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☐ Manuscripts are written in English and are typed to fit A4 (208 x 298 mm) paper. All text is double spaced and in a single column, aligned left with margins of at least 25 mm on each side. All pages are numbered.

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Any other formatting of your manuscript should be kept to a minimum. In particular do not use ‘paragraph spacing’ but insert line breaks and spacing with the ‘carriage return’ key.

A Latin diagnosis is not required. Instead, a brief summary, in English, of the main characters distinguishing the new taxon must be given under the ‘Recognition’ subheading, immediately below the description.

GENERAL TEXT INSTRUCTIONS

Typography

- Italics are used for the following:
  - plant names at genus level and below (e.g. *Cyperus*; sect. *Rotundi*; *Cyperus rotundus*);
  - authority names after the accepted name, when the accepted name is in **bold** (e.g. *Cyperus rotundus* *L.*, *Boeck.*, *Schott*, *Salunkhe* & *Potdar*);
  - collector names in specimen citations (e.g. *Kerr* 12345);
  - genes and gene regions (e.g. *rbcL*, *matK*, *trnL–F*);
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  - book or journal titles in the list of references.

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- Temperatures should be expressed in degrees Celsius, time in seconds (s), minutes (min), hours (h), days, etc. Otherwise, the International System of Units (SI, Système International d’Unités) should be used wherever possible. (Consult, e.g. National Institute of Standards and Technology, Special Publication 330, International System of Units (SI), latest edition http://physics.nist.gov/cuu/Units or "How many? A Dictionary of Units of Measurements" © Russ Rowlett and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; http://www.unc.edu/~rowlett/units).

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- For correct usage of abbreviations authors should consult the list of Planta units, symbols and abbreviations. (Planta units, symbols, abbreviations; http://www.springerlink.com/content/uuv8vawgvm11j01m/fulltext.pdf).


- No full stops after common contractions (e.g. Mt, Mts), nor after points of the compass (N, S, NE etc.), nor after abbreviations for units of measurement (e.g. mm, cm, km). Include after other abbreviations (e.g. R., fl., fr.).

- Use sect., subsect., subsp., var. and f. for section, subsection, subspecies, variety and form respectively, except at the start of sentences where the full word is written.

- Use s.l. and s.s. (not in italics) for sensu lato and sensu stricto respectively.

- Use diam. or in diam. for diameter or in diameter respectively.

Plant names

- Authors of plant names are cited on first mention of the name in the body of the manuscript at genus level and below.


Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (www.ipni.org).
The first mention of a genus name in a sentence should be spelt out in full; subsequently, genus names should be abbreviated to their initial letter, unless this would cause confusion.

For families use names ending in -aceae except for Compositae and Leguminosae.

Spelling

Use the ending ‘ise’ in words such as recognise or analyse. Check for consistency of use throughout the manuscript.

FORMAT & LAYOUT

Title

The wording should be concise but informative and where appropriate should include the family or higher taxon and a geographical area.

If only one taxon forms the subject of the manuscript (e.g. a single new species) the name of the taxon is included in the title.

Taxonomic ranks indicated in the title are separated by colons (e.g. Leguminosae: Papilionoideae: Millettieae).

Plant name authors are omitted from the title.

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Summary

The heading ‘Summary’ is in bold on the same line as the text.

The Summary indicates what the research set out to achieve, how it was carried out and the degree to which the objectives were reached. It includes any authors of plant names omitted from the title, the names of all new taxa described and new combinations unless the number is very large. The methods and main conclusions are also summarised.

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The heading ‘Key Words’ is in **bold** on the same line as the text.

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Main headings (Introduction, Materials and methods, etc.) are placed on separate lines.

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The hierarchy is sensible and consistent.

Keys

Keys are either bracketed (preferable) or indented, but couplets should always be numbered.

Taxon names are in **bold**.

Plant name authors are not cited in keys.

A recent issue of KB should be consulted to follow the key layouts used.

Accounts of taxa

**Synonyms**

Homotypic synonyms are grouped in chronological order after the accepted name, followed by heterotypic synonyms, also with their respective homotypic synonyms in chronological order.

In a list of synonyms, generic names are always cited in full (e.g. *Seddera mucronata* (Engl.) Hallier f. NOT *S. mucronata* (Engl.) Hallier f.)

New synonyms are indicated in bold as **synon. nov.** at the end of the citation of the name and authority.

Nomina nuda, illegitimate and invalid names are indicated in bold as **nom. nud.**, **nom. illegit.** and **nom. invalid.** respectively at the end of the citation of the name and authority.

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**Types**

- The herbarium in which the holotype is deposited is cited, as required by the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature (ICBN).

- Herbaria that are definitely known to hold isotypes are listed.

- If applicable, when lectotypes, neotypes or epitypes are being designated for the first time, 'selected here' is indicated: e.g. Papua New Guinea, Boridi, *Carr 12345* (lectotype K!, selected here; isolectotypes BRI, L!). Note that 'selected here' is NOT in bold.

