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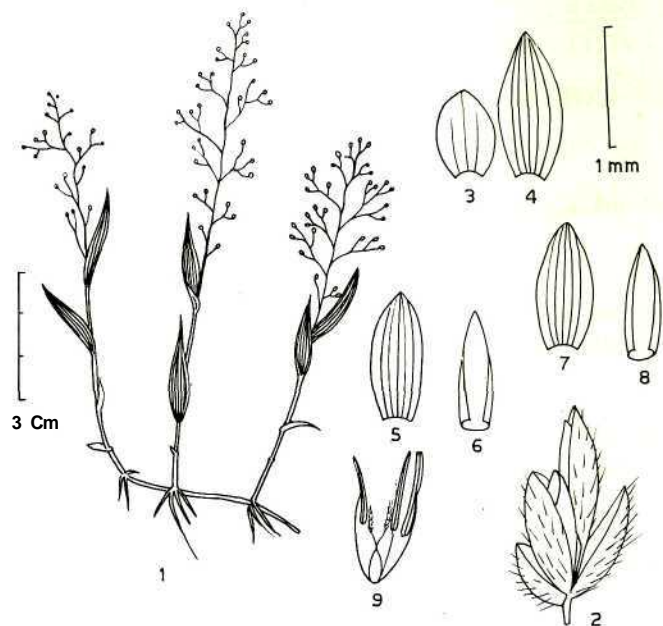


FIG. 1. *Coelachne ghatica* Naik
glume, 5 & 6. Lower lemma and

9 Spikelet, 3 & 4. Lower and upper
Upper lemma and its palea and 9.
Stamens and ovary.

This species is similar to *C. simpliciusctda* (Wt. & Am.) Munro ex Benth., but panicles are more effuse with long-pedicelled spikelets and shorter pubescent glumes.

WESTERN GHATS. Amboli hill station, 13 September 1971, Naik 1300a (holotype and Naik ISOOb, c isotypes).

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THE CORRECT NAME FOR THE ACER OF MALESIA

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ABSTRACT

It is shown that the legitimate and proper name for the maple of Malesia is *Acer laurinum* Hasskarl.

ABSTRAK

Diperlihatkan bahwa nama yang sah dan tepat untuk ki Kanada yang ada di Malesia adalah *Acer laurinum* Hasskarl.

For quite some time the name to be used for the entire-leaved, ever-green species of *Acer* which occurs in Malesia was a matter for question, with *A. javanicum* Jungh., *A. niveum* BL, *A. laurinum* Hassk., *A. curranii* Merr., *A. philippinum* Merr., and *A. cassiaefolium* Bl. being applied by several authors dealing with that flora. When populations in South-east Asia and Hainan are considered as belonging to the Malesian taxon, another six epithets come under consideration. In the *Flora Malesiana*, *A. niveum* is the name indicated by Bloembergen (1948), but this was corrected to *A. laurinum* by van Steenis (1954). Murray (1969) also concluded that the oldest legitimate name is *A. laurinum*, and de Jong (1976) (who also recognizes *A. garrettii* Craib and *A. machilifolium* Hu & Cheng for mainland populations) concurs.

In 1965, in a publication apparently overlooked by the above monographers, Kostermans pointed out that *Laurus caesia* Reinwardt ex Blume (1826) from Indonesia is in fact an *Acer* and, further, that it represents the same taxon hitherto known as *A. laurinum*! He therefore published the new combination *Acer caesium*, (Reinwardt ex Blume) Kostermans, and indicated that it was the earliest available name. To date, *A. caesium* (Reinwardt ex Blume) Kostermans is hardly known in the botanical literature, having been adopted only by Whitmore (1973) in his *Tree Flora of Malaya*.

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However, the binomial *Acer caesium* had earlier been used by Wallich in Brandis's *The Forest Flora of North-West and Central India* in 1874 for a Himalayan maple allied to *A. pseudoplatanus* L. In light of Article 55 of the I.C.B.N. (1972 Edition) and its accompanying examples, it becomes clear that *A. caesium* (Reinwardt ex Blume) Kostermans (1965) is to be regarded as a later homonym of *A. caesium* Wallich ex Brandis (1874), and, in accordance with Article 64, *A. laurinum* Hasskarl is the legitimate and proper name for the maple of Malesia.

The following synonymy is adapted from van Steenis (1948) and Murray (1969), excluding consideration of the continental populations and the binomials based on them.

ACER LAURINUM Hasskarl

Acer laurinum Hasskarl *apud* Hoenen & de Vriese in *Tijdschr. Natuurl. Gesch. Physiol.* 10: 138. 1843.

A. javanicum Junghuhn *apud* Hoenen & de Vriese in *Tijdschr. Natuurl. Gesch. Physiol.* 8: 391. 1841, [*nomen nudum*]; in *Monatsber. Verh. Ges. Erdk. Berlin* 3: 96. 1842; *non A. javanicus* Burmann, *Fl. Ind.*: 221. 1768, which is not an *Acer* (cf. Bloembergen, 1948: 4).

A. niveum Blumen in *Jaarb. Kon. Ned. Maatsch. Aanm. Tuin.*: 84 over the date 1844, but issued later than May 1845 (and reprints, issued later than Oct. 1844) in *Eumphia* 3: 193. 1847.

A. cassiaefolium Blume in *Rumphia* 3: 193. 1847.

A. philippinum Merrill in *Philipp. Dept. Int. Bur. Govt. Lab.*, *Bull.* 35: 36. 1906.

A. curranii Merrill in *Philipp. J. Sci.* 4: 285. 1909.

A. caesium (Reinwardt ex Blume) Kostermans in *Reinwardtia* 7: 141-142. 1965, based on *Laurus caesia* Reinwardt ex Blume, *Bijdr. Fl. N. I.*: 553. 1826; *non A. caesium* Wallich ex Brandis, *Forest Flora of North-West and Central India*: 111. 1874.

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