

A taxonomic revision of *Garcinia* section *Xanthochymus* (Clusiaceae) in Thailand

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18 **Abstract**

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32 **Introduction**

33 *Garcinia* L. is a group of evergreen trees, occasionally shrubs, which are usually dioecious, but
34 sometimes polygamo-dioecious (also called trioecious). It also has some obligately and
35 facultatively agamosperous species and is the largest genus in the Clusiaceae Lindl. (Guttiferae
36 Juss.). The genus consists of 405 accepted species, and is distributed throughout the tropics and
37 subtropics (POWO, 2023) with centers of diversity in Southeast Asia and Madagascar (Sweeney
38 & Rogers, 2008). In Asia, *Garcinia* is most diverse in the Malesian region but also spreads north
39 into southern China, west to India, and east to the Micronesian islands (Nazre et al., 2018).

40 Previous studies on *Garcinia* revealed that the Indian subcontinent (including India, Andaman
41 and Nicobar Islands, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka) has 45 species (Anderson,
42 1874; King, 1890; Maheshwari, 1964; Kostermans, 1980; Long, 1984; Singh, 1993; Srivastava,
43 1994; Pathirana & Herat, 2004; Nimanthika & Kaththriarachchi, 2010; Begum, Barthakur &
44 Sarma, 2013; Sabu et al., 2013; Dutta et al., 2014; Tabassum, 2015; Sarma, Shameer &
45 Mohanan, 2016; Shameer, Sabu & Mohanan, 2017; Shameer et al., 2021), Myanmar has 19
46 species (Anderson, 1874; Kurz, 1874; Kurz, 1877; Maheshwari, 1964; Singh, 1993; Nazre et al.,
47 2018; Sweeney, 2022), China has 20 species (Li et al., 2007), Indo-China (Vietnam, Laos, and
48 Cambodia) has 31 species (Pitard, 1910; Gagnepain, 1943; Hô, 1991; Toyama et al., 2017;
49 Tagane et al., 2018; Tuan et al., 2023), the Malesian region has 82 species, Peninsular Malaysia
50 has 48 species (King, 1890; Ridley, 1922; Backer & Bakhuizen van den Brink, 1963; Chin,
51 1973; Kochummen & Whitmore, 1973; Whitmore, 1973; Turner, 1995; Nazre et al., 2018), and
52 Australia has 12 species (Cooper, 2013).

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54 In Thailand, the genus *Garcinia* was enumerated by Craib (1925), with 20 species. Gardner,
55 Sidisunthorn & Anusarnsunthorn (2000) listed six species from the northern region and Gardner,
56 Sidisunthorn & Chayamarit (2015) recorded 23 species (including five unidentified species)
57 from the peninsular region. More recently, Ngernsaengsaruy & Suddee (2016) and
58 Ngernsaengsaruy & Suddee (2022) described two new species: *G. nuntasaenii* Ngerns. &
59 Suddee from north-eastern and *G. santisukiana* Ngerns. & Suddee from eastern Thailand,
60 respectively. Ngernsaengsaruy (2022) reported three species in *Garcinia* sect. *Brindonia* in
61 Thailand: *G. atroviridis* Griff. ex T. Anderson, *G. lanceifolia* Roxb., and *G. pedunculata* Roxb.
62 ex Buch.-Ham. Ngernsaengsaruy, Duangnamon & Boonthasak (2022) and Ngernsaengsaruy et
63 al. (2023) published additional new records from Peninsular Thailand: *G. dumosa* King and *G.*
64 *exigua* Nazre, respectively. Finally, Ngernsaengsaruy et al. (2022) described *G.*
65 *siripatanadilokii* Ngerns., Meeprom, Boonthasak, Chamch. & Sinbumr. as a new species from
66 Peninsular Thailand. From these publications, the genus has a total of c. 28 accepted species or
67 more in Thailand.

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69 *Garcinia* is characterized by a dioecious habit (sometimes apparently polygamo-dioecious);
70 yellow, pale yellow, white, cream, or clear latex secreted from cut boles, twigs, leaves, and
71 fruits; terminal buds concealed between the bases of the uppermost pair of petioles; decussate
72 leaves with scattered black or brown gland dots, or interrupted wavy lines of differing lengths;
73 male flowers with many to numerous stamens untied into a column in the center of the flower,
74 into a variously lobed or angled, or into 4 or 5 separate bundles; berry fruits and seeds usually
75 with thick or thin fleshy pulp (Ngernsaengsaruy, Duangnamon & Boonthasak, 2022).

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77 The latest monograph for the genus *Garcinia* was published by Vesque (1893), who recognized
78 three subgenera and nine sections based on floral morphology. Among the sections was *G.* sect.
79 *Xanthochymus* with 19 species. The most recent worldwide sectional treatment of *Garcinia* was

80 provided by Jones (1980) in an unpublished Ph.D. thesis. She classified the genus into 14
81 sections based chiefly on floral morphology. She maintained *G. sect. Xanthochymus* as a separate
82 section with 42 species. The section is widely distributed from Tropical Africa, Madagascar, the
83 Indian subcontinent, southern China, and throughout Southeast Asia to Australia. It is
84 distinguished by the combination of usually 5-merous flowers (rarely 4-merous) that have
85 nectaries occupying the center of the male flowers ("disks") or positioned beneath the ovary of
86 female flowers ("rings" or "appendages") and male flowers with stamens united into bundles
87 with filaments united for at least 1/2 of their length; fleshy, thin-skinned fruits that are usually
88 sinuously wrinkled when dry (Anderson, 1874; Vesque, 1893; Kochummen & Whitmore, 1973;
89 Jones, 1980). Also, Jones (1980) reports that the pollen is five- to seven-colporate and psilate.
90 Several species are well known because they have edible fruits. In Thailand, six species have
91 been recorded in *G. sect. Xanthochymus*: *G. cambodgiensis* Vesque, *G. dulcis* (Roxb.) Kurz, *G.*
92 *nervosa* (Miq.) Miq., *G. prainiana* King, *G. vilersiana* Pierre, and *G. xanthochymus* Hook. f. ex
93 T. Anderson (Craib, 1925; Gardner, Sidisunthorn & Anusarnsunthorn, 2000; Office of the Forest
94 Herbarium, Forest and Plant Conservation Research Office, Department of National Parks,
95 Wildlife and Plant Conservation, 2014; Gardner, Sidisunthorn & Chayamarit, 2015) and in Indo-
96 China, four species have been recorded: *C. cambodgiensis*, *G. phuongmaiensis* V. S. Dang, H.
97 Toyama & D. L. A. Tuan, *G. vilersiana*, and *G. xanthochymus* (Pierre, 1882; Pierre, 1883;
98 Pitard, 1910; Gagnepain, 1943; Hô, 1991; Newman et al., 2007; Tuan et al., 2023). There are
99 many species within the section which cannot easily be distinguished from their close relatives
100 (e.g., *G. cambodgiensis*, *G. dulcis*, *G. vilersiana*, *G. xanthochymus*). A taxonomic revision of the
101 genus *Garcinia* in Thailand has recently been undertaken by the first author as part of the Flora
102 of Thailand. However, identifications mostly rely on the literature, and this is the case for *G.*
103 *sect. Xanthochymus*, which has never been revised for Thailand. Therefore, in this paper, we
104 provide an updated account here in order to present a taxonomic treatment that includes
105 synonymizations, lectotypifications, a key to the species, detailed morphological descriptions,
106 illustrations, distributions, distribution maps, habitats and ecology, phenology, conservation
107 assessments, etymology, vernacular names, uses, and specimens examined.

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109 **Materials & Methods**

110 The collected specimens were examined by consulting taxonomic literature (e.g., Anderson,
111 1874; Pitard, 1910; Ridley, 1922; Gagnepain, 1943; Maheshwari, 1964; Whitmore, 1973; Singh,
112 1993), and by comparing with herbarium specimens deposited in the following herbaria AAU,
113 BK, BKF, BM, C, CMUB, K, P, PSU, QBG, SING, and those included in the digital herbarium
114 databases of AAU (https://www.aubot.dk/search_form.php), AU
115 (<http://www.nsii.org.cn/2017/home-en.php>), BM ([https://www.nhm.ac.uk/our-](https://www.nhm.ac.uk/our-science/collections/botany-collections.html)
116 [science/collections/botany-collections.html](https://www.nhm.ac.uk/our-science/collections/botany-collections.html)), BR (<http://www.botanicalcollections.be>), CAL
117 (<https://archive.bsi.gov.in/phanerogams>), E (<https://data.rbge.org.uk/search/herbarium/>), G
118 (<http://www.ville-ge.ch/cjb/>), K (including K-W) (<http://www.kew.org/herbcat>), L (including U)
119 (<https://bioportal.naturalis.nl/>), P

120 (<https://science.mnhn.fr/institution/mnhn/collection/p/item/search>), and US
121 (<https://collections.nmnh.si.edu/search/botany/>) (all herbaria acronyms follow Thiers, 2023,
122 continuously updated). All specimens cited have been seen by the authors unless stated
123 otherwise. The taxonomic history of the species was compiled using the taxonomic literature and
124 online databases (IPNI, 2023; POWO, 2023). The morphological characters, distributions,
125 habitats, ecology, phenology, and uses were described from historic and newly collected
126 herbarium specimens and the author's observations during field work. The vernacular names
127 were compiled from the specimens examined and the literature (e.g., Office of the Forest
128 Herbarium, Forest and Plant Conservation Research Office, Department of National Parks,
129 Wildlife and Plant Conservation, 2014). The assessment of conservation status was performed
130 following the IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria (IUCN Standards and Petitions Committee,
131 2022) for a preliminary assessment of the conservation category in combination with GeoCAT
132 analysis (Bachman et al., 2011) and field information. The calculation of Extent of Occurrence
133 (EEO) and Area of Occupancy (AOO) are based on GeoCAT ([https://www.kew.org/science/our-](https://www.kew.org/science/our-science/projects/geocat-geospatial-conservation-assessment-tool)
134 [science/projects/geocat-geospatial-conservation-assessment-tool](https://www.kew.org/science/our-science/projects/geocat-geospatial-conservation-assessment-tool)). We obtained permission to
135 collect specimens from the Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation, DNP
136 0907.1/1593.

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138 Results

139 Taxonomic Treatment

140 **Garcinia L. sect. Xanthochymus** (Roxb.) Pierre, Fl. Forest. Cochinch. 1(5): 3. 1883; Vesque,
141 Epharמושis 2: 14. 1889 et in A. DC. & C. DC., Monogr. Phan. 8: 254–255. 1893.—
142 *Xanthochymus* Roxb., Pl. Coromandel 2(4): 51, t. 196. 1805. Type: *Xanthochymus pictorius*
143 Roxb. = *Garcinia xanthochymus* Hook. f. ex T. Anderson.

