

NOTES AND NEWS

I. THE FLORA OF THAILAND PROJECT. REPORT ON THE WORK IN 1966

As mentioned in a brief note in the previous fascicle, it has been decided to start the work on a Flora of Thailand. It is our intention in this place to offer an annual report on the progress of this work.

In June/July an expedition supported by the Danish Secretariate for Technical Co-operation with Developing Countries was carried out in collaboration with the Royal Forest Department in Thailand. The leader of the expedition was Professor Kai LARSEN. The Royal Forest Department was represented by Mr. Tem SMITINAND, Curator of the Herbarium. The expedition visited several areas in which little collecting work has been done.

At a meeting in Bangkok it was decided to print the flora in the National Research Centre, Bangkok.

During the XI Pacific Science Congress in Tokyo in August/September more meetings were held in order to establish contact with taxonomic specialists who were willing to participate in this work. At a conference to which, among others, Professor C.G.G.J. VAN STEENIS and Dr. E.H. WALKER were invited, the two undersigned expounded the plan of the flora work. KAI LARSEN emphasized that future authors should be careful to get the whole material. Rich collections from Thailand are found in the following herbaria: K (Kew), C (Copenhagen), AAU (Aarhus), E (Edinburgh), ABD (Aberdeen), BK (Bangkok), and BKF (Bangkok). It was proposed that a list of herbaria where important Thai collections are deposited, should be sent to all future collaborators. In this list the approximate numbers to be found in the respective herbaria should be mentioned.

It was furthermore stated that collecting work should be continued in most areas of the country.

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