

VIII. THE PROSEA PROGRAMME (PLANT RESOURCES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA)

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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

On 26 December 1995 Prof. Ishemat Digulian Soerianegara passed away suddenly in Bogor, Indonesia, at the age of 62. He taught dendrology, forest ecology, tropical silviculture and forest tree improvement at the Bogor Agricultural University. He was one of the creators of the Indonesian Selective Felling System (1973) and has laid the foundation for the environmental impact assessment of the Indonesian forestry development programme. From the beginning in 1990, Dr. Ishemat was involved as editor in the PROSEA volumes on Timber trees. The PROSEA cooperators deeply regret his sudden death and will miss him.

At the end of 1995, Dr. Salleh Mohd. Nor retired as Director General of FRIM and consequently left as member of the PROSEA Board of Trustees. Dr. Abdul Razak Mohd. Ali, the new Director General, took the seat as member of the PROSEA Board of Trustees as of December 1995. Dr. Salleh has played an important role in the establishment and development of the PROSEA Foundation.

Dr. Sri Setyati Harjadi (BO) was appointed as part-time training/dissemination officer at the Network Office in Bogor as of 1 June 1995.

Mr. Prapandh Boonklinkajorn (TISTR) was succeeded by Mr. Soonthorn Duriyaprapan as PROSEA Thailand Programme Leader as of 1 October 1995 and Mr. Soonthorn was succeeded by Mr. Taksin Archawakom as Country Officer.

As a follow-up of the PROSEA International Workshop in 1994 several national workshops were held. In Indonesia on 18 July 1995 a national workshop on dissemination of PROSEA information was held in Bogor and attended by c. 60 participants; in Vietnam on 20 March 1996 a similar one was held in Hanoi, with 43 participants. Both workshops discussed the possibilities for dissemination of PROSEA information in their countries and presented plans and recommendations.

On 11 March 1996 the Agreement on the implementation of the ITTO project: 'Book and databank on the lesser-known timbers of South-East Asia: Volume 5 (3) within the PROSEA Programme' was signed at the Ministry of Forestry, Jakarta, by Mr. Soemarsono (Director General, Forest Protection and Nature Conservation of the Indonesian Ministry of Forestry), Dr. B. C. Y. Freezailah (Executive Director, International Tropical Timber Organization) and Dr. Aprilani Soegiarto (Chairman PROSEA Board of Trustees). The budget of this 2-year project is provided by the governments of the Netherlands, Japan, Indonesia, and the European Union.

At the PROSEA Board of Trustees meeting in Kuala Lumpur, 25 and 26 September 1995, it has been decided that the PLANTGRO pilot project is not followed up because fund raising for PLANTGRO competes with fund raising for PROSEA's core activities

and PLANTGRO was thought to have too little relationship with PROSEA's core business. At the same meeting the Agreements of Cooperation between the participating institutes for the period 1996 to 2000 were approved. The fact-finding missions to Brunei, Singapore, Burma (Myanmar), Laos and Cambodia to study possibilities for membership of PROSEA are postponed till PROSEA is financially in a better shape.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

PROSEA 2: Edible fruits and nuts has been translated in the Philippines in 1995. Its Tagalog title is: **Mga Nakakaing Prutas at Nuwes** and translated volumes were presented to the President of the Philippines Fidel V. Ramos and the Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology William G. Padolina at the National Fruit Congress Exhibition '95 in Cagayan de Oro City. For price and availability please contact the PROSEA Country Office in the Philippines at PCARRD.

PROSEA 9: Plants yielding non-seed carbohydrates. Editors: M. Flach (WAG) and F. Rumawas (BO). Hardbound edition: Backhuys Publishers, Leiden, 1996. 237 pages. ISBN 90-73348-51-X. NLG c. 125.00, US\$ c. 80.00. Low price paperback edition: PROSEA, Bogor, 1996. ISBN 979-8316-30-4. Price c. US\$ 10.00.

The book (note the change in the title) contains an introductory chapter of 28 pages, an alphabetical treatment of 54 major species in 33 illustrated papers on 122 pages, an alphabetical treatment of c. 50 minor species on 22 pages, a list of species with other primary use of 4 pages, a literature list of 7 pages and a glossary of 16 pages. In total 37 specialists contributed.

PROSEA 10: Cereals. Editors: G.J.H. Grubben (WAG) and Soetjipto Partohardjono (BO). Hardbound edition: Backhuys Publishers, Leiden, 1996. 199 pages. ISBN 90-73348-56-0. NLG c. 125.00, US\$ c. 80.00. Low price paperback edition: PROSEA, Bogor, 1996. ISBN 979-8316-31-2. Price c. US\$ 10.00.

The book contains an introductory chapter (58 pp.), an alphabetical treatment of 20 important cereal crops and 3 pseudo-cereals in 16 illustrated papers (77 pp.), an alphabetical treatment of minor cereals (7 pp.), a list of cereals with other primary use (1 p.), a literature list (11 pp.) and a glossary (11 pp.). In total 29 specialists contributed.

