

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

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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Dr. A.J.G.H. Kostermans (BO) died on 10 July 1994. He became 88 years old and was buried in the Bogor Botanical Garden, close to the plants and the herbarium to which he devoted most of his life. The life and work of 'Dok' are well known to Southeast Asian botanists and various obituaries appeared in Newsletters and Journals. Until his death he was also scientific adviser for PROSEA. Besides advising he also contributed to the PROSEA books as author, e.g. on correct naming of *Lauraceae*, *Sterculiaceae*, and *Tiliaceae* in the 'Basic list of species and commodity grouping', on *Cryptocarya massey* (Oken) Kosterm. in 'A selection' (which book has also been dedicated to him) and on *Eusideroxylon* and *Scaphium* in 'Timber trees 5 (1)'. His warm interest in the PROSEA Programme, his contributions, his advice, his friendship, humor and hospitality will be badly missed.

Mr. S. Danimihardja (BO) succeeded Ms. N. Wulijarni-Soetjipto (BO) as Databank Officer in the Network Office (BO) per 1 January 1994.

Dr. R.E. Nasution (BO) replaced Dr. S. Kadarsan (BO) as PROSEA Indonesia Programme Leader since 1 August 1994.

The ITTO-PROSEA Steering Committee met three times in BO to discuss and guide the progress of the timber trees books. Volume 5 (1): Timber trees: Major commercial timbers, was reviewed by Dr. Ng (CIFOR) and professor S.P. Hatmodjo (Gadjah Mada University) upon request of the committee. Both reviewers evaluated the book as a valuable all-in-one reference book and looked forward to the other two volumes.

From 7–9 November 1994, the second PROSEA International Workshop was held in Jakarta and Cisarua, Indonesia, and was attended by 120 participants. Its objectives were to highlight the importance of the plant resources of Southeast Asia, to review the PROSEA Programme in its first implementation phase (1991–1995) and to make recommendations for the second implementation phase (1995–2000), especially for aspects related to dissemination of information.

The Workshop concluded that the PROSEA Foundation had performed well up to now and set targets had been properly fulfilled. Working Groups (4) discussed databank development and utilization, handbook production and distribution, dissemination of information and interaction with external agencies, and foundation organization and management. The Proceedings of the Workshop can be expected soon. Some recommendations:

1) Collaboration in Southeast Asia with relevant organizations concerning exchange of data, dissemination and networking should be promoted. — 2) PROSEA should play a pro-active role in training and dissemination activities in the region. — 3) The PROSEA

databank should be kept up-to-date, extended where relevant and made available to interested parties for the development of derived products. — 4) Publication of CD-ROMs with the texts of the PROSEA books (possibly extended with photographs and distribution maps) and literature references should continue and be promoted. — 5) Training courses should be organized for potential Southeast Asian authors on specific subject areas (e.g. wood anatomy, scientific writing skills). — 6) A special training and dissemination officer should be appointed by the Network Office. — 7) After completion of the first edition of the Handbook by the year 2000, the Network Office (BO) will become the PROSEA head office and the Publication Office (WAG) reduced in function. — 8) The Country Offices should play a more important role to serve as a national focal point for providing plant resources information. A physical electronic network between the Offices should be created as soon as possible, using also existing networks. — 9) To discuss all problems related to a second, revised edition of the Handbook, a third PROSEA Workshop should be organized before the year 2000.

Before, during and after the Workshop in Cisarua were also held: a PROSEA Board Meeting, a PROSEA Country Officers Meeting, and editors meetings for all on-going books. The Board decided about the recommendations of the Workshop, e.g. a fact finding mission will be organized to Brunei, Singapore, Burma (Myanmar), Laos, and Cambodia, to study possibilities for membership of PROSEA.

In continuation of the try-out of cooperation between PROSEA and PLANTGRO, all authors who ever contributed to the PROSEA volumes were invited to fill in a PLANTGRO form with specific questions about the treated plant species. The response was promising and C. Hackett (Australia) is converting the questionnaires into plant files for PLANTGRO.

The publication of PROSEA 7: Bamboos, marked the end of Pudoc's involvement in the book publishing activities of PROSEA, a task which is taken over by Backhuys Publishers, POB 321, NL-2300 AH Leiden, The Netherlands.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

PROSEA 5 (2): Timber trees: minor commercial timbers. Editors: R.H.M.J. Lemmens (WAG), I. Soerianegara (BO) and W.C. Wong (FRIM). Hardbound edition: Backhuys Publishers, Leiden, 1995. 655 pages. ISBN 90-73348-44-7. Dfl. c. 225.00, US\$ c. 135.00. Low price paperback edition: PROSEA, Bogor, 1995. ISBN 979-8316-18-5. Price c. US\$ 20.00

This volume is a complement of PROSEA 5 (1): Timber trees: major commercial timbers, published in 1993. The book contains among others a short introductory chapter of 6 pages, an alphabetical treatment of 62 genera dealing with over 800 species on 487 pages, a table of 20 pages on wood properties of selected species, a literature list of 747 items, and a glossary of 16 pages. Each paper is illustrated by one or more drawings and by sets of 3 anatomical photographs of the wood. At the end of each paper a selection of the major species of the genus is given with a short survey of their major characteristics. In total 60 specialists contributed as editor, associate editor or author.