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145 *Tree* evergreen; latex usually white, sticky; branches decussate, horizontal; branchlets usually 4-
146 ridged (except *G. prainiana*, terete), pubescent or glabrous. *Leaves* decussate, usually large and
147 coriaceous, pubescent or glabrous; petiole usually transversely rugose. *Inflorescences* on short,
148 leafless lateral branchlets (in axils of fallen leaves), sometimes terminal (e.g., *G. prainiana*),
149 cymose, in fascicles of several to many flowers, pubescent or glabrous. *Flowers* unisexual,
150 sometimes bisexual, plants dioecious, sometimes polygamo-dioecious (e.g., *G. dulcis*);
151 bracteolate; sepals and petals quincuncial; sepals 5, unequal, margin ciliolate or eciliolate,
152 pubescent or glabrous outside; petals 5, usually subequal, margin ciliolate or eciliolate. *Male*
153 *flowers*: disk in the center of the flower, intrastaminal, 5-lobed, with lobes positioned between
154 the stamen bundles and antesealous (opposite sepals) (except *G. prainiana*, disk ring-shaped);
155 stamens numerous, united into 5 bundles (phalanges), antepetalous (opposite petals); anthers
156 very small; pistillode very small or absent. *Female flowers*: appendages (disk lobes) 5,
157 antesealous, alternating with staminode bundles; staminodes united into 5 bundles, antepetalous
158 (except *G. prainiana*, appendages and staminodes absent); ovary 5-locular (except *G. prainiana*,

159 5–8-locular); stigma 5-lobed (except *G. prainiana*, weakly 5–8-lobed or indistinctly lobed). *Fruit*
 160 a fleshy berry, with sticky yellow latex, exocarp thin, usually sinuously wrinkled when dry.
 161 A section of four species in Thailand; three species in Indo-China (*Garcinia dulcis*, *G.*
 162 *phuongmaiensis*, and *G. xanthochymus*).

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164 **A key to the species of *Garcinia* sect. *Xanthochymus* in Thailand**

- 165 1a. Inflorescences on short, leafless lateral branchlets; fully opened flowers with erect, concave
 166 petals and corolla forming a bowl-shaped, less than 2 cm in diam.; petals whitish pale green,
 167 creamish white or pale yellow; leaf base not subamplexicaul; petioles usually longer than 6
 168 mm long; disk 5-lobed; fruits mostly subglobose, globose or broadly ovoid, with a short beak
 169 at the apex; persistent stigma deeply 5-lobed.....2
 170 1b. Inflorescences mostly terminal; fully opened flowers with spreading petals, more than 2 cm
 171 in diam.; petals variable in color (pale yellow, yellowish pink, yellowish red, pinkish red,
 172 pink or red); leaf base often subamplexicaul; petioles short, up to 6 mm long; disk ring-
 173 shaped; fruits mostly depressed globose or depressed subglobose, slightly concave or
 174 flattened at the apex; persistent stigma circular, button-like.....**3. *G. prainiana***
 175 2a. Leaves up to 32.5 cm long, thickly coriaceous, midrib raised as a prominent ridge and
 176 secondary veins raised on lower leaf surface; branchlets 4-ridged; pedicels terete.....3
 177 2b. Leaves more than 32.5 cm long, very thickly coriaceous, midrib and secondary veins strongly
 178 ridged on lower leaf surface; branchlets 4-ridged, two of these strongly ridged or narrowly
 179 winged; pedicels 4-angular.....**2. *G. nervosa***
 180 3a. Inflorescences in dense fascicles of flowers; leaves slightly bullate to bullate; branchlets,
 181 leaves, petioles, sepals, and pedicels mostly pubescent to glabrescent; plants polygamo-
 182 dioecious.....**1. *G. dulcis***
 183 3b. Inflorescences in lax fascicles of flowers; leaves smooth (not bullate); branchlets, leaves,
 184 petioles, sepals, and pedicels glabrous; plants dioecious.....**4. *G. xanthochymus***
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186 **1. *Garcinia dulcis* (Roxb.) Kurz**, J. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Pt. 2, Nat. Hist. 43(2): 88. 1874 et Forest
 187 Fl. Burma 1: 92. 1877; Pierre, Fl. Forest. Cochinch. 1(5): 4. 1883; Vesque, Epharmosis 2: 14. t.
 188 87. 1889 et in A. DC. & C. DC., Monogr. Phan. 8: 312. 1893; King, J. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Pt. 2,
 189 Nat. Hist. 59(2): 169. 1890; Koord. & Valetton, Bijdr. Boomsoort. Java 9: 359. 1903; Merr.,
 190 Philipp. J. Sci. 3: 362. 1908; Ridl., Fl. Malay Penins. 1: 179. 1922; Merr., Enum. Philipp. Fl. Pl.
 191 3: 84. 1923; Corner, Wayside Trees Mal. 1: 316. fig. 105. ed. 2. 1952; Backer & Bakh. f., Fl.
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 197 2013; S. Gardner, P. Sidisunthorn & Chayam., Forest Trees S. Thailand 1: 352. fig. 541. 2015.—
 198 *Xanthochymus dulcis* Roxb. [Hort. Bengal.: 42. 1814, nom. nud.], Pl. Coromandel 3(3): 66. t.

199 270. 1820 et in Carey, Fl. Ind. 2: 631. 1832; Wight, Icon. Pl. Ind. Orient. 1(10): 10. t. 192.
200 1839.— *Garcinia elliptica* Choisy in DC., Prodr. 1: 561. 1824 [non *Garcinia elliptica* Wall.,
201 Numer. List. 4869. 1831, nom. nud.]— *Xanthochymus javanensis* Blume, Bijdr. Fl. Ned. Ind. 5:
202 216. 1825.— *Stalagmitis dulcis* Cambess., Mém. Mus. Hist. Nat. 16: 393, 426, 1828.—
203 *Stalagmitis elliptica* G. Don, Gen. Hist. 1: 621. 1831.— *Stalagmitis javanensis* Spach, Hist. Nat.
204 Vég. 5: 328. 1836. Type: Roxburgh's illustration, *Xanthochymus dulcis* Roxb., Pl. Coromandel
205 3(3): 66. t. 270 (Roxburgh, 1820) (lectotype designated here) (Fig. 1).
206 — *Garcinia vilersiana* Pierre, Bull. Mens. Soc. Linn. Paris 1: 348. 1882 et Fl. Forest. Cochinch.
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208 Phan. 8: 318. 1893; Engl. in Engl. & Prantl, Die Natürlichen Pflanzenfamilien 3(6): 234. fig.
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210 Siam. 1(1): 118. 1925; Gagnep. in Gagnep., Fl. Indo-Chine Suppl.: 257. 1943; Pételot, Arch.
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212 1991. Type: Thailand, ad flumen Mekong (also spelled Khong River) in regno Siamico, June
213 1868, *Pierre 3642* (lectotype selected here P [P04701111!], isolectotypes P [P04701114!,
214 P04701115!]), **syn. nov.** (Fig. 2).
215 — *Garcinia cambodgiensis* Vesque, Epharosis 2: 14. t. 92, 93. 1889 et in A. DC. & C. DC.,
216 Monogr. Phan. 8: 316. 1893; Pit. in Lecomte et al., Fl. Indo-Chine 1(4): 298. 1910; Craib, Fl.
217 Siam. 1(1): 114. 1925; Gagnep. in Gagnep., Fl. Indo-Chine Suppl.: 257. 1943.— *Garcinia*
218 *andersoni* Pierre, Fl. Forest. Cochinch. 1(5): 1. t. 72. 1883. Type: Cambodia (originally
219 “Cambodgiae” on the label), ad montes Kuang Repoeu, in prov. Tpong, May 1870, *Pierre 775*
220 (lectotype selected here P [P05062528!], isolectotypes K [K000677687!], P [P05062544,
221 P05062564]), **syn. nov.** (Fig. 3).
222 — *Garcinia andamanica* King, J. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Pt. 2, Nat. Hist. 59(2): 170. 1890; Vesque
223 in A. DC. & C. DC., Monogr. Phan. 8: 328. 1893; Brühl & King, Ann. Roy. Bot. Gard.
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225 Andaman Isl.: 89. 1923; Maheshw., Bull. Bot. Surv. India 6: 112. 1964; N. P. Singh in B. D.
226 Sharma & Sanjappa, Fl. Ind. 3: 103. 1993; Shameer & N. Mohanan, Rheedea 29(2): 181. 2019.
227 Type: India, Andaman Islands, 1884, *King’s Collector 224* (lectotype designated by Shameer &
228 Mohanan (2019), CAL [CAL0000024974, photo seen], **syn. nov.** (Fig. 4).
229 — *Garcinia andamanica* King var. *pubescens* King, J. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Pt. 2, Nat. Hist. 59(2):
230 170. 1890; Maheshw., Bull. Bot. Surv. India 6: 112. 1964; N. P. Singh in B. D. Sharma &
231 Sanjappa, Fl. Ind. 3: 104. 1993. Type: India, Andaman Islands, 1884, *King’s Collector 136*
232 (lectotype designated by Maheshwari (1964), CAL [CAL0000024973, photo seen], isolectotypes
233 K [K000677630!], P [P05062496!]), **syn. nov.** (Fig. 5).
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235 *Tree* evergreen, 5–20(–25) m tall, 30–160 m girth, sometimes buttressed near the base of the
236 stem in large trees; latex white, turning creamish white, sticky; branches decussate, horizontal;
237 branchlets green, 4-ridged, pubescent, slightly pubescent or glabrescent, sometimes glabrous.
238 *Bark* smooth or slightly rough, dark brown or greyish brown; inner bark pale yellow. *Terminal*