PROSEA Bibliography 6: Rattans. Editors: N. Wulijarni-Soetjipto (BO) and Sarkat Danimihardja (BO). PROSEA, Bogor, 1995. 514 records. ISBN 979-8316-25-8. Price c. US\$ 8.00. Available at the PROSEA Network in SE Asia.

PROSEA Bibliography 7: Bamboos. Editors: N. Wulijarni-Soetjipto and Sarkat Danimihardja (BO). PROSEA, Bogor, 1996. 506 records. Available at the PROSEA Network in SE Asia.

Proceedings of the Second PROSEA International Workshop, November 7–9, 1994, Jakarta and Cisarua, Indonesia. Editors: Rusdy E. Nasution (BO) and N. Wulijarni-Soetjipto (BO). PROSEA, Bogor, 1995. 183 pages. ISBN 979-8316-29-0.

In this book are presented among others: PROSEA state of the art, progress reports of the Country Offices, evaluation of PROSEA publications, and activities PROSEA plans to do and suggested to be done for the years 1996–2000.

COMMODITY GROUPS PROGRESSES (situation July 1996)

PROSEA 5 (3): Timber trees: Lesser-known timbers. Editors: M. S. M. Sosef (WAG), L. T. Hong (FRIM) and Soenardi Prawirohadmodjo (Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta).

As successor of the editor Dr. Soerianegara, Dr. Soenardi Prawirohadmodjo has been appointed. About 200 manuscripts of the more than 300 have been received and are in an advanced stage in the editorial round. The book is sponsored by ITTO (financial support from the Japanese, Dutch, and Indonesian Governments). The ITTO Steering Committee had two meetings in BO, in April and in June 1996, respectively. On 17 and 18 September 1996 an editorial meeting was to be held in BO. Between 11 and 25 November, 1996, a Wood Anatomy Workshop was planned to take place at FRIM to prepare most of the wood-anatomical contributions for this volume. The Workshop had 13 South-East Asian participants and 5 professional instructors, chaired by Dr. Pieter Baas (L). All work is progressing well and it can be expected that the book will be ready in spring 1998.

PROSEA 11: Auxiliary plants. Editors: F. H. Ibrahim (FRIM) & L. J. G. van der Maesen (WAG). Coordinator: L. P. A. Oyen (WAG).

Work on this group is progressing well – about 70 of the 95 major papers are ready, the introduction is in an advanced stage and the 150 minor species have been described. End of May 1996 an editorial meeting was held in WAG. It is hoped that the manuscript can go to the printers by the end of this year.

PROSEA 12: Medicinal and poisonous plants. Editors: L. S. de Padua (UPLB, Los Baños, Philippines), Nuntavan Bunyaphatsara (Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand) and R. H. M. J. Lemmens (WAG). Coordinator: R. H. M. J. Lemmens (WAG).

A preparatory committee (L. S. de Padua, Philippines; R. P. Labadie, Netherlands; R. H. M. J. Lemmens, WAG) met between 6 and 8 November, 1995, in WAG and made proposals for the task force. The task force meeting (9 members: L. S. de Padua, chair-woman, Philippines; R. H. M. J. Lemmens, secretary, Netherlands; N. Wulijarni-Soetjipto, general editor, Indonesia; Sjamsul Arifin Achmad, Indonesia; A. M. Latiff, Malaysia; R. P. Labadie, Netherlands; Nuntavan Bunyaphatsara, Thailand; Nguyen Tien Ban, Vietnam; D. K. Holdsworth, United Kingdom) was held in BO on 12 and 13 March, 1996, and made recommendations for the set-up of this volume. Volume 12 will be divided into 3 subvolumes and genera treatments will be given: for 12 (1) about 100 genera, 12 (2) about 180 and 12 (3) about 375. For volume 12 (1) authors have been invited and willingness to cooperate is overwhelming.

PROSEA 13: Spices. Coordinator: J. S. Siemonsma (WAG).

Preparatory work for this volume has started. About 50 major and 50 minor species will be treated. Potential editors and authors are being identified.

PROSEA 14: Vegetable oils and fats. Coordinator: E. Westphal (WAG).

Preparatory work for this volume has started and a survey of candidate editors is taking place.

PROSEA 15: Cryptogams. Editors: W.F. Prud'homme van Reine (L) & Mien A. Rifai (BO). Coordinator: J.S. Siemonsma (WAG).

About 100 manuscripts out of 190 have been received and work is in full swing. At this moment it is still impossible to predict the approximate publication date.

PROSEA 19: Essential-oil plants. Coordinator: J.S. Siemonsma (WAG).

Preparatory work for this volume has started. About 25 major and 25 minor species will be treated. Potential editors and authors are being identified.