

XII. THE PROSEA PROGRAMME
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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Since January 1991, Mr. J. KARTASUBRATA (BO) is the third General Editor, focusing on forestry aspects. He is based at the Network Office in BO. The other General Editors are Dr. P. C. M. JANSEN (botanical aspects) and Dr. E. WESTPHAL (agronomical aspects), both based at the Publication Office in WAG.

On May 13–15, 1991, the Executive Board (Dr. A. SOEGIARTO, chairman, Dr. H. C. VAN DER PLAS, vice-chairman) met in WAG. Financial affairs were discussed and the first Board of Trustees meeting, scheduled for October 1991, was prepared. A contract between the PROSEA Foundation and PUDOC (Publisher, WAG) was signed. Copyrights and profits are equally shared by PROSEA and PUDOC. PUDOC is responsible for the hard-bound edition of the handbook and the bibliographic database products, whereas PROSEA is responsible for the paperback editions (English and translations). PUDOC provides free of charge documentation facilities (e.g. CATALOG).

Starting June 1991, Mr. L. ANEMA became head of the Network Office in BO, succeeding Dr. J. S. SIEMONSMA and Dr. S. KADARSAN.

Per August 1991, Dr. A. GURNAH is the programme leader in PNG, succeeding Dr. R. J. JOHNS and Dr. G. STOCKER.

On September 23–28, 1991, the annual PROSEA country officers meeting was held in WAG. Main discussion subjects were how to improve the involvement of the country offices in the production of the handbook volumes and how to improve promotion of the books and dissemination of the information of books and databases in their respective countries.

On October 28–29, 1991, the first meeting of the PROSEA Board of Trustees was held in Chiang Mai, Thailand. All member institutes signed new contracts with the PROSEA Foundation, which has been established officially on March 14, 1990. Much attention was paid to fund raising activities, financial management and the popularization and dissemination of information derived from the handbook, and to training programmes in writing for authors, in editing for editors, in the field of dissemination and in English. A workshop is planned for 1993. The main donors for PROSEA activities in 1992 are: European Community (EC); Directorate General for International Cooperation (DGIS), The Netherlands; Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries, The Netherlands; International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Singapore Office; Finnish International Development Agency (FINNIDA); Foundation Tropenbos; Wageningen Agricultural University (WAU).

Starting January 1992, the Institute of Ecology and Biological Resources, Hanoi, Vietnam, became full member of the PROSEA Foundation. Dr. T. B. NGUYEN is the programme leader and Dr. T. H. NGUYEN the country officer.

Dr. E. WESTPHAL (WAG) resigned as head of the Publication Office per March 1, 1992. He has been succeeded by Dr. J. S. SIEMONSMA.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

PROSEA 2: Edible fruits and nuts. Editors: E.W.M. Verheij (PROSEA, WAG) & R.E. Coronel (IPB, Los Baños). PUDOC, Wageningen, 1991. 447 pages, hardbound. ISBN 90-220-0986-6. Hfl. 300.00.

The book contains 95 contributed articles (all illustrated), 274 short descriptions of minor species and a list of 400 species with another primary use. General aspects are treated in an introductory chapter of 45 pages.

PROSEA 3: Dye and tannin-producing plants. Editors: R.H.M.J. Lemmens (PROSEA, WAG) & N. Wulijarni-Soetjipto (PROSEA, BO). PUDOC, Wageningen, 1991. 196 pages, hardbound. ISBN 90-220-0987-4. Hfl. 150.00.

The book contains 49 contributed articles (all illustrated), 37 short descriptions of minor species and a list of 334 species with another primary use. General aspects are treated in an introductory chapter of 20 pages.

PROSEA Basic list of species and commodity grouping. Final Version. Editors: P.C.M. Jansen (PROSEA, WAG), R.H.M.J. Lemmens (PROSEA, WAG) et al. PUDOC, Wageningen, 1991. 372 pages, hardbound. ISBN 90-220-1055-4. Hfl. 100.00.

The book contains a checklist of the plant resources of SE Asia. The approximate 6000 species are presented in two ways:

- alphabetically on scientific names and their major synonyms;
- by commodity group according to their primary use.

