

#### IV. RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

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Palawan, Philippines: A two-year project was funded by the John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation in order to conduct a **botanical inventory of Palawan** and to implement a Geographic Information System (GIS) which will be used as basis for management and sustainable development of Palawan's forest resources. The project will be undertaken jointly by the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSDS) and the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), with the cooperation of Palawan State University (PSU), Field Museum (F), and the Philippine National Herbarium (PNH). A new herbarium has been established and will be managed by Ms. E. Gironella, a faculty member of the University. She can be contacted at Palawan State University, Puerto Princesa City 5300, Palawan, Philippines, fax +63 48 433 5303. For information about the project, contact Dr. J.C. Regalado Jr., Field Museum of Natural History, Roosevelt Road at Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60605, USA, tel. +1 312 922 9410 ext. 243; fax +1 312 922 4660; e-mail [regalado@fmppr.fmnh.org](mailto:regalado@fmppr.fmnh.org)

**The Concise Flora of Singapore, Volume 2: Monocotyledons** is in press.

A report has been published on the **Fifth Regional Training Course on Plant Taxonomy, Bogor, 1996**. This course was organized by the Indonesian National MAB Committee-LIPI, the Rijksherbarium/Hortus Botanicus, Leiden, and the R & D Center for Biology-LIPI, and sponsored by the John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, MAB/UNESCO-ROSTSEA, the Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI), and the Ministry of Education, the Netherlands.

The report contains some introductory speeches, a circumscription and evaluation of the course, a list of the 15 participants from 5 SE Asian countries, their activities, and the reports of the exercises made.

**Note:** The next course is planned for a 5-week period in October–November 1998. More information on the programme, requirements, and mode of application can be obtained from Dr. D. Darnaedi, Herbarium Bogoriense.

Volume 6/3 of the **Flora of Thailand** is in print and is expected in the autumn of 1997. It includes the families *Loganiaceae*, *Cruciferae*, *Thymelaeaceae*, and *Linaceae*.

Accepted manuscripts have been sent to Bangkok of the following families: *Melastomataceae* (S.S. Renner et al.), *Myrtaceae* (J. Parnell & P. Chantaranothai), *Sterculiaceae* (C. Phengklai) and *Cyperaceae* (H. Koyama & D.A. Simpson).

**Phermatology** is the term proposed by A.B. Doweld (Taxon 46, 1997, 539) for the science of seeds.

The provisional **Global Plant Checklist** of vascular plants is now accessible on the World Wide Web at <http://iopi.csu.edu.au/iopi>. So far it contains datasets contributed from four regions: Australia, Europe, America North of Mexico, and Peru, plus two edited family data sets: *Casuarinaceae* and *Magnoliaceae*. Partially edited datasets for several other families are to follow shortly. The Czerepanov dataset, covering the plants of the former U.S.S.R, and the Flora of Panama checklist are currently prepared for inclusion. Further information on IOPI (International Organisation for Plant Information) is available from <http://iopi.csu.edu.au/iopi/>