PROSEA 7: Bamboos. Editors: S. Dransfield (K) and E.A. Widjaja (BO). Hardbound edition: Backhuys Publishers, Leiden, 1995. 189 pages. ISBN 90-73348-35-8. Dfl. 100.00, US\$ c. 60.00 Low price paperback edition: PROSEA, Bogor, 1995. ISBN 979-8316-21-5. Price c. US\$ 10.00.

The book contains an introductory chapter of 35 pages, an alphabetical treatment of 45 species (illus.) on 95 pages, an alphabetical treatment of c. 30 minor species on 8 pages, a literature list of 9 pages and a glossary of 7 pages. In total 17 specialists contributed.

PROSEA Bibliography 4: Forages. Editor: N. Wulijarni-Soetjipto (BO). PROSEA, Bogor, 1994. 950 records. ISBN 979-8316-23-1. Price c. US\$ 10.00.

PROSEA Bibliography 5 (1): Timber trees: Major commercial timbers. Editors: S. Danimihardja (BO) & S. Riswan (BO). PROSEA, Bogor, 1994. 2630 records. 2 parts. ISBN 979-8316-28-2. Price c. US\$ 23.00.

PROSEA Bibliography 8: Vegetables. Editors: S. Danimihardja (BO) & M.H. van den Bergh (WAG). PROSEA, Bogor, 1995. 3101 records. 2 parts. ISBN 979-8316-22-3. Price c. US\$ 25.00.

PROSEA CD-ROM, Version 1. PROSEA/PUDOC 1994. It contains the texts of the PROSEA Volumes 1-4, PROSEA Bibliographies 1-4, and CATALOG records for volumes 1-4.

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AVAILABILITY OF THE PROSEA PRODUCTS

Hardbound editions: only available from Backhuys Publishers, POB 321, 2300 AH Leiden, The Netherlands.

Low price paperback editions: only sold to developing countries all over the world by PROSEA Network Office, POB 234, Bogor 16122, Indonesia. In Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam those editions are also available at the respective Country Offices (the PROSEA Network).

Medium priced paperback editions: only available two years after publication of the hardbound edition from Backhuys Publishers. Price is about one third of the hardbound edition.

Bibliographies: only available from the PROSEA Network Office and the PROSEA Country Offices.

CD-ROM: only available from Pudoc, POB 4, 6700 AA Wageningen, the Netherlands.

Derived Products and translations: only available from the PROSEA Network in SE Asia.

COMMODITY GROUPS PROGRESSES (situation July 1995)

PROSEA 5 (3): Timber trees: Lesser-used timbers. Editors: M.S.M. Sosef (WAG), I. Soerianegara (BO) and L.T. Hong (FRIM).

During editors meetings of PROSEA 5 (2) in April 1994 at FRIM, in November 1994 at Cisarua and in May 1995 at WAG the set up of this volume was also discussed. About 325 genera (c. 1200 species) will be treated, each genus receiving 1 or 2 printed pages. About 120 genera will be illustrated with a botanical drawing.

A macroscopic wood description accompanied by a $\times 10$ photograph will be included in each paper, and microscopic wood anatomical characters will be presented in a table in a coded form. Authors are invited and for c. 150 genera positive replies were received. A proposal for a wood anatomy training course under the guidance of Prof. P. Baas (L) has been drawn up.

PROSEA 9: Non-seed carbohydrate-producing plants. Editors: M. Flach (WAG) & F. Rumawas (BO). Coordinator: J.S. Siemonsma (WAG).

The name of the volume has been slightly changed to exclude cereals. About 20 papers (of the total of about 32) are completely ready, minor species are ready and the rest of the book is in a far advanced stage. Publication can be expected towards the end of 1995.

PROSEA 10: Cereals. Editors: G.J.H. Grubben (WAG) & S. Partohardjono (BO). Coordinator: J.S. Siemonsma (WAG).

About 8 manuscripts (out of 15) are in the final stage. The introduction is in an advanced stage. Work on minor species still has to be done. Publication can be expected in the first half of 1996.

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

Progress has been slower than anticipated, mainly because most of the species dealt with in this volume have had very little research attention during recent years. Consequently, information is incomplete, scattered and often hard to find. Nevertheless, of the about 95 major papers c. 30 are ready completely and another 50 have been checked by the editors already. First drafts of the minor species are available. Work on the introduction is going on but a complete first draft has not yet been prepared. Publication of this difficult but most interesting volume can be expected in the course of 1996.

PROSEA 12: Medicinal and poisonous plants. Coordinator: R.H.M.J. Lemmens (WAG).

First preparations for this volume have been started. A task force will advise on the set-up of this volume, on the selection of species, editors and authors. As soon as the proposals have been made, work can start at the beginning of 1996.

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

After informal preparations over the last few years work for this volume (earlier indicated by: Lower plants) really started November 1994. The volume will be subdivided into sections: 60 articles on Algae, 10 articles on Bacteria, 48 articles on Ferns, 68 articles on Fungi (including Lichens) and 3 articles on Mosses. These will be no treatment of Minor species and no reference list of secondary use species. Authors were invited in February 1995 and at present about 130 contracts (out of 220) have been returned.