- When lectotypes, neotypes or epitypes have been selected elsewhere, a reference is given: 'Sarawak, Kuching, *Smith 34567* (lectotype K!, selected by Bloggs (1977); isolectotypes BRI, L!).'

- When a lectotype has been selected any remaining syntypes are re-designated as lectoparatypes. They are cited in the list of specimens examined and indicated as such.

- If applicable, the reasons why lectotypes, neotypes and epitypes have been selected and the reasons for selecting a particular specimen are explained.

- If applicable, type specimens have been seen and are cited for new combinations.

*Citation of specimens*

- For new taxa, all the material seen is cited. Otherwise, at least one specimen from each country in the range of the taxon is cited. In cases of long-standing confusion, there may be a case for citing all specimens, but reduce detail to a minimum.

- Only those label data that add significantly to localising the collection or to field knowledge are cited.

- Avoid giving precise localities for rare, horticulturally interesting or CITES-listed taxa.

- Either use an exclamation mark (!) to show that a specimen has been seen or state in the introduction that, "All cited specimens have been seen by the author".


- Normally accepted English usage names at country level and above are cited e.g. Ghana (not Gold Coast),

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Zimbabwe (not Rhodesia), Thailand (not Muang Thai), Brazil (not Brasil), Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Kinshasa), Burma (not Myanmar), Madagascar (not Malagasy Republic), Sicily (not Sicilia), New Guinea (for the whole island - the eastern part is Papua New Guinea and the western (Indonesian) part is West Papua.

When the actual province of West Papua is intended, use the Indonesian name Papua Barat).

- Old names of localities, as used on old labels, may be given with the modern equivalent in square brackets e.g. Stanleyville [Kisangani]; Salisbury [Harare].

- Distances are cited in metres or kilometres. If present, original non-metric label data may be given in square brackets.

- Altitudes are cited in metres to the nearest 50 m. Altitudes in feet on labels are converted to the nearest 50 m. The original label altitude may be given in square brackets.

- Latitude and longitude (in this order) are cited for obscure localities. 

  *Accounts of new taxa*

- New taxa accounts are laid out strictly in the format shown here. Note the positions of indents and use of spaces, bold and italics.

- No more than three authority names are cited after the plant name.

- The full description is in English.

- A Latin diagnosis is NOT required. Instead, a brief summary, in English, of the main characters distinguishing the new taxon is given under the ‘Recognition’ subheading, immediately below the description.

- Types of new taxa are cited in abbreviated form after the accepted name and repeated in full amongst the cited specimens.

- Conservation ratings are required and are given using the categories and criteria set out in IUCN (2001).
  
Taxa in revisions

- Taxon accounts in revisions are laid out strictly in the format shown here. Note the positions of indents and use of spaces, bold and italics.

- Taxon name, authority, authority surname in full, year of publication and page number are cited as in the following examples: ‘*Mapania meditensis* D.A. Simpson (1992: 42)’ for an accepted name or ‘*Hypolytrum soyauxii* Boeck. (Boeckeler 1882: 25)’ for a synonym. Note that, in all cases, if the authority name is abbreviated the full surname is cited in the brackets, as in the example of Boeckeler above. The full publication is then cited once in the ‘References’ section.

- Conservation ratings are given wherever possible following the IUCN (2001) categories and criteria format. If a rating cannot be applied then Data Deficient (DD) should be cited.

- When making new combinations or new names, the name, authority, abbreviated literature reference, page number and date are cited for the basionym or replaced synonym as, e.g. *Mapaniopsis micrococca* T. Koyama, *Jap. J. Bot.* 20: 130 (1969). The full publication is cited in the ‘References’ section. An example of the format is shown here.

Data

- All DNA sequences are deposited in one of the international nucleotide sequence databases, either EMBL (www.ebi.ac.uk/embl/) or GenBank (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/).

- For phylogenetic analyses, character state distributions, consistency index, retention index (where appropriate) and a recognised measure of support for clades (e.g. bootstrap values, decay indices ["Bremer support"], jackknife, etc.) are provided.

- Voucher specimens documenting sources of morphological and molecular data are listed.

Literature citation and references

- Book and journal titles are *italicised* in the reference list.

- Part numbers of journals are not cited in references.

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Literature citations in the text should be by author and year. If there are more than two authors, only the first should be named, followed by "et al." All authors are cited in the 'References' section. Examples: Manning (1994) showed that... Field studies in Cameroon (Smith & Jones 1994) have shown that ... Muasya & Simpson (2002) have shown that ... Liu et al. (1994) have shown that ...

The following are used within reason: loc. cit. [same work, same volume, same page]; torn. cit. [same work, same volume, different page - give page number]; op. cit. [same work; different volume; different page — give volume and page numbers].

Abbreviated literature references cited in the text have the following formats depending on the context: Bloggs (1962), Bloggs (1962: 234), (Bloggs 1962), (Bloggs 1962: 234), (Bloggs 1962; Another 1976).

References at the end of the paper should be listed in alphabetical order by the first author's name. If there is more than one work by the same author or team of authors in the same year, a, b, etc. is added to the year both in the text and in the list of references. Do not included manuscripts in preparation in the list.

