

## VIII. THE PROSEA PROGRAMME (PLANT RESOURCES OF SOUTH-EAST ASIA)

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### MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

At the 9th Country Officers Meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam (9–11 September 1997) it was decided to start with PHOTPHILE. PHOTPHILE is a database of illustrations (photographs, slides, and drawings) of species covered by the PROSEA Handbook which are intended to be published on the Commodity Group CD-ROMS. All country offices will start collecting relevant illustrations in their country. It was also decided that the two PROSEA CD-ROMS (see New Publications) will be distributed free of charge to key institutes in the PROSEA countries who have agreed to provide the necessary facilities to make the information accessible to the public.

PROSEA has a Homepage on the World Wide Web of Internet:

<http://www.bib.wau.nl/PROSEA/home.html/>

Among the available information on the PROSEA Programme, a species list is also included illustrated by postal-stamp size photographs if available. The PROSEA Network and Programme has produced and is continuously producing numerous leaflets, brochures, handbook translations, extension material, and training manuals. Please contact the respective PROSEA Country Offices for more details and availability.

The PROSEA handbook information is increasingly becoming of interest to other organizations dealing with plant information. CABI produced a Crop Protection Compendium on CD-ROM in which species descriptions from various PROSEA handbook volumes have been incorporated. For more information, please contact: CABI, Wallingford, OXON OX 10 8DE, United Kingdom. CABI, CIFOR, and PROSEA are cooperating to produce an Electronic Forestry Compendium, providing an interactive species selection tool based on soil and site characteristics, climatic data, and utilization requirements for about 650 important cultivated forestry and agroforestry species. More information also available at CABI.

November 17–19, 1997, in Tagaytay City, the Philippines, the 7th PROSEA Board of Trustees Meeting took place. Some highlights:

- Contacts with the ASEAN Secretariat should be pursued to find out whether there is a future for 'PROSEA beyond the year 2000' under the aegis of ASEAN, with the guarantee of independence as a scientific programme.
- A Task Force has been appointed consisting of Dr. Abdul Razak Mohd. Ali (FRIM), Dr. B.P. del Rosario (PCARRD), Dr. Junus Kartasubrata (PROSEA BO) and Dr. J.S. Siemonsma (PROSEA WAG), to prepare a policy paper on 'PROSEA strategy beyond the year 2000'.

On 23 March 1998 Kartasubrata, head of the PROSEA Network Office, received the 'Wana Lestari Satya Nugraha' award as an Official, from the Indonesian Minister of Forestry, Ir. Djamaloedin Soerjahadikoesomo, for his services for sustainable utilization of biological resources and ecosystems, especially for his cooperation in the 'Indonesian Forestry Abstracts' publication (1982) and for his activities as General Editor of some PROSEA publications. The late Dr. Ishemat Soerianegara, co-editor of PROSEA 5(1) and 5(2), also received an award as a Pioneer in silviculture development and its application in Indonesia.

As of 2 January 1998 Ms. Ma. Renelle F. Maligalig resigned as PROSEA Philippines Country Officer. She was succeeded by Ms. Ma. Vienna C. Fandalian.

As of 2 January 1998 Dr. Arie Budiman, Head Research and Development Centre for Biology-LIPI, Indonesia, succeeded Dr. Soetikno Wirjoatmodjo as Programme Leader of the PROSEA Indonesia Country Office.

#### NEW PUBLICATIONS

PROSEA 5(3): **Timber trees: Lesser-known timbers.** Editors: M.S.M. Sosef (WAG), L.T. Hong (FRIM) & Soenardi Prawirohatmodjo (Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta). Hardbound edition: Backhuys Publishers, Leiden, 1998. 859 pages. ISBN 90-73348-88-9. NLG 425, USD c. 236. Low price paperback edition: PROSEA, Bogor, 1998. ISBN 979-8316-19-3. USD 28.

