A NEW COMBINATION IN CADETIA (ORCHIDACEAE)

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SUMMARY

The new combination Cadetia maliliensis (J. J. Sm.) Schuit. is made, based on Dendrobium maliliense J. J. Sm. The genus Cadetia is recorded from Borneo for the first time.

INTRODUCTION

In an earlier article I made some new combinations in *Cadetia* (Schuiteman, 1994). At that time I was aware that *Dendrobium maliliense* J.J. Sm. from Sulawesi belongs to *Cadetia*, but I did not want to make the formal transfer then, as I was not convinced that it was distinct from certain New Guinea species. Unfortunately, no material of these species (*Cadetia crassula* Schltr. and *C. parvula* Schltr.) has turned up; the types are lost, and it seems that these tiny plants have never been collected again. Therefore, I had to rely on descriptions and illustrations, and I have now reached the conclusion that *Dendrobium maliliense* J.J. Sm. is not conspecific with either *Cadetia crassula* or *C. parvula*. As a result, the following new combination is necessary:

Cadetia maliliensis (J. J. Sm.) Schuit., comb. nov.

Dendrobium maliliense J. J. Sm., Bot. Jahrb. Syst. 65 (1933) 487.

Distribution — Borneo (see note 1 below), Sulawesi.

Notes — 1. The only Borneo material I have seen was collected a long time ago near Bandjarmasin (SE Kalimantan) by two collectors: Korthals (s. n., with only one damaged flower, L) in 1836, and Motley (nr. 500, sterile, K) in 1858. This material had been identified as Bulbophyllum. Jaap Vermeulen was probably the first person in more than a century who had a closer look at it, and he of course saw at once that it did not belong to Bulbophyllum. As these Borneo specimens are either sterile or incomplete the specific identification is not entirely certain. This is the first record of the genus Cadetia from Borneo.

2. Cadetia maliliensis belongs to section Sarcocadetia. It is the only species of the genus Cadetia occurring in Sulawesi.

REFERENCE

Schuiteman, A. 1994. New combinations in Cadetia and Pantlingia (Orchidaceae). Blumea 39: 235-236.