239 *bud* concealed between the bases of the uppermost pair of petioles. *Leaves* decussate; lamina
240 variable in shape, lanceolate-ovate or lanceolate (broadest at the basal part, gradually narrowing
241 towards the apex), sometimes narrowly oblong, oblong or elliptic, 12.5–32.5 × 4.5–16 cm, apex
242 acute or acuminate, sometimes obtuse, base obtuse, cuneate or subcordate, margin repand and
243 slightly revolute, thickly coriaceous, slightly bullate or bullate, shiny dark green above, paler
244 below, glabrous above, pubescent, slightly pubescent or glabrescent, sometimes glabrous below
245 (of lamina and veins), midrib and secondary veins flattened above, raised as a prominent ridge
246 below, secondary veins 10–17 pairs, curving towards the margin connected in distinct loops and
247 united into an intramarginal vein, conspicuous on both surfaces, with intersecondary veins,
248 veinlets reticulate, visible on both surfaces, interrupted long wavy lines (glandular wavy lines,
249 also called exudate containing canals) of differing lengths, running across the secondary veins to
250 the apex or the margin, visible below; petiole green, 0.7–3.2 cm long, 2–6 mm in diam., not
251 grooved, distinctly transversely rugose, indumentum same as in lamina, with a conspicuous basal
252 appendage clasping the branchlet; young leaves shiny pale green; mature leaves turning greenish
253 yellow to yellow before falling off. *Inflorescences* on short, leafless lateral branchlets (in axils of
254 fallen leaves), cymose, in dense fascicles of 7–17 flowers. *Flowers* unisexual or bisexual, plants
255 polygamo-dioecious, 5-merous, petals erect with overlapping edges and corolla forming a bowl-
256 shaped; bracteolate; sepals and petals quincuncial, coriaceous, concave. *Male flowers* in fascicles
257 of 11–17 flowers, 0.8–1.5 cm in diam.; bracteoles triangular, 0.7–2 × 0.6–2.7 mm, apex acute,
258 pubescent; pedicel green, 0.5–1.7 cm long, 1–2 mm in diam., terete (circular in cross-section),
259 pubescent or glabrescent, rarely glabrous; sepals 5, pale green, whitish pale green or green,
260 broadly elliptic, semi-orbicular, suborbicular, 3–5.2 × 2.5–5 mm, unequal, apex rounded, margin
261 ciliolate, pubescent or glabrescent, rarely glabrous outside; petals 5, whitish pale green, creamish
262 white or pale yellow, broadly elliptic, elliptic or suborbicular, 5–8.5 × 4–8.5 mm, subequal, apex
263 rounded, margin ciliolate; disk in the center of the flower, intrastaminal, yellow, 5-lobed, fleshy,
264 pitted, lobes positioned between the stamen bundles, antesepalous; stamens numerous, united in
265 5 bundles, 6–13 in each bundle, antepetalous, 0.3–1 cm × 0.5–1 mm each bundle, creamish white
266 or pale yellow; filaments 0.5–0.8 mm long; anthers yellow, 2 thecae, 0.2–0.4 × 0.3–0.7 mm;
267 pistillode small or absent. *Female flowers* in fascicles of 7–9 flowers, 0.8–1.6 cm in diam.;
268 bracteoles same as in male flowers; pedicel pale green or green, 1.2–2 cm long, widened at the
269 apical part, middle part 1.6–2.7 mm in diam., apical part 2.7–4 mm in diam., terete, pubescent or
270 glabrescent, rarely glabrous; sepals and petals same as or slightly larger than in male flowers;
271 sepals 3–7.2 × 2.5–7.2 mm; petals 0.5–1 × 0.4–1 cm; appendages 5, antesepalous, alternating
272 with staminode bundles, fleshy, pitted; staminodes united in 5 bundles, 2–5 in each bundle,
273 antepetalous, 2.2–4.7 mm long each bundle, whitish pale green or creamish white; pistil 5–7.5
274 mm long; ovary pale green, subglobose, 3–4.5 × 4–6.5 mm, beaked, 0.5–2 × 1.4–2 mm (ovary
275 including beaked looks like obpyriform in outline), unlobed, glabrous, 5-locular; stigma pale
276 green, sessile, radiate, deeply 5-lobed, 3.5–5 mm in diam., papillate. *Bisexual flowers* same as in
277 male and female flowers (androecium same as in male flowers; gynoecium same as in female
278 flowers). *Fruits* berries, green, turning yellow or orangish yellow when ripe, smooth, glabrous,

279 glossy, with sticky yellow latex, then exocarp becoming dark brownish black and sinuously
280 wrinkled when dry, subglobose, globose or broadly ovoid, sometimes depressed globose, 3.8–7.5
281 × 4.5–8 cm, sometimes oblique, asymmetrical, unlobed, with a short, thick beak, pericarp 0.8–
282 1.8 cm thick, exocarp thin; persistent stigma dark brown or blackish brown, radiate, deeply 5-
283 lobed; persistent sepals green, slightly larger than in flowering materials; fruiting stalk green,
284 1.3–2.1 cm long, widened at the apical part, middle part 1.3–3.8 mm in diam., apical part 2.5–4.5
285 mm in diam., pubescent or glabrescent, rarely glabrous. *Seeds* 1–5, sometimes aborted, brown
286 mottled with irregular lines, ellipsoid, 1.7–3 × 0.9–2 cm, slightly oblique, rounded at both ends,
287 with yellow or orangish yellow fleshy pulp.

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289 **Distribution.** India (Assam, Andaman Islands), Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Peninsular
290 Malaysia (also called Malaya) (Perlis, Perak, Kelantan), Indonesia [Java, Lesser Sunda Islands,
291 Sulawesi, Moluccas (also called Maluku)], Borneo (Sabah), Philippines, New Guinea, Australia
292 (Queensland), French Polynesia (Fig. 6).

293 **Distribution in Thailand.** Eastern: Buriram, Surin, Ubon Ratchathani; South-Western: Prachuap
294 Khiri Khan; Central (cultivated); South-Eastern: Sa Kaeo, Prachin Buri, Chachoengsao, Chon
295 Buri, Chanthaburi, Trat; Peninsular: Surat Thani, Krabi, Stun, Songkhla, Pattani, Narathiwat
296 (Fig. 6).

297 **Habitat and Ecology.** It is found in dry evergreen, tropical lowland evergreen rain, and lower
298 montane forests, often in limestone areas, sometimes along streams, 0–1100 m alt.

299 **Phenology.** Flowering and fruiting more than once, nearly throughout the year; flowering
300 usually in November to June; fruiting usually in January to July.

301 **Conservation Status.** *Garcinia dulcis* is widely distributed from India, Andaman Islands to
302 North Queensland and Tahiti Islands. It is known from many localities and has a large Extent of
303 Occurrence (EOO) of 14,325,860.58 km² and a relatively large Area of Occupancy (AOO) of
304 824 km². In Thailand, this species is known to be naturally distributed in the eastern, the south-
305 western, the south-eastern and the peninsular regions, and has an EOO of 422,327.01 km² and an
306 AOO of 184 km². Because of this wide distribution and the number of localities, it is considered
307 Least Concern (LC).

308 **Etymology.** The specific epithet of *Garcinia dulcis* is a Latin word meaning sweet and refers to
309 the ripe fruits that have a sweet-sour taste (Stearn, 1992; Radcliffe-Smith, 1998; Gledhill, 2002).
310 The specific epithet of its new synonym, *G. vilersiana* is in honour of the late Charles Marie Le
311 Myre de Vilers (1833–1918), a French naval officer, then departmental administrator. He was
312 governor of the colony of Cochinchina (1879–1882). The specific epithet of its two new
313 synonyms, *G. cambodgiensis* and *G. andamanica* are named after Cambodia and Andaman
314 Islands, respectively where the type specimens for these species were collected.

315 **Vernacular Name.** Khai chorakhe (ไข่จระเข้) (Chanthaburi); Champhut (จำพุด) (Central); Taphut
316 (ตะพุด) (Chanthaburi); Prahot (ปราโฮต), Prahut (ปราหุด) (Khmer-Surin); Pahut (ปะหุด) (Northeastern);
317 Phahut (พะฮุด) (Buri Ram); Phawa bai yai (พะวาใบใหญ่) (Chanthaburi, Chonburi); Phut (พุด) (Satun);
318 Maphut (มะพุด) (Central, Peninsular); Sompong (ส้มปอง), Sommuang (ส้มม่วง) (Chanthaburi); Baniti

319 (Philippines); Cay vang nhua, Vang nhua (Vietnam); Madaw mu (Andaman Islands); Mundu
320 (Javanese, Malay), Munu (Malay); Prahout (Cambodia); Yellow mangosteen (English).

321 **Uses.** *Garcinia dulcis* is often cultivated for its fruits. The fruits (pericarp and fleshy pulp) are
322 edible and have a sour or sweet-sour taste. It is also grown in some botanical gardens as an
323 ornamental tree to provide botanical education. It is cultivated as a fruit tree in Southeast Asia
324 (Allen, 1965; Begum et al., 2013). The sour fruits can be eaten raw or cooked, and they also
325 make jams and preserves (Corner, 1952; Sastri, 1956; Maheshwari, 1964; Allen, 1965; Burkill et
326 al., 1966; Verheij & Coronel, 1992). In Java and Singapore, pounded seeds are applied to cure
327 swellings. In Java, the bark is used to dye mats (Sastri, 1956; Maheshwari, 1964; Burkill et al.,
328 1966; Verheij & Coronel, 1992).

329 **Lectotypification.** *Xanthochymus dulcis* was named by Roxburgh (1820: 66–67. t. 270), who
330 reported that the species is a native of the Molucca Islands and from thence introduced to the
331 Botanic Garden at Calcutta. This species was transferred to the genus *Garcinia* by Kurz (1874:
332 88). Roxburgh's protologue of *X. dulcis* implies that he based his description on a tree living in
333 the Botanical Garden at Calcutta before he departed India in 1813. No herbarium specimens
334 were cited. Following advice in Forman (1997), in addition to relevant specimens Roxburgh's
335 illustration (Plate 270) in “*Plants of the Coast of Coromandel*” should be considered as a
336 lectotype.

337 *Garcinia vilersiana* was named by Pierre (1882: 348; 1883: t. 71), who cited four gatherings,
338 *Pierre 128*, *Pierre 773* and *Pierre 3641* from Vietnam and *Pierre 3642* from Thailand and
339 Vietnam but he did not mention the herbaria in which they were present, and following Art. 9.6
340 of the ICN (Turland et al., 2018), they constitute syntypes. We could locate the specimens *Pierre*
341 *128* (in montibus Dinh ad Baria Austro-Cochinchinae) at C [without barcode], K [K000677686],
342 L [L0700329, L0700330, L0700331] and P [P04701129, P04899814] collected on October 1866;
343 at BM [BM000611613] collected on November 1866; at P [P04701128, P04701131, P04701136]
344 collected on March 1867, *Pierre 773* (in planitie ad Thu Duc Austro-Cochinchinae) at K
345 [K000742482] and P [P04450818, P04451355, P04458339, P06137125] collected on February
346 1870; at K [K000677684], L [U1199409] and P [P00903311, P00903312, P04701110,
347 P04898863] collected on February 1871, *Pierre 3641* at P [P04701126, P04701127] (in
348 montibus Dinh ad Baria Austro-Cochinchinae, collected in 1866); at L [U1199410], P
349 [P04701122] (in montibus Dinh ad Baria Austro-Cochinchinae, collected in 1867); at BM
350 [BM000611612], K [K000742481, K000677685] and P [P04899815] (in montibus Dinh ad Baria
351 Austro-Cochinchinae, collected on March 1868); at P [P04701123, P04701124] (in montibus Lu
352 in prov. Bien Hoa Austro-Cochinchinae, collected on March 1877) and *Pierre 3642* from
353 Thailand at P [P04701111, P04701114, P04701115, ad flumen Mekong in regno Siamico,
354 collected on June 1868]; and from Vietnam at P [P04701120, P04701121, in insula Phu Quoc,
355 collected on July 1877]. Hence, the specimen *Pierre 3642* at P [P04701111] is in the best
356 condition and clearly shows the diagnostic characters for the species and is selected here as the
357 lectotype, following Art. 9.3 and 9.12 of the ICN (Turland et al., 2018).