This final volume of the timber trilogy has been published in February 1998. It contains an introductory chapter (7 pp.), an alphabetical treatment of 309 genera of lesser-known timbers, dealing with about 1550 species (564 pp.), a chapter with numerical codes on microscopic wood anatomy of the treated genera (21 pp.), a table on wood properties of selected species of the treated genera (29 pp.), a list of timber-yielding species with other primary use (10 pp.), a literature list with 1274 records, a glossary, a scientific plant name index, a vernacular plant name index, and 2 general indices of the 3 timber volumes, one of genera and families and one with trade group names. In total 104 authors contributed, 79 of them from South-East Asia. The book was officially launched in Wageningen on 3 March (guest speaker Dr. P. Baas (L) who analyzed the 3 timber volumes from a wood anatomical point of view); Dr. C.M. Karszen (WAG) congratulated and thanked all editors, authors, and donors and handed over the first books to Mr. Koeswaja (Embassy of Indonesia in the Netherlands), Baas (L), and Dr. P.H. Schalk (Director ETI, Expert Centre for Taxonomic Identification, University of Amsterdam). In Bogor the book was officially launched on 3 April 1998 at the Research and Development Centre for Forest and Nature Conservation; Dr. Aprilani Soegiarto (chairman PROSEA) presented the first books to Dr. I.G.M. Tantra (representing the Ministry of Forestry and Plantations), Dr. Soenardi Prawirohatmodjo (editor of this volume, representing Gadjah Mada University), and to Dr. Efransjah (representing ITTO). All speakers congratulated PROSEA with the completion of this valuable timber trio and Aprilani expressed his gratitude particularly towards ITTO, the ITTO Steering Committee for the PROSEA-ITTO projects, and the Indonesian Ministry of Forestry for continuous financial support. Efransjah considered the 3 books as a very good exercise of positive interaction between the PROSEA Publication Office, the Dutch Government Institutions, the PROSEA Network Office, ITTO, and the Indonesian Ministry of Forestry and Universities.

**PROSEA Bibliography 5(3): Timber trees: Lesser-known timbers.** Editors: Sarkat Danimihardja (BO) & Djunaedi Gandawidjaja (BO). PROSEA, Bogor, 1998. 307 pages. ISBN 979-8316-38-X. Price USD 17. Available at the PROSEA Network Office.

This bibliography contains 1798 records of published and non-published literature available in libraries in SE Asia. In Indonesia, first copies of this bibliography were presented simultaneously with handbook volume 5(3) at the official launching ceremony on 3 April 1998.

**PROSEA 1, 2, 3, 4, 5(1), 6, 7, 8: INTEGRAL CD-ROM.** Editors: Pudoc/PROSEA. ISBN 90-6754-508-2. Price USD 390 (developed countries), USD 190 (developing countries). Distributor: Pudoc-DLO, P.O. Box 4, 6700 AA Wageningen, The Netherlands.

This CD-ROM contains the complete texts of the respective handbook volumes (1850 species) and all records of the corresponding bibliographies (13,000 references) with all kinds of search facilities.

**PROSEA 8: COMMODITY GROUP CD-ROM 'Vegetables'.** Editors: ETI/PROSEA/Pudoc. ISBN 3-540-14626-1 (Macintosh and Windows). Price: USD 99 (It is the intention that UNESCO will distribute a sponsored version for developing countries). Distributor: Springer-Verlag, Postfach 311340, D-10643 Berlin, Germany.

This CD-ROM contains the complete text of handbook volume 8 (225 species), supplemented with the corresponding bibliography (3100 references), about 350 colour photographs and geographic distribution maps. Many search facilities and links are possible.

