

INTRODUCTION OF TROPICAL PLANTS

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In tropical regions, there are many kinds of crop plants which have been originated, and furthermore cultivated since ancient times. It was suggested that there are many plants, whose genetic characters have remained unascertained and left unused, both for cultivation as well as for breeding.

In recent years, natural habitats have been greatly disturbed by many kinds of developmental projects and, accordingly, these genetic resources are considered to be in danger of extinction or already exterminated. From a human life point of view, it has been stressed that these useful genetic resources should be protected from the danger of extinction at their native places as early as possible. The work on the investigation and collection of various kinds of wild and cultivated plants in tropical regions, which is to be carried out with the purpose of preserving and evaluating the unused genetic germ plasm, has been keenly needed.

Collections of crop plants have been brought into Kagoshima University from various parts of the world. They have been successively added in stocks as genetic resources, following the usual procedures of evaluation, multiplication and distribution.

In this survey, some materials for the collection were obtained from: the National Capital Botanic Gardens; PNG Forest Research Institute; and Laloki and Bubia Research Stations, Department of Agriculture and Livestock in PNG.

The materials collected were identified to be 119 strains, 69 genera and 31 families. They are listed in Table 1.

Table 1. A list of the crop plants introduced from Papua New Guinea

Code No.	Scientific name	Common name	Materials	No. of strains
1	<i>Abelmoschs manihot</i> LINN	Aibika	Stem	5
2	<i>Adiantum</i> sp.		Plant	1
3	<i>Aglaomorpha</i> sp.		Plant	1
4	<i>Alocasia</i> sp.		Seed	1
5	<i>Alpinia magnifica</i> Roscoe	Torch ginger	Plant	1
6	<i>Alpinia purpurata</i> K. Schum	Red ginger	Plant	1
7	<i>Alpinia</i> sp.		Seed	1
8	<i>Amorphophallus</i> sp.		Seed	1
9	<i>Anacardium occidetale</i> LINN.	Cashew	Seed	1
10	<i>Annona muricata</i> LINN.	Soursop	Seed	1
11	<i>Annona squamosa</i> LINN.	Sugar apple	Seed	1
12	<i>Annona reticulata</i> LINN.	Common Custard apple	Seed	1
13	<i>Aristolochia elegans</i> M.T.Mast	Calico flower	Seed	1
14	<i>Artocarpus heterophyllus</i> LAM.	Jackfruit	Seed	1
15	<i>Asplenium</i> sp.		Plant	1
16	<i>Blechnum</i> sp.		Plant	1
17	<i>Cajanus cajan</i> (LINN.) MILLSP.	Pigeon pea	Seed	1
18	<i>Calathea</i> sp.		Plant	1
19	<i>Canarium commune</i> LINN.	Java almond	Seed	1
20	<i>Canna</i> sp.		Seed	1
21	<i>Carica papaya</i> LINN.	Papaya	Seed	1
22	<i>Cassia fistula</i> LINN.	Golden shower	Seed	1
23	<i>Cinnamomum zeylanicum</i> NEES.	Cinnamon	Seed	1
24	<i>Clitoria</i> sp.		Seed	1
25	<i>Clitoria ternaea</i> LINN.	Butter fly pea	Seed	1
26	<i>Cocos nucifera</i> LINN.	Coconut palm	Fruit	2
27	<i>Coffea arabica</i> LINN.	Coffee	Seed	1
28	<i>Colysis</i> sp.		Plant	1
29	<i>Cosmos bipinnatus</i> Cav.		Seed	1
30	<i>Costus matorieanus</i> H. Wendl.	Spiral ginger	Plant	1
31	<i>Costus</i> sp.		Seed	1
32	<i>Crypsinus</i> sp.		Plant	1
33	<i>Cyathea</i> sp.		Plant	1
34	<i>Cyclosorus</i> sp.		Plant	1
35	<i>Cyphomandra betacea</i> MIERS	Tree tomato	Seed	1
36	<i>Dioscorea</i> spp.	Yams	Tuber	20
37	<i>Diplazium</i> sp.		Plant	1
38	<i>Drynaria</i> sp.		Plant	1
39	<i>Elaeis guineensis</i> JACQ.	Oil palm	Seed	1
40	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.		Seed	1
41	<i>Gloriosa sperba</i>	Climing lily	Seed	1
42	<i>Hedychium</i> sp.		Plant	1
43	<i>Heliconia</i> sp.		Plant	1
44	<i>Humata</i> sp.		Plant	1

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45	<i>Inocarpus edulis</i> FORST.	Tahiti chestnut	Seed	1
46	<i>Kaempheria atrovirens</i>		Plant	1
47	<i>Lagerstroemia speciosa</i> LINN.	Pride of indica	Seed	1
48	<i>Leptochilus</i> sp.		Plant	1
49	<i>Lycopodium</i> sp.		Plant	1
50	<i>Lygodium</i> sp.		Plant	1
51	<i>Mangifera indica</i> LINN.	Mango	Seed	1
52	<i>Microlophia</i> sp.		Plant	1
53	<i>Microsorium</i> sp.		Plant	1
54	<i>Momordica charantia</i> LINN.	Bitter gourd	Seed	1
55	<i>Nephrolepis</i> sp.		Plant	1
56	<i>Nicolaia</i> sp.		Plant	1
57	<i>Oryza sativa</i> LINN.	Rice	Seed	15
58	<i>Passiflora edulis</i> SIMS. <i>f. flavicarpa</i> DEGENER	Yellow passion fruit	Seed	1
59	<i>Passiflora</i> sp.		Seed	1
60	<i>Persea americana</i> MILL.	Avocado	Seed	1
61	<i>Pityrogramma</i> sp.		Plant	1
62	<i>Platyeterium</i> sp.		Plant	1
63	<i>Polypodium</i> sp.		Plant	1
64	<i>Polystichum</i> sp.		Plant	1
65	<i>Pseudodrynaria</i> sp.		Plant	1
66	<i>Pteris</i> sp.		Plant	1
67	<i>Pyrrosia</i> sp.		Plant	1
68	<i>Saccharum</i> spp.	Sugar cane	Stem	10
69	<i>Selaginella</i> sp.		Plant	1
70	<i>Theobroma cacao</i> LINN.	Cacao	Seed	1
71	<i>Vittaria</i> sp.		Plant	1
72	<i>Zingiber</i> spp.		Plant	1