358 *Garcinia cambodgiensis* was named by Vesque (1889: 14 t. 92; 1893: 316), who cited the
359 material *Pierre 775* from Cambodia (ad montes Kuang Repoeu, in prov. Tpong) but did not
360 mention the herbaria in which they were present, and following Art. 9.6 of the ICN (Turland et
361 al., 2018), they constitute syntypes. We located the specimen *Pierre 775* at K [K000677687] and
362 P [P05062528, P05062544, P05062564], therefore the P [P05062528] material is in the best
363 condition and clearly shows the diagnostic characters for the species and is selected here as the
364 lectotype, following Art. 9.3 and 9.12 of the ICN (Turland et al., 2018).

365 **Additional Specimens Examined. Thailand. Eastern:** Buri Ram [Nang Rong District, March
366 1922 [as *Garcinia* sp.], *Luang Anuwat Wanarak 11* (BK, K)], Surin [Cambodia Boundary,
367 Sangkha District, 15 January 1924 [as *G. vilersiana*], *Kerr 8295* (BM, E [E00839801], K, P
368 [P04701109])], Ubon Ratchathani [Huai Don, Buntharik District, 12 May 2005 [as *G.*
369 *vilersiana*], *Puudjaa 1410* (BKF); Phu Chong Na Yoi National Park, Na Chaluai District, August
370 2007, *Ngernsaengsaruary G45-10082007* (BKF, dry and spirit materials)]; **South-Western:**
371 Prachuap Khiri Khan [Kui Buri National Park, Kui Buri District, 23 January 2004 [as *G.*
372 *griffithii*, *G. xanthochymus*], *Middleton et al. 2426* (BKF, E [E00348153]); Pran Buri District, 14
373 April 2012 [as *G. vilersiana*], *Phengklai 16300* (BKF)]; **Central:** Ang Thong [Wat Klang,
374 Mueang District, 3 April 1972 [as *Garcinia* sp., *G. cf. xanthochymus*], cultivated, *Maxwell 72-*
375 *180* (AAU, BK); *ibid.*, 7 March 1976 [as *Garcinia* sp., *G. xanthochymus*, *G. vilersiana*],
376 cultivated, *Maxwell 76-135* (AAU, BK, L [L2409257, L2409258])], Saraburi [Phu Khae, 2 April
377 1948 [as *G. vilersiana*], cultivated, *Chamrueangsri 14* (BKF)], Pathum Thani [locality not
378 specified, 23 July 1979 [as *G. vilersiana*], cultivated, *Muangnoicharoen s.n.* (BKF68140); Suan
379 Pathum Palace, 1 February 2010 [as *G. xanthochymus*], cultivated, *Krajangvuthi s.n.*
380 (BKF163988)], Nonthaburi [Bang Yai District, 1 December 1987 [as *G. vilersiana*], cultivated,
381 *Paisooksantivatana Y1-12-87(1)* (BK)], Bangkok [locality not specified, 13 June 1920,
382 cultivated, *Kerr s.n.* (BM); locality not specified, 29 January 1922 [as *G. vilersiana*], cultivated,
383 *Marcan 662* (BM, SING); locality not specified, 21 January 1923 [as *G. vilersiana*], cultivated,
384 *Collins 1144* (BM); locality not specified, 4 March 1923 [as *G. vilersiana*], cultivated, *Kerr s.n.*
385 (BM); Rat Burana, 1 December 1987 [as *G. vilersiana*], cultivated, *Paisooksantivatana Y1-12-*
386 *87(2)* (BK); Faculty of Forestry, Kasetsart University, Chatuchak District, 15 March 1994 [as *G.*
387 *vilersiana*], cultivated, *Santi 33* (BK); *ibid.*, 4 June 2023, cultivated, *Ngernsaengsaruary &*
388 *Chanton G50-04062023* (BK, BKF, dry and spirit materials); locality not specified, 27 January
389 1992 [as *G. vilersiana*], cultivated, *Niyomdham s.n.* (BKF126881); Nong Chok District, 2 July
390 2007, cultivated, *Ngernsaengsaruary G44-02072007* (BKF, spirit material); Bangkok Herbarium,
391 Department of Agriculture, Chatuchak District, 12 June 2023, cultivated, *Ngernsaengsaruary &*
392 *Chanton G51-12062023* (BK, BKF)], Samut Prakan [Song Khanong Subdistrict, Phra Pradaeng
393 District, 25 March 2012, cultivated, *Ngernsaengsaruary G47-25032012* (BK, BKF, dry and spirit
394 materials), Samut Songkhram [Kradangnga Subdistrict, Bang Khonti District, 1 December 1987
395 [as *G. vilersiana*], cultivated, *Paisooksantivatana Y1-12-87(4)* (BK); Amphawa District, 16
396 December 2003, cultivated, *Bamrungsri 01* (PSU)]; **South-Eastern:** Sa Kaeo [Ban Dong Yang,
397 Aranyaprathet District, 22 March 1962 [as *G. vilersiana*, *G. cf. xanthochymus*], *Chantanamuck*

398 95 (BK); Watthana Nakhon District, 5 March 1977 [as *G. vilersiana*], *Unknown s.n.*
399 (BKF110455); Khao Ang Rue Nai Wildlife Sanctuary, 18 January 1997 [as *G. vilersiana*],
400 *Santisuk et al. s.n.* (BKF201290)], Prachin Buri [Kabin Buri District, 22 December 1924 [as
401 *Garcinia* sp., *G. cambodgiensis*, *G. xanthochymus*], *Kerr 9738* (AAU, BK, BM, E [E00839759],
402 K)], Chachoengsao [Khao Takrup, 6 November 1993 [as *Garcinia* sp., *G. xanthochymus*],
403 *Larsen et al. 44255* (AAU, K)], Chon Buri [Si Racha Forest, 1916 [as *G. cambodgiensis*],
404 *Collins 609* (K)]; Nong Nam Khiao, Si Racha Forest, 1 December 1927 [as *Garcinia* sp., *G.*
405 *cambodgiensis*, *G. cf. xanthochymus*], *Collins 1856* (BK, BM, K); Phan Sadet Nok, Si Racha
406 District, 13 January 1946 [as *Garcinia* sp.], *Din 155* (BKF); Khao Khiao, Si Racha District, 20
407 March 1970 [as *Garcinia* sp., *G. cambodgiensis*, *G. xanthochymus*], *van Beusekom & Santisuk*
408 *3266* (AAU, BKF, C, E [E00772041], K, L [L2409500, L2409501], P [P05062012]); *ibid.*, 5
409 January 1975 [as *G. cambodgiensis*, *G. xanthochymus*], *Maxwell 75-2* (AAU, BK, L
410 [L2408878]); *ibid.*, 18 May 1975 [as *Garcinia* sp., *G. xanthochymus*], *Maxwell 75-529* (AAU,
411 BK, [L (L2409260)]); Khao Khiao Open Zoo, 9 July 2000, *Phengkklai et al. 12659* (BKF)],
412 Chanthaburi [Makham District, 7 August 1933 [as *Garcinia* sp.], *Winit 418* (BKF)]; Khao Sa
413 Bap, Laem Sing District, 11 November 1945 [as *Garcinia* sp.], *Wit 117* (BKF); *ibid.*, 20 June
414 1946 [as *Garcinia* sp.], *Wit 279* (BKF); Laem Sing District, 22 December 1961 [as *G.*
415 *cambodgiensis*, *G. vilersiana*], *Nicolson 1645* (K, L [L409326]); Khao Soi Dao, 18 December
416 1974 [as *Garcinia* sp., *G. cambodgiensis*, *G. xanthochymus*], *Geesink, Hiepko & Phengkklai 7904*
417 (BKF, C, K, P [P05062000]); Khao Soi Dao, Pong Nam Ron District, 5 May 1975 [as *Garcinia*
418 sp., *G. cambodgiensis*, *G. xanthochymus*], *Maxwell 75-487* (AAU, BK, L [L2408876,
419 L2408877]); Khao Soi Dao Wildlife Sanctuary, Khao Soi Dao District, 14 March 1995 [as *G. cf.*
420 *vilersiana*], *Santisuk s.n.* (BKF100190); Khao Soi Dao Wildlife Sanctuary, 11 January 1999 [as
421 *G. cf. vilersiana*], *Wongprasert et al. s.n.* (BKF124721); Khao Soi Dao Wildlife Sanctuary, 1
422 March 2007 [as *G. nervosa*, *G. xanthochymus*], *Mantharanon s.n.* (BKF146453); Khao Soi Dao
423 Wildlife Sanctuary, 15 March 2008, *Ngernsaengsaruary G46-15032008* (BKF, spirit material);
424 Khao Soi Dao Wildlife Sanctuary, 17 May 2013 [as *G. vilersiana*], *Tagane et al. T1553* (BKF);
425 *ibid.*, 17 May 2013 [as *G. vilersiana*], *Tagane et al. T1596* (BKF); Khao Soi Dao Wildlife
426 Sanctuary, 8 March 2014 [as *Garcinia* sp.], *Tagane et al. T2688* (BKF); Khao Phra Bat, Khao
427 Khitchakut National Park, Makham District, 29 November 1979 [as *Garcinia* sp., *G.*
428 *xanthochymus*], *Shimizu et al. T-23989* (BKF, L [L2409479]); Thung Phen Forest Protection
429 Unit, Khao Khitchakut National Park, 27 December 1993 [as *G. vilersiana*], *Niyomdham 3485*
430 (BKF); Khlong Saba, Khao Sip Ha Chan, Kaeng Hang Maeo, 11 February 2007 [as *G.*
431 *xanthochymus*], *Watthana 2221* (QBG)], Trat [Bo Rai, 28 November 1924 [as *G.*
432 *cambodgiensis*], *Kerr 9461* (BM, K); Dan Chumphon, 21 December 1929 [as *Garcinia* sp., *G.*
433 *cambodgiensis*, *G. xanthochymus*], *Kerr 17657* (AAU, BK, BM, K); Ban Salak Phet, Ko Chang,
434 7 March 2003 [as *G. mangostana*], cultivated, *Phengkklai et al. 14528* (BKF)]; **Peninsular:** Surat
435 Thani [Ko Tao, 18 April 1927 [as *Garcinia* sp., *G. vilersiana*], *Kerr 12797* (BM, K)]; locality not
436 specified, 1 December 1987 [as *G. vilersiana*], *Paisooksantivatana Y1-12-87(5)* (BK); Thung
437 Khai Han, Khao Sok National Park, 14 June 1994 [as *G. vilersiana*], *Niyomdham & Puudjaa*

