PROSEA Network Office, P.O. Box 332, Bogor 16122, Indonesia.]

This new volume of the PROSEA handbook series is the third one on medicinal and poisonous plants. The volume treats the least important species used as medicines or poison. The introduction gives some general remarks on the choice of species and collecting plants for medicinal use. A closing paragraph of this introduction gives some statistics on plant families to which the medicinal plants belong, their habit and habitat. The introduction is followed by an alphabetical treatment of genera and species. In total there are 285 genera and 540 species treated. The volume is concluded by a list of medicinal and poisonous plants with other primary uses, a list of references and several indices.

As all PROSEA-handbooks also this volume is produced along the well-known lines of the PROSEA layout. For those researchers interested in medicinal and poisonous plants the whole set of three volumes of the mega volume 12 is of great importance.

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