#### COMMODITY GROUPS PROGRESSES (situation August 1998)

**PROSEA 5: COMMODITY GROUP CD-ROM 'Timber trees'.** Editors: ETI/PROSEA/Pudoc.

Immediately after completion of the timber tree trilogy [PROSEA 5(1), 5(2), and 5(3)] a start was made to produce a CD-ROM on the SE Asian timber trees, including the integral texts of the 3 volumes, coloured photographs, the respective bibliographies and a wood identification key based on the wood anatomical descriptions in the 3 volumes. Work is progressing well and the CD-ROM can be expected soon. At the FM Symposium in Kuala Lumpur (July 1998) Baas discussed and compared wood anatomical aspects of the 3 volumes.

**PROSEA 12(1): Medicinal and poisonous plants.** Editors: L.S. de Padua (UPLB, Los Baños, Philippines), Nuntavan Bunyaphatsara (Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand) & R.H.M.J. Lemmens (WAG). Coordinator: J.L.C.H. van Valkenburg (WAG).

Work on this volume is progressing well and has come into its final stages. In May 1998 an editors meeting was held in the Philippines and a last one is planned for the end of this year in Wageningen. Publication can be expected in the first half of 1999. In the October issue of the PROSEA Newsletter a call for authors for papers in volume 12(2) will appear. In February 1998 a PROSEA-ITTO agreement on the implementation of the project on medicinal and poisonous plants of South-East Asia (3 volumes, books and databank) was signed in Jakarta by Dr. B.C.Y. Freezailah (Executive Director ITTO),

Aprilani (Chairman PROSEA Board of Trustees), and Mr. Oetomo S. (Secretary General, Ministry of Forestry, Indonesia). Although the project has been approved by ITTO, full funding has not been realized at the ITTO Council meeting in Gabon May this year, hence the funds are not yet available.

**PROSEA 13: Spices.** Editors: C.C. de Guzman (UPLB) & J.S. Siemonsma (WAG). Co-ordinator: J.S. Siemonsma.

Of the 50 major species, about 30 are almost ready. For most of the remaining species first drafts have been prepared but still need an editorial round. Work is progressing well and in May 1998 an editors meeting took place in Wageningen. Publication of the book can be expected in the first half of 1999.

**PROSEA 14: Vegetable oils and fats.** Coordination: Publication Office (WAG).

No progress can be reported.

**PROSEA 15: Cryptogams.** Coordinators: J.S. Siemonsma (WAG) for algae, N. Wulijarni-Soetjpto (BO) for ferns & P.C.M. Jansen (WAG) for fungi.

Unfortunately, also Dr. T.H. Quimio (UPLB) withdrew as editor for this volume. Because work in the different sections does not progress simultaneously, it was decided to split up the volume into 3 subvolumes which will be published separately. PROSEA 15(1) will comprise the algae. Editors: W.F. Prud'homme van Reine (L) & G.C. Trono (Philippines). Drafts of the introduction and 65 out of 70 planned papers have been prepared but most papers still need editorial rounds. Work is progressing slowly. For the other sections [ferns (PROSEA 15(2) and fungi (PROSEA 15(3))] editors still have to be found. For the ferns new authors for missing manuscripts have been invited and work is progressing rather well. For the fungi no progress can be reported since last year.

**PROSEA 16: Stimulants.** Editors: H.A.M. van der Vossen (WAG) & M. Wessel (WAG). Coordinator: Soetarjo Brotonegoro (BO).

For most of the 25 major species first drafts are available and are being edited. A start has been made with writing the introductory chapter. In June 1998 an editors meeting was held in Wageningen. Work is progressing well.

**PROSEA 18: Plants producing exudates.** Coordinator: E. Boer (WAG).

Preparatory work (species list, identification of authors and editors) has just started.

**PROSEA 19: Essential-oil plants.** Editors: L.P.A. Oyen (WAG) & Nguyen Xuan Dung (Vietnam). Coordinator: L.P.A. Oyen (WAG).

Work on this volume is nearly completed. The book will contain 29 major species papers and 30 minor ones. Editorial work is in its final stages, and the manuscript will go to the printer end of September 1998. Publication can be expected before the end of the year.