438 3786 (BKF); Giant Bamboo nature trail, Khlong Phanom National Park, Phanom District, 20
439 June 2004 [as *Garcinia* sp., *G. vilersiana*], *Gardner & Sidisunthorn ST0804* (K); *ibid.*, 20 March
440 2005 [as *Garcinia* sp., *G. vilersiana*], *Gardner, Sidisunthorn & Tippayasri ST1707* (BKF, K),
441 Krabi [locality not specified, 4 April 1930 [as *G. vilersiana*, *G. cf. xanthochymus*], *Kerr 18845*
442 (BK, BM, C, K, L [L2409325]); Ko Pu, 14 April 1930 [as *G. vilersiana*, *G. cf. xanthochymus*],
443 *Kerr 18972* (BK, BM, K, L [L2409324]); Ao Luek, 23 July 1972 [as *Garcinia* sp., *G.*
444 *vilersiana*], *Larsen et al. 31282* (AAU, BKF, K); Than Bok Korani National Park, 9 May 1973
445 [as *Garcinia* sp., *G. vilersiana*], *Geesink & Santisuk 5303* (AAU, BKF, C, E [E00839800]);
446 Than Bok Korani National Park, Ao Luek District, 7 March 2022, *Ngernsaengsaruary, Meeprom*
447 *& Boonthasak G49-07032022* (BK, BKF, dry and spirit materials), Trang [Khao Chong
448 Botanical Garden, Chong Subdistrict, Na Yong District, 17 March 2018, cultivated,
449 *Ngernsaengsaruary, Wessapak, Meeprom & Boonthasak G48-17032018* (BK, BKF, dry and spirit
450 materials)], Stun [Ban Ton, 15 March 1928 [as *Garcinia* sp.], *Kerr 14598* (BM, K); Tarutao
451 National Park, trail from Malacca Creek to Ao Talo Wao, 24 March 1980 [as *Garcinia* sp., *G.*
452 *xanthochymus*], *Congdon 501* (AAU, PSU); near Nam Ra Village, Thung Nui Subdistrict, Khuan
453 Kalong District, 6 January 1985, *Maxwell 85-43* (BKF, PSU); Thale Ban National Park, Khuan
454 Don District, 25 May 2004 [as *Garcinia* sp.], *Gardner & Setsin ST0604* (K), Songkhla [Namtok
455 Boriphat Forest Park, Rattaphum District, 24 October 1985, *Maxwell 85-997* (AAU, BKF, L
456 [L2402922, L2402923], PSU); Rattaphum District, 15 May 2002, *Upho UBON981* (QBG); Hat
457 Yai District, 6 April 2004, *Deachathai 02* (PSU)]; Hat Yai District, 6 April 2004,
458 *Mahabusarakam 02* (PSU); Khao Nam Khang National Park, Na Thawi District, 6 October
459 2004, *Tippayasri & Sidisunthorn ST1064* (K); Hat Yai, Khuan Mot Daeng, PSU Campus, 30
460 May 2005 [as *G. nervosa*], *Panwiriyyarat 01* (PSU)], Pattani [Mueang Pattani District, October
461 1937, *Unknown 32* (BKF221); Tugong Village, Nong Chik District, 14 January 1985 [as *G.*
462 *nervosa* var. *pubescens*], *Saree 1* (P [P04701559], PSU), Narathiwat [Ao Manao, 8 August 1999,
463 *Niyomdham & Puudjaa 5753* (BKF); Ao Manao, Khao Tanyong National Park, 27 March 2002,
464 *Ngernsaengsaruary G43-27032002* (BKF, spirit material); Chon Thara Singhe, Tak Bai District,
465 17 March 2002, cultivated, *Ngernsaengsaruary G42-17032002* (BKF, spirit material)].
466 **India.** Bengal, s.d., [as *G. xanthochymus*], *Unknown 257* (E [E00772050]); locality not specified,
467 s.d., [as *G. xanthochymus*], *Stewart's Collection 311* (E [E00839674]); South Andaman, 1867 [as
468 *X. pictorius*], *Kurz 241* (P [P04701158]); South Andaman, 1867 [as *X. pictorius*], *Kurz s.n.* (G
469 [G00458419]); Flora of the Andamans, 1884 [as *G. andamanica*], *King's Collector s.n.* (G
470 [G00458474], L [L2408492], P [P05062493]); South Andaman, 1890 [as *G. andamanica*],
471 *King's Collector s.n.* (E [E00438019], L [L2408491]); South Andaman, 7 April 1894 [as *G.*
472 *andamanica*], *King's Collector s.n.* (P [P05062497]); Little Andaman, 10 January 1976 [as *G.*
473 *andamanica*], *Bhargava 3382* (L [L2408490]); Middle Andaman, 4 November 1977 [as *G.*
474 *xanthochymus*], *Bhargawa & Nooteboom 6343* (L [L2409259]).
475 **Vietnam.** Unreadable, April 1863 [as *G. xanthochymus*], *Pierre 3385* (P [P04701165]); Phu
476 Quoc in Gallicae Austro-Cochinchina, May 1865 [as *G. xanthochymus*], *Pierre 3385* (L
477 [L2409238]); in insula Condor, October 1876 [as *G. vilersiana*], *Harmand 920* (P [P04701105,

478 P04701106, P04701107]); Tonkin, December 1889 [as *G. cambodgiensis*], *Balansa* 4345 (P
479 [P05062548, P05062562]); Bieu Hieu, Thanh Hoa, 10 June 1892 [as *G. cambodgiensis*], *l'abbé*
480 *Bon* 5398 (P [P05062536]); Bien Hoa, 28 February 1914 [as *G. vilersiana*], *Fleury* 31300 (P
481 [P04701116]); Bien Hoa, 28 March 1914 [as *G. vilersiana*], *Fleury* 32046 (P [P04701119]); Phu
482 Tho, 30 May 1918 [as *G. cambodgiensis*], *Fleury* 37545 (P [P05062534]); Annam, Dac Kiet,
483 prov. de Thanh Hoa, 10 September 1920 [as *G. cambodgiensis*], *Poilane* 1815 (K, P
484 [P05062532]); Tonkin, Lao Cai, 4 January 1931 [as *G. cambodgiensis*], *Poilane* 18764 (P
485 [P05062541]); Lai Chau et Muong, 19 April 1936 [as *G. cambodgiensis*], *Poilane* 25747 (P
486 [P05062527]); Tonkin, Lai Chau, 12 January 1938 [as *G. cambodgiensis*], *Poilane* 27115 (K, P
487 [P05062542]); Plantes du Tonkin occidental, s.d. [as *G. cambodgiensis*], *l'abbé Bon* 5362 (P
488 [P05062533, P05062566]).

489 **Laos.** Luang Phrabang, expedition du Mekong, 1866–1868 [as *G. cambodgiensis*], *Thorel* 9189
490 (P [P05062546]); Haut-Mékong, 19 May 1936 [as *G. cambodgiensis*], *Poilane* 26214 (K, P
491 [P05062535]); Env. de Pakse, Sedone, 18 November 1965 [as *G. aff. vilersiana*], *Vidal* 4477 (P
492 [P04701130]).

493 **Cambodia.** Expedition du Mekong, 1866–1868 [as *G. cambodgiensis*], *Thorel* 3183 (P
494 [P05062529, P05062530, P05062543]); expedition du Mekong, 1866–1868 [as *G. vilersiana*],
495 *Thorel s.n.* (P [P04701133]); locality not specified, November 1881 [as *G. cambodgiensis*],
496 *Pierre* 4171 (P [P04700185]); locality not specified, 1896 [as *G. vilersiana*], *Hahn s.n.* (P
497 [04701134]); Khsach Kandal District, Kandal Province, 7 March 1914 [as *G. vilersiana*],
498 *Unknown* 31838 (P [P04701132]); locality not specified, 24 June 1929 [as *G. vilersiana*],
499 *Bejeaud* 532 (P [P04701135]); Krapoeu, 26 June 1930 [as *G. cambodgiensis*], *Poilane* 17711 (P
500 [P05062545]); Ko Kong, 28 February 2000 [as *G. cambodgiensis*], *Meng* 94 (K); Keo Seima
501 District, Mondulhiri Province, 21 May 2001 [as *G. vilersiana*], *Eanghourt & Phirun* 851 (K);
502 Siem Reap, Phnom Kulen, 2 July 2006 [as *G. vilersiana*], *Long, Cheng & Leti* CL265 (P
503 [P00626101]); Ko Kong, Thma Baing, Veal Kandevech, 19 December 2008 [as *G.*
504 *cambodgiensis*], *Newman et al.* 2069 (E [E00319084]); Stung Treng, Thala Borivat District, 26
505 March 2012 [as *G. cambodgiensis*], *Maxwell* 12-52 (L [L4311881, L4311882]).

506 **Cochinchine.** Country and locality not specified, 1862–1866 [as *G. vilersiana*], *Thorel* 9189 (P
507 [P04701125]); Country and locality not specified, 1862–1866 [as *G. vilersiana*], *Thorel s.n.* (P
508 [P04701108]).

509 **Indonesia.** Java, Ujung Kulon National Park, 28 November 1960, *Kostermans* 241 (L
510 [L2403308]); Java, 30 April 1974, *Wiriadinata* 80 (AAU); Lesser Sunda Islands, Sumbawa, 4
511 October 1982, *Danimihardja* SD2217 (L [L2403235]); Lesser Sunda Islands, East Sumba,
512 Ngallu, 5 September 1994, *McDonald & Sunaryo* 4402 (E [E00037289]); Sulawesi, 4 July 1976,
513 *Meijer* 10817 (L [L2403229]); Moluccas, Ceram, 13 December 1990, *Burley, Tukirin & Ismail*
514 4393 (E [E00160942]).

515 **Borneo.** Malaysia: Sabah, Jesselton District, 6 May 1963, *Hashim* 33874 (L [L2403302]);
516 Sabah, Kampung Payas, Pitas District, 11 May 1987, *Amin et al.* SAN121250 (E [E00160943]).

