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**REINSTATEMENT OF PTEROCARPUS ECHINATA PERS.
(LEGUMINOSAE-PAPILIONACEAE)**

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ABSTRACT

New evidences are put forward to *Pterocarpus echinata* from *Pterocarpus indicus*

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Beberapa bukti-bukti baru dikemukakan untuk *Pterocarpus echinata* yang berasal dari *Pterocarpus indicus*.

Pterocarpus echinata Persoon, Syn. Pl. 2 (1807) 277, was reduced to a variety of *P. indicus* by J.P. Rojo in 1972 (Phanerogam. Monograph. 5: 46. J. Gramer, Lehre). According to Rojo, it differs from *P. indicus* mainly by stiff bristles on the fruit wing and prickles on the seed bearing part. Stout hairs are also present on the ovary.

I have collected the tree several times in Sumbawa and could study it more intensively in the dry western part of Flores, where it is a common and often dominant part of the monsoon forest. Comparison with the true *P. indicus* revealed, that the trees are different, much smaller with smaller buttresses. The leaves have a smaller, not so much pronounced acumen as those of *P. indicus*, the veins are more obscure.

Compared with the ways the other species of *Pterocarpus* are recognised, I think that *P. echinata* is a distinct species, occurring in a different geographical part of Malesia in areas with a pronounced dry season. C. Evrard has already reinstated the African species *P. teijsmannii* Harms (Bull. Jard. Bot. Belgique 58 (1988) 448—455), because of some errors in Rojo's description.

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