The first version of this book appeared in 1989. About 60 taxonomic specialists from all over the world assisted in updating the scientific names.

PROSEA Bibliography 1. Pulses. Edition 1. Editors: N. Wulijarni- Soetjipto (PROSEA, BO) and J.S. Siemonsma (PROSEA, BO). PROSEA Foundation, Bogor, Indonesia, 1990. 154 pages, paperback. Available at the PROSEA country offices. Price differs per country, but is very low.

The book contains approx. 600 records, mainly of less-accessible SE Asian literature on pulses.

PROSEA Bibliography 3. Dye and tannin-producing plants. Edition 1. Editors: N. Wulijarni-Soetjipto (PROSEA, BO) and J.S. Siemonsma (PROSEA, WAG). PROSEA Foundation, Bogor, Indonesia and PUDOC, Wageningen, The Netherlands, 1991. 100 pages, paperback. Available from the PROSEA country offices. Price differs per country, but is very low.

The book contains approx. 360 records, mainly of less-accessible SE Asian literature on dyes and tannins.

COMMODITY GROUPS PROGRESSES (situation April 1992)

PROSEA 4: Forages. Editors: L. 't Mannetje (WAG) & R.M. Jones (CSIRO).

The book is in the final phase. It will contain, in addition to the introductory chapter, textual treatments of 114 taxa, all illustrated, and a list of about 500 species (with their major synonyms) which have been noted as being used for forage in the major historical handbooks on economically useful plants of SE Asia. The book can be expected in print in October 1992.

PROSEA 5 (1): Timber trees. Major Commercial Timbers. Editors: I. Soerianegara (BO) & R.H.M.J. Lemmens (WAG).

Two more editors' meetings were held in BO and another one is planned for May 1992 in WAG. Of the 51 papers, about 30 general texts, 36 wood-anatomy and 48 wood-property texts were received. Editorial work is in full swing. Since the taxonomical part of the papers is quite elaborate (short descriptions of all timber species of the genera), Mr. M.S.M. Sosef (WAG) started work January 1, 1992, as support to the editors. Dr. P. Baas (L), associate editor for the wood-anatomy aspects, discussed those aspects with authors in Indonesia and Malaysia in September 1991. Dr. Soerianegara (BO) visited authors in the Philippines and in Thailand in July 1991. Dr. Lemmens (WAG) visited authors in Indonesia and Malaysia in February–March 1992. The work of this first timber volume is difficult, complicated, and large. A unique book is going to appear, in which silvicultural, wood-anatomical, wood-property, and taxonomical aspects are written by subject specialists and combined into genera treatments. The book can be expected in print mid-1993.

PROSEA 6: Rattans. Editors: J. Dransfield (K) & N. Manokaran (FRIM).

In July 1991 an editors' meeting was held in WAG. About 30 species will receive full textual treatments and about 100 species will be treated briefly. About 20 manuscripts were received up to now. Editorial work is in full swing.

PROSEA 7: Bamboos. Editors: S. Dransfield (K) & E.A. Widjaja (BO).

In August 1991 an editors' meeting was held in WAG. About 48 species will receive full textual treatments and about 39 species will be treated briefly. About 1/3d of the manuscripts were received up to now and editorial work is in full swing.

PROSEA 8: Vegetables. Editors: J.S. Siemonsma (WAG) & K. Piluek (Thailand).

In September 1991 and in February 1992 editors' meetings were held in WAG and in Bangkok respectively. About 80 manuscripts of the 86 taxa for textual treatment have been received and 65 have been edited. Some delay in finalizing editorial work is foreseen because Dr. Siemonsma has taken over the tasks of Dr. Westphal as head of the Publication Office per March 1, 1992. The book can nevertheless be expected in print by end-1992.

PROSEA 9: Plants mainly producing carbohydrates.

PROSEA 10: Cereals.

PROSEA 11: Auxiliary plants in agriculture and forestry.

Preparatory work started for those books, e.g. making a selection of species to be considered for textual or minor treatments, identifying specialists and searching for relevant literature. Potential editors are being contacted.

PROSEA 12: Medicinal and poisonous plants.

It is planned to invite a task force of some subject specialists to advise PROSEA how to handle this large and difficult group (c. 1300 species in the Basic List).