517 **Philippines.** Palawan, 12 June 1994, *Soejarto et al.* 8258 (L [L3813146]); Luzon, 22 February
518 1991, *Loher 74* (US [US351445]); Malapackun, 15 April 1984, *Ridsdale* SMHI442 (L
519 [L2403249]); Camarines Sur, Lupi, s.d., *Vidal 639* (AAU); Angat, Bulacan, s.d., *Vidal 640*
520 (AAU); Buenavista, Marinduque, s.d., *Vidal 1155* (AAU).

521 **New Guinea.** Mt. Klangal, Kandrain Subdistrict, West New Britain District, 16 May 1973, *Croft*
522 *& Katik NGF15591* (US); New Ireland, Uguna, Songmum, West Coast, January 1938, *Peekel 30*
523 (L2403148); Kombi Subdistrict, West New Britain District, 28 May 1973, *Isles & Katik*
524 *NGF32248* (L2403218).

525 **Australia.** Queensland, Cook District, 11 October 1962, *Smith 11719* (L2403506); Queensland,
526 Cook District, 12 October 1962, *Smith 11854* (L2403507).

527 **French Polynesia.** Papeari, Tahiti Islands, 29 November 1963, *Maclet 18* (US).

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529 **2. *Garcinia nervosa*** (Miq.) Miq., *Ann. Mus. Bot. Lugduno-Batavi* 1: 208. 1864; Pierre, *Fl.*
530 *Forest. Cochinch.* 1(5): 5. 1883; King, *J. Asiat. Soc. Bengal*, Pt. 2, *Nat. Hist.* 59(2): 169. 1890;
531 Vesque in A. DC. & C. DC., *Monogr. Phan.* 8: 327. 1893; Merr., *Philipp. J. Sci.*, C 10(5): 325.
532 1915; Ridl., *Fl. Malay Penins.* 1: 179. 1922; Merr., *Enum. Philipp. Fl. Pl.* 3: 86. 1923; Corner,
533 *Wayside Trees Mal.* 1: 318. ed. 2, 1952; Whitmore in Whitmore, *Tree Fl. Malaya* 2: 217. 1973;
534 H. Keng, *Concise Fl. Singapore*: 49. 1990; N. P. Singh in B. D. Sharma & Sanjappa, *Fl. Ind.* 3:
535 121. 1993; I. M. Turner, *Gard. Bull. Singapore* 47(1): 262. 1995; S. Gardner, P. Sidisunthorn &
536 Chayam., *Forest Trees S. Thailand* 1: 358. fig. 548. 2015.— *Stalagmitis nervosa* Miq., *Fl. Ned.*
537 *Ind.*, *Eerste Bijv.* 3: 496. 1861. Type: Indonesia, Sumatra, Pariaman (originally “Priaman” on the
538 label), s.d., *Diepenhorst HB647* (lectotype selected here L [U0002403, photo seen], isolectotype
539 L [U0002404, photo seen]) (Figs. 7 and 8).

540 — *Garcinia andersonii* [as *andersoni*] Hook. f. ex T. Anderson in Hook. f., *Fl. Brit. India* 1: 270.
541 1874; Vesque in A. DC. & C. DC., *Monogr. Phan.* 8: 318. 1893. Type: Peninsular Malaysia,
542 Malacca, s.d., *Maingay 157* (distributed at K in 1871) (lectotype selected here CAL
543 [CAL0000005828, photo seen], isolectotype K [K000677676!]) (Fig. 9).

544 — *Garcinia macrophylla* T. Anderson in Hook. f., *Fl. Brit. India* 1: 270. 1874, nom. inval.

545 — *Garcinia spectabilis* Pierre, *Fl. Forest. Cochinch.* 1(5): 3. 1883; Vesque, *Epharמוש* 2: 15 t.
546 91. 1889. Type: Borneo, 1865, *Beccari 2966* (lectotype selected here P [P04700284!],
547 isolectotype K [K000677704!]), **syn. nov.** (Fig. 10).

548 — *Garcinia nervosa* (Miq.) Miq. var. *pubescens* King, *J. Asiat. Soc. Bengal*, Pt. 2, *Nat. Hist.*
549 59(2): 169. 1890; Vesque in A. DC. & C. DC., *Monogr. Phan.* 8: 327. 1893; Whitmore in
550 Whitmore, *Tree Fl. Malaya* 2: 218. 1973; I. M. Turner, *Gard. Bull. Singapore* 47(1): 262. 1995.
551 Type: Peninsular Malaysia, Perak, Larut, 1882, *Kunstler 3197* (lectotype selected here CAL
552 [CAL0000005834, photo seen], isolectotypes G [G00458441, photo seen], K [K000677677!], P
553 [P05062500!], SING [SING00636112!, SING00636113!]), **syn. nov.** (Fig. 11).

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555 *Tree* evergreen, 10–35 m tall, 60–160 m girth; latex white, turning creamish white, very sticky;
556 branches decussate, horizontal; branchlets green, 4-ridged, two of these with a strongly ridged or

557 a narrowly winged, pubescent, slightly pubescent or glabrescent. *Bark* smooth, rough or fine
558 scaly, brown, dark brown or greyish brown; inner bark pale brown. *Terminal bud* concealed
559 between the bases of the uppermost pair of petioles. *Leaves* decussate; lamina narrowly elliptic,
560 narrowly oblong, oblong, lanceolate, lanceolate-ovate or elliptic-oblong, 33.5–80 × 8–27 cm,
561 apex acute, base subcordate, margin repand and slightly revolute, very thickly coriaceous,
562 slightly bullate or bullate, shiny dark green above, paler below, glabrous above, pubescent,
563 slightly pubescent or glabrescent below (of lamina and veins), midrib and secondary veins
564 slightly raised above, strongly ridged below, secondary veins 11–24 pairs, curving towards the
565 margin connected in distinct loops and united into an intramarginal vein, sometimes forked, with
566 intersecondary veins, veinlets reticulate, all veins conspicuous on both surfaces, interrupted wavy
567 lines absent; petiole green, the uppermost pair of petioles reddish purple, turning reddish purple
568 tinged with green to green with age, 2.3–7.2 cm long, 0.4–1.1 cm in diam., not grooved,
569 distinctly transversely rugose, indumentum same as in lamina, with a conspicuous basal
570 appendage clasping the branchlet; young leaves shiny pale green; mature leaves turning greenish
571 yellow to yellow before falling off; dry leaves yellowish brown. *Inflorescences* on short, leafless
572 lateral branchlets, cymose, in fascicles of 5–15 flowers. *Flowers* unisexual, plants dioecious, 5-
573 merous, petals erect with overlapping edges and corolla forming a bowl-shaped; bracteolate;
574 sepals and petals quincuncial, coriaceous, concave. *Male flowers* 0.8–1.4 cm in diam.; bracteoles
575 triangular, 2–5.2 × 1.8–5 mm, apex acute, pubescent; pedicel green, 1.8–3.2 cm long, widened at
576 the apical part, middle part 3.5–4 mm in diam., apical part 4.5–7 mm in diam., 4-angular, thick,
577 pubescent; sepals 5, reddish green, greenish red, red or green, semi-orbicular or broadly ovate,
578 3.5–8.5 × 4–9 mm, unequal, apex rounded, pubescent outside; petals 5, whitish pale green,
579 creamish white or pale yellow, suborbicular, obovate or broadly obovate, 0.8–1.4 × 0.5–1 cm,
580 subequal, apex rounded, margin ciliolate; disk in the center of the flower, intrastaminal, yellow,
581 5-lobed, fleshy, pitted, lobes positioned between the stamen bundles, antesealous; stamens
582 numerous, united in 5 bundles, 11–20 in each bundle, antepetalous, 0.8–1 cm × 2–3 mm each
583 bundle, creamish white or pale yellow; filaments 0.5–0.6 mm long; anthers yellow, 2 thecae,
584 0.3–0.5 × 0.3–0.7 mm; pistillode absent. *Female flowers* 1–1.7 cm in diam.; bracteoles and
585 pedicel same as in male flowers; sepals and petals same as or slightly larger than in male
586 flowers; appendages 5, antesealous, alternating with staminode bundles, fleshy, pitted;
587 staminodes united in 5 bundles, 4–6 in each bundle, antepetalous, 3–4 mm long, 1–1.5 mm wide
588 each bundle, creamish white or pale yellow; pistil 0.7–1 cm long; ovary reddish green or green,
589 broadly ovoid, subglobose or globose, 3.5–6 × 3.2–5.5 mm, beaked, 1.5–3.5 × 1.2–2 mm (ovary
590 including beaked looks like obpyriform in outline), unlobed, glabrous, 5-locular; stigma red,
591 sessile, radiate, deeply 5-lobed, 3–4 mm in diam., papillate. *Fruits* berries, green or reddish
592 green, turning yellow or yellow blotched with red when ripe, slightly rough, glabrous, not glossy,
593 with sticky yellow latex, then exocarp becoming dark brownish black and sinuously wrinkled
594 when dry, subglobose, globose or broadly ovoid, 5–7.5 × 4.5–7 cm, sometimes oblique,
595 asymmetrical, unlobed, with a short, thick beak; persistent stigma red or greenish red, radiate,
596 deeply 5-lobed, erect; persistent sepals slightly larger than in flowering materials; fruiting stalk

597 green, 3–5.2 cm long, widened at the apical part, middle part 4–6.5 mm in diam., apical part 0.5–
598 1 cm in diam., 4-angular, thick, pubescent. *Seeds* 2–5, sometimes aborted, brown mottled with
599 irregular pale brown lines, semi-ellipsoid, $2.8\text{--}3.2 \times 1.5\text{--}2$ cm, rounded at both ends, with a thin
600 white fleshy pulp.

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602 **Distribution.** India (Andaman and Nicobar Islands), Peninsular Thailand, Peninsular Malaysia
603 [Perak, Terengganu (also called Trengganu), Pahang, Selangor, Malacca (also called Melaka)],
604 Singapore, Indonesia (Sumatra), Borneo (Sabah, Sarawak, Brunei, East Kalimantan, West
605 Kalimantan, South Kalimantan), Philippines (Palawan, Luzon) (Fig. 12).

606 **Distribution in Thailand.** Peninsular: Nakhon Si Thammarat, Phatthalung, Trang, Satun,
607 Pattani, Yala, Narathiwat (Fig. 12).

608 **Habitat and Ecology.** It is usually found in tropical lowland evergreen rain forests, sometimes
609 in limestone areas, often near or along streams, 50–250(–600) m alt. In Peninsular Malaysia and
610 Singapore, it occurs in lowland, lowland dipterocarp, hill dipterocarp and freshwater swamp
611 forests, sometimes along streams or near the sea up to elevations of 750 m amsl. (Corner, 1952;
612 Whitmore, 1973; the specimens from Peninsular Malaysia and Singapore).

