

IX. THE PROSEA PROJECT
(PLANT RESOURCES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA)
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ORGANIZATION

The task force, headed by Salleh Mohd. Nor (FRIM), was appointed by the Multilateral Steering Committee (Board of Trustees) of PROSEA to make proposals concerning the legal framework, organizational structure, manpower, and total funding requirements of PROSEA for the Implementation Phase 1991–1995. It completed its work and submitted its report in January 1990. The Board unanimously took over the proposals of the task force at its meeting in February 1990 in Kuala Lumpur.

The main recommendations are:

- 1) *Legal framework* — To obtain a 'legal status' for the purposes of securing international funding and protection of copyrights, it is decided to establish PROSEA as a non-profit foundation (NGO) under Indonesian law, with an international charter, taking domicile in Bogor, Indonesia.

Meanwhile the PROSEA Foundation has been established.

To ensure international stature, recognition by governments, and to facilitate participation by national institutions, the PROSEA Foundation seeks linkages with existing international organizations in the form of collaborative programs.

Discussions are going on with ESCAP and UNESCO.

- 2) *Organizational structure* — Controlled by the Board of Trustees, two offices are established:
 - a) The PROSEA Network Office. Located at Bogor, Indonesia, coordinating 5 country offices in S.E. Asia (Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Thailand). This is principally a data bank network, of permanent character, becoming gradually the most valuable asset of the project.
 - b) the PROSEA Publication Office. Located at Wageningen, the Netherlands, organizing the publication of the handbook. This component has a definite time-table and will be finished as soon as publication of the handbook is completed.
- 3) *Manpower and funding requirements* — To realize the ambitious publication schedule for the period 1991–1995 and to improve the visibility of the dissemination/extension tasks, manpower should ideally be increased from the present 22 to about 36 staff-members. The total budget requirement for this period has tentatively been set at US\$ 9,000,000.

Meanwhile fact-finding missions for potential donors have been active in the U.S.A., Japan, the E.E.C., Denmark, and Sweden. Contacts with numerous institutions and organizations are ongoing.

PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

Upon the recommendation of the Symposium to give more priority in the publication schedule to timber trees and medicinal plants, the schedule for the period until 1995 has been rearranged as follows:

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| 1989: | – PROSEA 1 | – Pulses. |
| 1990: | – PROSEA 2 | – Edible fruits and nuts. |
| | – PROSEA 3 | – Dye and tannin-producing plants. |
| 1991: | – PROSEA 4 | – Forages. |
| | – PROSEA 5 (1) | – Major commercial timber trees. |
| 1992: | – PROSEA 6 | – Rattans. |
| | – PROSEA 7 | – Bamboos. |
| | – PROSEA 8 | – Vegetables. |
| 1993: | – PROSEA 5 (2) | – Minor commercial timber trees. |
| | – PROSEA 9 | – Plants mainly producing carbohydrates. |
| | – PROSEA 10 | – Cereals. |
| | – PROSEA 11 | – Auxiliary plants in agriculture and forestry. |
| 1994: | – PROSEA 12 (1) | – Medicinal and poisonous plants. |
| | – PROSEA 13 | – Plants producing exudates. |
| | – PROSEA 14 | – Vegetable oils and fats. |
| 1995: | – PROSEA 5 (3) | – Lesser known timber trees. |
| | – PROSEA 15 | – Lower plants. |
| | – PROSEA 16 | – Spices. |

COMMODITY GROUPS PROGRESSES (situation July 1990):

- *Edible fruits and nuts*. Editors: E.W.M. Verheij (PROSEA, WAG) & R.E. Coronel (IPB, Los Baños). Work progresses well and is coming to its final stage. About 90 taxa will receive textual treatment, more than 100 tabular treatment. By the end of 1990 the book will be published.
- *Dye and tannin-producing plants*. Editors: R.H.M.J. Lemmens (PROSEA, WAG) & N. Wulijarni-Soetjipto (PROSEA, BO). Work progresses well and comes to an end. About 50 taxa will be treated textually, about 70 get a tabular treatment. The book will be published by the end of 1990.
- *Forages*. Editors: L. 't Mannetje (WAG) & R.M. Jones (CSIRO). Associate editors and potential authors are being identified and contacted. In September 1990 the official invitations will be sent to authors.
- *Timber trees*. To make general proposals for a realistic treatment of this large difficult group a task force was appointed in January 1990. Members were: I. Soerianegara (IPB, BO), Francis Ng (FRIM), K.M. Kochummen (FRIM). Advisers: R.J. Johns (LAE), S. Kadarsan (CRDB, BO). Secretariat: J.S. Siemonsma (PROSEA, BO). They presented their report in May 1990. It is proposed to divide the group in three parts: Major Commercial Timbers, Minor Commercial Timbers and Lesser-Known Timbers and to describe the timbers in genus treatments. Meanwhile, preparations for the first timber volume have started.

F.S.P. Ng (FRIM) and I. Soerianegara (BO) will be the editors. Associate editors and authors are being identified and contacted. The first volume will deal with approximately 47 genera in about 51 papers. Much attention will be paid to wood anatomy and wood characteristics; for those aspects P. Baas (L) has been asked as associate editor. Invitations to authors will be sent in September 1990. This first timber volume is financially supported by the TROPENBOS Foundation.

- *Proceedings of the First PROSEA International Symposium*, May 22–25, 1989, Jakarta, Indonesia. Editors: J.S. Siemonsma & N. Wulijarni-Soetjipto. PUDOC Wageningen, 337 pp. This volume was published in November 1989 and can be ordered with PUDOC, PO Box 4, 6700 AA Wageningen, The Netherlands.
- *Pulses*. A low-price edition of this volume is being printed by ESCAP in Bogor and will be available for the PROSEA countries soon. If you are interested please contact the PROSEA Office in your country or the PROSEA Network Office, PO Box 234, Bogor 16122, Indonesia.
- *Basic List of Species and Commodity Grouping*. Work continued for the final version and is near to completion. Publication can be expected early 1991.

CALL FOR COOPERATION

As I did at the Flora Malesiana Symposium in August last year, I again ask for your cooperation. PROSEA is the necessary complement, the natural counterpart of Flora Malesiana. It brightens the diamonds of the flora of S.E. Asia and may help to revive mondial respect for plant taxonomy and to manage the natural resources responsibly.