For indents use tab stops or other commands, not the space bar.


A useful website for searching both book and journal abbreviations is http://kiki.huh.harvard.edu/databases/publication_index.html

Page numbers are separated by an en-rule plus spaces (i.e. 1 – 2 not 1-2).

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Plant names at genus level and below are italicised in references, whether or not they were in italics in the original reference.
Examples of literature citations:


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EXAMPLES OF FORMAT & LAYOUT OF TAXA ACCOUNTS

Please ensure you follow the subheading order below exactly, noting what is required and what is optional.

New taxa

Cyperus kituiensis  *Muasya sp. nov.* Type: Kenya, Kitui Distr., *Kirika, Mbii & Wambugu* NMK326 (holotype EA; isotype K!).

Description [always in English] in the order: general habit; underground parts; stem; leaves; inflorescences; flowers (calyx, corolla, androecium, gynoecium); fruits; seeds. [Major headings are in italics]. Fig. 1.

RECOGNITION. [REQUIRED. A brief summary, in English, of the main characters distinguishing the taxon, which are then discussed in detail in the NOTES section below. For example: Related to *C. kwaleense* Lye but differs in spikes disarticulating (vs persistent in *C. kawalense*); glumes 3.3 – 3.7 mm long (vs 3 – 3.5 mm long).]

DISTRIBUTION. Africa: Kenya. [REQUIRED]

K). [REQUIRED. Even if there is only a type specimen it must be cited again here in the format shown]

**HABITAT.** Seasonal wetland; alt. 400 m. [REQUIRED. Will include any ecological information. Note that the use of vernacular terms for vegetation types is discouraged].

**CONSERVATION STATUS.** [REQUIRED. Use an IUCN conservation rating with some discussion to justify the rating applied].

**PHENOLOGY.** [OPTIONAL, but provide if information is available].

**ETYMOLOGY.** [OPTIONAL, but provide if information is available].

**VERNACULAR NAME.** [OPTIONAL, but provide if information is available. Give name and language].

**USES.** [OPTIONAL, but provide if information is available].

**NOTES.** [REQUIRED. Include detailed discussion of taxon here].

**Taxa in revisions**

6. **Sclerochiton boivinii** (Baill.) C.B. Clarke (1899: 110); [list further works in which the taxon has been treated; use the same format, citing the author surname in full if the authority is abbreviated]. Type: Kenya, Mombasa, *Boivin* s.n. (holotype P; isotype K).

*Pseudoblepharis boivinii* Baill. (Baillon 1890: 837); [further works in which this homotypic synonym has been used; use the same format, citing the author surname in full if the authority is abbreviated].

*Pseudoblepharis heinsenii* Lindau (1897: 320); [further works in which this heterotypic synonym has been used; use the same format, citing the author surname in full if the authority is abbreviated], **synon. nov.** Type: Tanzania, E Usambara Mts, Nderema, *Heinsen* 4 (holotype B†; isotypes BR!, K).

Description [always in English] in the order: general habit; underground parts; stem; leaves; inflorescences; flowers (calyx, corolla, androecium, gynoecium); fruits; seeds. [Major headings are in italics]. Fig. 4.

**DISTRIBUTION.** Kenya, Tanzania. Map 5. [REQUIRED]


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K, P); Mombasa Distr.: Mombasa, Boivin s.n. (holotype P; isotype K). **TANZANIA.** Lushoto
Distr.: E Usambara Mts, Maramba, 18 Nov. 1936, Greenway 4748 (BR, FHO, K, S) & E Usambara Mts, Ndola, 17 Feb. 1954, Faulkner 1350 (BR, K, S). **[REQUIRED]** Even if there is only a type specimen it must be cited again here in the format shown.

**HABITAT.** Shrub layer in lowland and medium-altitude evergreen and semi-evergreen forest, riverine forest; alt. 0 – 1400 (~ 1500) m. **[REQUIRED]**

Will include any ecological information. Note that the use of vernacular terms for vegetation types is discouraged.

**CONSERVATION STATUS.** **[REQUIRED]** Use IUCN conservation ratings with some discussion to justify the rating applied.

**PHENOLOGY.** **[OPTIONAL], but provide information if available.**

**ETYMOLOGY.** **[OPTIONAL], but provide information if available.**

**VERNACULAR NAME.** **[OPTIONAL], but provide information if available. Give name and language.**

**USES.** **[OPTIONAL], but provide information if available.**

**NOTES.** **[REQUIRED]** Include more detailed discussion of taxon here.

**NEW COMBINATIONS**

**Mapania micrococca (T. Koyama) D.A. Simpson, comb. nov.** Type: Venezuela, Bolivar, Steyermak & Dunsterville 92317 (holotype NY!; isotype VEN!). **Mapaniopsis micrococca** T. Koyama, Jap. J. Bot. 20: 130 (1969). **[Note the reference citation for the basionym. All other reference citations are formatted as shown in the examples above]** [http://www.springer.com/journal/12225](http://www.springer.com/journal/12225)