613 **Phenology.** Flowering and fruiting more than once; flowering nearly throughout the year,
614 usually in January to April; fruiting February to August.

615 **Conservation Status.** *Garcinia nervosa* is widely distributed from Andaman and Nicobar Islands
616 to Philippines (POWO, 2023) and is very rare in Singapore (Keng, 1990; the specimen *Sinclair*
617 *10915*). It has a large EOO of 3,215,117.07 km² and a relatively large AOO of 292 km². In
618 Thailand, this species is known to be naturally distributed in the peninsular region, and has an
619 EOO of 25,909.66 km² and an AOO of 40 km². There doesn't appear to be an imminent threat to
620 the plants or their habitats. Therefore, we consider the conservation assessment here as LC.

621 **Etymology.** The specific epithet of *Garcinia nervosa* is a Latin word, referring to the strongly or
622 prominently nerved (veined) leaves (Stearn, 1987; Gledhill, 2002). The specific epithet of its new
623 synonym *G. spectabilis* is a Latin word meaning admirable, spectacular or good-looking, refers to
624 the character of the leaves (Gledhill, 2002).

625 **Vernacular Name.** Chamuang nam (ชะมวงน้ำ) (Yala); Phut (พุด) (Nakhon Si Thammarat,
626 Phatthalung, Trang); Maphut pa (มะพุดป่า) (Pattani); Mu-lu (มูลู) (Malay-Pattani); Asam garam,
627 Kandis gajah, Pakok lapan taun (Malay); Buradgis, Kabal, Gatatán (Philippines); Pear
628 mangosteen (English).

629 **Uses.** The fruits (pericarp and fleshy pulp) are edible and have a sour or sweet-sour taste. In
630 Malaysia, the sour pulp is eaten cooked with sugar (Bircher & Bircher, 2000). In Andaman and
631 Nicobar Islands, the fruits have been used by the Nicobarese for food and medicinal purposes
632 and the wood is used by the Nicobarese and the Shompen for making canoe paddles (Waman et
633 al., 2018). Leaves are pounded into paste, boiled in coconut oil, and rubbed onto body and joints
634 for pain relief. (National Parks, Flora and Fauna Web, 2023). The leaves and bark contain high
635 antioxidative and anti-inflammation properties, which have great potential in the development of
636 pharmaceutical and dermatological products (Seruji, Khong & Kutoi, 2013). It is a tree suitable
637 for gardens, parks and roadsides (National Parks, Flora and Fauna Web, 2023).

638 **Lectotypification.** *Stalagmitis nervosa* was named by Miquel (1861: 496), who cited two
639 gatherings from Sumatra: D. (Diepenhorst) in “Priaman” and T. (Teysman) in “Lubu-alang” but
640 did not mention the collector number and the herbaria in which they were present. This species
641 was transferred to the genus *Garcinia* by Miquel (1864: 208). We only found two sheets of the
642 specimen *Diepenhorst HB647* collected from “Priaman” at L [U0002403, U0002404], and
643 following Art. 9.6 of the ICN (Turland et al., 2018), they constitute syntypes. Friedrich Anton
644 Wilhelm Miquel (Miq.) (1811–1871) was a Dutch botanist, a professor of botany and a director
645 of the Amsterdam botanical garden (1846–1859), then a director of the Utrecht Botanical Garden
646 (1859–1871), and from 1862 was a director of the Leiden Rijksherbarium. Miquel’s private
647 herbarium, containing many of his types, is the basis of the general herbarium of U. Other
648 Miquel types are, however, in several herbaria because Miquel described many new taxa based
649 on material obtained on loan. Most of these types are at L; others are at G, P, and K. The plants
650 in many herbaria labelled “Ex Herbario Miquel”, were not collected by Miquel himself but by
651 various other collectors (Stafleu & Cowan, 1981). Therefore, the specimen *Diepenhorst HB647*
652 at L [U0002403] is selected here as the lectotype, following Art. 9.3 and 9.12 of the ICN
653 (Turland et al., 2018).

654 *Garcinia andersonii* (as *G. andersoni*) was named by Joseph Dalton Hooker (Hook. f.) and then
655 described by Anderson (1874: 270), who cited the collection *Maingay 157* from Malacca but did
656 not mention the herbaria in which it was present. The authors located two sheets of this specimen
657 at CAL [CAL0000005828] and K [K000677676], and following Art. 9.6 of the ICN (Turland et
658 al., 2018), they constitute syntypes. Thomas Anderson (1832–1870) was a Scottish botanist and a
659 superintendent of the Calcutta Botanical Gardens (1860–1868) (Stafleu & Cowan, 1992). We
660 therefore selected the CAL specimen as the lectotype, following Art. 9.3 and 9.12 of the ICN
661 (Turland et al., 2018).

662 *Garcinia spectabilis* was named by Pierre (1883: 3) based on the specimen *Beccari 2966* from
663 Borneo but he did not mention the herbaria in which it was present. We could locate two sheets
664 of this specimen at K [K000677704] and P [P04700284], and following Art. 9.6 of the ICN
665 (Turland et al., 2018), they constitute syntypes. Jean Baptiste Louis Pierre (1833–1905) was a
666 French botanist, a director at the Saigon botanical garden, and explored Cambodia, Cochinchina,
667 and southern Thailand (1865–1877), and returned to France in 1877 (Stafleu & Cowan, 1983).
668 Hence, the P [P04700284] material is selected here as the lectotype, following Art. 9.3 and 9.12
669 of the ICN (Turland et al., 2018).

670 *Garcinia nervosa* var. *pubescens* was named by King (1890: 169), based on the cited specimen
671 *King’s Collector 3197* from Larut, Perak but he did not mention the herbaria in which it was
672 present. We traced six sheets of the specimen *Kunstler 3197* at CAL [CAL0000005834], G
673 [G00458441], K [K000677677], P [P05062500] and SING [SING00636112, SING00636113]
674 but only the specimens at K, P and SING were labeled as *King’s Collector 3197*. However, all
675 materials are of Hermann H. Kunstler as many of his collections are labelled “*King’s Collector*”
676 (van Steenis-Kruseman & van Steenis, 1950), and were collected from the same locality.
677 Following Art. 9.6 of the ICN (Turland et al., 2018), they constitute syntypes. Sir George King

678 (1840–1909) was a British botanist, a superintendent of the Calcutta Botanic Gardens (1871–
679 1898), and a director Botanical Survey of India (1891–1898) (Stafleu & Cowan, 1979).
680 Therefore, the CAL [CAL0000005834] specimen is selected here as the lectotype, following Art.
681 9.3 and 9.12 of the ICN (Turland et al., 2018).

682 **Additional Specimens Examined. Thailand. Peninsular:** Nakhon Si Thammarat [National
683 Park Protection Unit, Krung Ching Waterfall, Khao Luang National Park, Nop Pitam District
684 (originally “Tha Sala District” on the label), 17 March 2005 [as *Garcinia* sp.], *Sidisunthorn &*
685 *Tippayasri ST1688* (K); *ibid.*, 27 February 2006 [as *Garcinia* sp.], *Gardner & Sidisunthorn*
686 *ST1688a* (BKF, K), Phatthalung [Lan Mom Chui Waterfall, Ban Tamot Wildlife Protection
687 Unit, Tamot District, 23 August 1996, *BGO. Staff 7317* (QBG); Tamot Waterfall (also called Lan
688 Mom Chui Waterfall), Tamot Subdistrict, Tamot District, 8 March 2022, *Ngernsaengsaruary &*
689 *Boonthasak G35-08032022* (BK, BKF); locality not specified, 24 November 2004, *Watcharin 01*
690 (PSU)], Trang [16-ha plot, Khao Chong, February 2001, *Sinbumroong & Davies AS286* (BKF);
691 24-ha long-term ecological research plot, Khao Chong, Chong Subdistrict, Na Yong District, 16
692 February 2022, *Ngernsaengsaruary, Wessapak, Meeprom & Boonthasak G34-16022022* (BK,
693 BKF); Ton Te Waterfall, Palian District, February 2001 [as *Garcinia* sp.], *Sinbumroong &*
694 *Davies AS259* (BKF); Ban Tha Khao, Palian District, 10 July 2004, *Maneenoon & Srimok 698*
695 (PSU); Namtok Phan Forest Park, Palian Subdistrict, Palian District, 17 March 2018,
696 *Ngernsaengsaruary, Wessapak, Meeprom & Boonthasak G33-17032018* (BK, BKF)], Satun [Ya
697 Roi Waterfall, Thaleban National Park, Khuan Don District, 18 March 2004, *Gardner &*
698 *Sidisunthorn ST0247* (BKF)], Pattani [reported by [Gardner et al. \(2015\)](#)], Yala [Bang Lang
699 National Park, Aiyoweng Subdistrict, Betong District, 22 May 2022 (Ngernsaengsaruary own
700 observation, with photos); reported by [Gardner et al. \(2015\)](#)], Narathiwat [Chat Warin Waterfall,
701 To Deng Subdistrict, Su-ngai Padi District, 22 April 1995, *Niyomdham 4080* (BKF); Pacho
702 Waterfall, Budo–Su-ngai Padi National Park, Bacho District, 27 December 1999 [as *Garcinia*
703 sp.], *Wongprasert 9912-77* (BKF)]; Peninsular, Province not specified [locality not specified,
704 s.d., *Winit 35* (BKF)].

705 **Peninsular Malaysia.** Perak [Larut, July 1886, *King’s Collector 10491* (CAL
706 [CAL0000005829]); Gerik, 3 February 1994, *Penomot & Teo 4334* (P [P04701558])],
707 Terengganu [Tasik Kenyir, Hulu Terengganu, 31 July 2007, *Imin et al. Kep. Forest Research*
708 *Institute, FRI58501* (L [L3806836])], Pahang [Ulu Keniyam, 3 March 1968, *Shah 1531* (C);
709 Krau Wildlife Reserve, Kuala Lompat, 15 February 1983, *Daveson s.n.* (E [E00839740])],
710 Malacca [Air Kroh, 26 February 1989, *Khairuddin Kep. FRI33158* (L [L3806892])].

711 **Singapore.** MacRitchie Reservoir, 31 August 1964, *Sinclair 10746* (E [E00839741,
712 E00839742]); Nee Soon, Seletar Forest, 6 September 1966, *Sinclair 10915* (E [E00839738,
713 E00839739]).

714 **Indonesia.** Sumatra [Sibolangit, 29 March 1908, *Lörzing 5601* (L [L2408483, U1199434]); Eil.
715 Simaloer, 3 August 1918, *Achmad 554* (L [L2408480, U1199435]); *ibid.*, 26 December 1918,
716 *Achmad 813* (L [L2408503, L2408504, U1199431]); *ibid.*, 9 June 1919, *Achmad 1165* (L

717 [L2408488, L2408489, U1199433]); Res. Palembang, 17 April 1920, *Endert 165EIP 857* (L
718 [U1199432]).

