

REVIEW

ISABELLA A. ABBOTT & KARLA J. MCDERMID (eds): **Taxonomy of Economic Seaweeds, with reference to the Pacific and other locations. Volume IX.** University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program, Honolulu, USA, 2004. 304 pp., illus. ISBN 1-929054-00-9 (paperback), 1-929054-01-7 (CD-ROM). Price: Book or CD-ROM: USD 15 (US + territories), USD 20 (International); Book + CD-ROM: USD 20 and 25, resp.; each additional CD-ROM: USD 5.

The series on taxonomy of economic seaweeds has served for 18 years to publish results of nine workshops. First eight volumes sponsored by the California Sea Grant College Program and now the ninth one sponsored by the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program. Dr. Isabella Abbott has always been the leader of these workshops, which helped to get a number of Asian phycologists think and write in English so that westerners can see what is happening in marine benthic macroalgae in the western Pacific and adjoining seas.

The notion 'economic seaweeds' has been broadened considerably to include not only seaweeds that are important as sources of food, hydrocolloids, marine natural products and aquacultured crops, but also marine macroalgae that have the potency to become commercially interesting. The present volume contains, apart from an invited paper on taxonomy and nomenclature, several papers on Caulerpales, *Dictyota*, *Sargassum*, Gelidiales, *Hypnea*, *Halymenia*, *Gracilaria* and *Laurencia*. There are checklists of species, detailed papers on new species and morphological variations, observations on reproduction as well as papers on molecular systematics and on nutritional contents.

Volume 9 comes with a CD-ROM containing a PDF file of the full book (including a searchable index) as well as PDF files of two other books: H.J. Forther (November 1978): *The Limu eater* – a cookbook of Hawaiian seaweed and E.P. Glenn & R.T. Pfund (February 1992): *Potential sites for seaweed culture in Hawaii, Molokai, Lanai, and Kauai*.

The books of this series are very useful and rather cheap. A must for marine phycologists interested in taxonomy, in economic marine algae and certainly when interested in both. Let us hope that it will be possible to find grants for other future workshops and the publication of their results.

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