

A new combination in *Combretum* (Combretaceae)

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Abstract: Under the current circumscription, the genus *Calopyxis* Tul. is included under synonymy of the genus *Combretum* Loefl. A new combination is made for *Calopyxis decaryana* H.Perrier under the genus *Combretum* Loefl. as *Combretum decaryanum* R. Kr. Singh & Sanjeet Kumar.

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Introduction

In Madagascar, the genus *Combretum* Loefl. is represented by 29 species (POWO, 2024; Singh & Kumar, 2024), of which 28 species are endemic. Recently, while transferring the name *Calopyxis decaryana* H.Perrier to the genus *Combretum*, we proposed a new name *Combretum jongkindii* R.Kr.Singh & Sanjeet Kumar and stated that the epithet “*decaryana*” is not available in the genus *Combretum*, preoccupied as *Combretum decaryi* Jongkind (1995). However, as per Article 53.2, Example 12 of the ICN (Turland *et al.* 2018) the epithet “*decaryana*” is available in the genus *Combretum* as *decaryanum* and the epithets *decaryi* and *decaryana* are not likely to be confused. Therefore, a new combination is made for *Calopyxis decaryana* H.Perrier under the genus *Combretum* Loefl. as *Combretum decaryanum*.

Taxonomic treatment

Combretum decaryanum (H.Perrier) R.Kr.Singh & Sanjeet Kumar, *comb. nov.*

≡ *Calopyxis decaryana* H.Perrier, Ann. Mus. Colon. Marseille, sér. 6, 9-10: 14. 1953. *Combretum jongkindii* R.Kr.Singh & Sanjeet Kumar, J. Biodivers. Conservation 8(1): 84. 2024, *nom. illeg. et superfl.*

Holotype: Madagascar, Namoroka (Ambongo), Soalala district, Reserve n°8, 17 September 1940, *R. Decary 15810* (P00390080!); isotype P00390079!,

Distribution: Endemic to Madagascar.

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