719 **Borneo.** Malaysia: Sabah [Bengkoka Forest Reserve, Kudat, 7 September 1972 [as *G.*
720 *mangostana*], *Shea & Minjulu SAN75989* (L [L2416697]); TM 1, Ranau, Sabah, 24 February
721 1990, *Unknown SAN128804* (L [L3806446]); Indonesia: East Kalimantan [PT. ICTI, road
722 Kenangan to Sepaku, 25 April 1995, *Kessler et al. 896* (L [L2416702]); Kaltim Prima Coal
723 (KPC area), Bengalon, Sebongkok Utara, 8 April 1996, *Arifin et al. AA1699* (L [L2416700,
724 L2416701]); KPC area, Sangatta, 6 April 1997, *Kessler et al. 2386* (L [L2416698]), West
725 Kalimantan [Serawai, 13 October 1995, *Church et al. 2465* (L [L3811160]); Gunung Palung
726 National Park, Ketapang, Kalimantan Barat, 8 October 1997, *Laman et al. 1148* (L [L3813083,
727 L3813084]), South Kalimantan [PT. Aya Yayang, Kabupaten Tabalong, 17 July 2000, *Sidiyasa*
728 *& Arifin 2160* (L [L2416699]); Brunei [Labi, Bukit Teraja, Belait, 11 November 1990, *Kirkup*
729 *267* (L [L3806485]; Labi, Teraja, Belait, 23 May 1996, *Joffre et al. 17472* (L [L3878579])).
730 **Philippines.** Palawan [Municipality, San Vicente, 1 April 1990, *Soejarto & Madulid 7215* (L
731 [U1199430]); Taytay, 1913, *Merrill 9387* (P [P04700489, P04700490])).
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733 **3. *Garcinia prainiana*** King, J. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Pt. 2, Nat. Hist. 59(2): 171. 1890; Vesque in
734 A. DC. & C. DC., Monogr. Phan. 8: 329. 1893; Ridl., Fl. Malay Penins. 1: 180. 1922; Corner,
735 Wayside Trees Mal. 1: 320. fig. 112. ed. 2. 1952; Corner & Watan., Ill. Guide Trop. Pl.: t. 193.
736 1969; Whitmore in Whitmore, Tree Fl. Malaya 2: 220. 1973; I. M. Turner, Gard. Bull. Singapore
737 47(1): 263. 1995. Type: Peninsular Malaysia, Perak, Kuala Dipang (originally “Kwala Dipang”
738 on the label; originally published “Kwala Dynong”), February 1885, *Scortechini 1796* (lectotype
739 selected here CAL [CAL0000005844, photo seen], isolectotypes K [K000677678!], P
740 [P04701324, photo seen]) (Figs. 13, 14 and 15).
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742 *Tree* evergreen, 3–12 m tall, 15–75 m girth; latex white, sticky; branches decussate, horizontal;
743 branchlets green, terete, glabrous. *Bark* smooth or slightly rough, pale brown, greyish brown or
744 blackish brown; inner bark pale yellow. *Terminal bud* concealed between the bases of the
745 uppermost pair of petioles. *Leaves* decussate; lamina elliptic, oblong or elliptic-oblong,
746 sometimes narrowly oblong, 12.5–27.5 × 5.5–11.5 cm, apex acute or obtuse, base subcordate,
747 often subamplexicaul, margin repand and slightly revolute, coriaceous, bullate or slightly bullate,
748 shiny dark green above, paler below, glabrous on both surfaces, midrib flattened above, raised as
749 a prominent ridge below, secondary veins 9–20 pairs, curving towards the margin connected in
750 distinct loops and united into an intramarginal vein, flattened above, raised below, conspicuous
751 on both surfaces, with intersecondary veins, veinlets reticulate, visible on both surfaces,
752 interrupted long wavy lines of differing lengths, nearly parallel to the midrib, running across the
753 secondary veins to the apex, visible below; petiole green, short, 1.5–6 mm long, 2–5 mm in
754 diam., not grooved, transversely rugose, glabrous, with a basal appendage clasping the branchlet;
755 young leaves shiny pale green. *Inflorescences* terminal, sometimes on short, leafless lateral
756 branchlets, cymose, usually in dense fascicles of several to many flowers. *Flowers* unisexual,

757 plants dioecious, 5-merous, fully opened flowers with spreading petals; bracteolate; sepals and
758 petals quincuncial, coriaceous, glabrous. *Male flowers* 2.5–3.5 cm in diam.; bracteoles pale
759 green, triangular 2.3–4.5 × 1.8–3.7 mm, apex acute, conduplicate with a central keel; pedicel
760 pinkish green, reddish green or greenish red, 3–6 mm long, 2.5–4 mm in diam., widened at the
761 apical part, terete, glabrous; sepals 5, pinkish green, reddish green or greenish red, concave,
762 broadly ovate or suborbicular 4.8–8 × 5–7.8 mm, unequal, apex rounded; petals 5, variable in
763 color: pale yellow, yellowish pink, yellowish red, pinkish red, pink or red, broadly obovate or
764 obovate, 0.8–1.4 × 0.6–1.1 cm, subequal, sometimes unequal, apex rounded; a small disk ring-
765 shaped surrounding the base of the pistillode; stamens numerous, united in 5 bundles
766 surrounding the pistillode, antepetalous, 1.7–4.2 mm long, 1.2–4 mm wide each bundle, pale
767 yellow, pink or red; filaments fused throughout their entire length; anthers yellow, 2 thecae, 0.3–
768 0.6 mm long; pistillode mushroom-shaped (fungiform), 5.5–7.5 mm long; sterile stigma pale
769 yellow, pink or red, sessile, convex, indistinctly lobed, 5–6 mm in diam., papillate. *Female*
770 *flowers* 2.5–4 cm in diam.; bracteoles and pedicel same as in male flowers; sepals and petals
771 same as or slightly larger than in male flowers; staminodes absent; pistil mushroom-shaped, 6–
772 8.5 mm long; ovary pale green, depressed globose 4–6 × 4.5–6.5 mm, unlobed, glabrous, 5–8-
773 locular; stigma pale yellow, pink or red, sessile, convex, weakly 5–8-lobed or indistinctly lobed,
774 5–7 mm in diam., papillate. *Fruits* berries, green, turning greenish yellow, bright yellow,
775 orangish yellow and bright orange when ripe, smooth, glabrous, glossy, then exocarp becoming
776 dark brownish black and slightly sinuously wrinkled when dry, depressed globose or depressed
777 subglobose, sometimes globose, 2–3.5 × 2–4.5 cm, sometimes oblique, asymmetrical, unlobed,
778 slightly concave or flattened at the apex, pericarp 3.5–8 mm thick, exocarp thin; persistent
779 stigma dark brown or blackish brown, circular, button-like, 6–9 mm in diam., slightly concave or
780 flattened, weakly 5–8-lobed or indistinctly lobed, papillate; persistent sepals pale green, turning
781 yellowish green and orangish green, larger than in flowering material; fruiting stalk green, 0.4–1
782 cm long, 3–5 mm in diam., thick. *Seeds* 1–6, often aborted, brown, broadly ellipsoid, ellipsoid or
783 subglobose, 0.9–1.5 × 0.7–1.2 cm, with pale orange fleshy pulp.

784 **Distribution.** Known only from Peninsular Thailand and Peninsular Malaysia. It is widely
785 distributed in Peninsular Malaysia: Perlis, Kedah, Penang (also called Pulau Pinang), Perak,
786 Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang, Selangor, Negeri Sembilan (also called Negri Sembilan),
787 Malacca (also called Melaka) and Johor (also spelled Johore) (Corner, 1952; Whitmore, 1973;
788 Turner, 1995; Azuan & Salma, 2018). It can be found mainly in Pahang, Perak, and Negeri
789 Sembilan (Syazwani, 2020) (Fig. 16).

790 **Distribution in Thailand.** It is uncommon in Peninsular Thailand: Yala (Than To) and
791 Narathiwat (Waeng and Su-ngai Kolok) (Fig. 16).

792 **Habitat and Ecology.** It is found in tropical lowland evergreen rain forests, occasionally along
793 streams, 30–200 m alt. It is also cultivated in villages and botanical gardens. In Peninsular
794 Malaysia, it occurs in lowland and hill forests, on hillsides and ridges up to elevations of 1000 m
795 amsl. It is also cultivated in villages (Whitmore, 1973; Syazwani, 2020; from the specimen
796 Whitmore Kep. FRI4018).

797 **Phenology.** Flowering and fruiting more than once; flowering nearly throughout the year,
798 usually in February to May; fruiting April to June and September to December. According to
799 [Syazwani \(2020\)](#), in Peninsular Malaysia, the fruits are borne once a year, from July to
800 September.

801 **Conservation Status.** *Garcinia prainiana* is widely distributed in Peninsular Malaysia and less
802 common in southern Thailand. It has an EOO of 359,696.7 km² and an AOO of 72 km² and does
803 not face any threat of extinction. We therefore consider the conservation assessment as LC in
804 agreement with [Kochummen \(1998\)](#).

805 **Etymology.** The specific epithet of *Garcinia prainiana* refers to Sir David Prain (1857–1944), a
806 British botanist, an herbarium curator of the Royal Botanic Garden, Calcutta (1887–1898), and a
807 director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (1905–1922) ([Stafleu & Cowan, 1983](#)).

808 **Vernacular Name.** Chupu (ချပု) (Malay-Narathiwat); Cerapu, Chekau, Chepu, Cherapu, Cherpu,
809 Cherupu, Chupak, Chupu, Kechupu, Kecupu, Menchepu, Menchupu (Malay); Button mangosteen
810 (English).

811 **Uses.** *Garcinia prainiana* is locally cultivated for its fruits in southern Thailand. The fruits
812 (pericarp and fleshy pulp) are edible and have a sour or sweet-sour taste. It is also grown in some
813 botanical gardens as an ornamental plant to provide botanical education. In Peninsular Malaysia,
814 it is commonly cultivated in village gardens. The ripe fruits (fleshy pulp) are edible and are
815 sometimes used fresh in beverages ([Allen, 1965](#); [Burkill et al., 1966](#)). The pulp of fruits of has
816 high antioxidant content of about 91.9 % and vitamin C content of about 27.3 mg per 100 g fresh
817 weight ([Azuan & Salma, 2018](#)). In a traditional Malay recipe, the raw fruits are described as
818 being cooked with dried fish ([Zawiah & Othaman, 2012](#)). The wood is used for house building
819 ([Allen, 1965](#); [Burkill et al., 1966](#)). It is an excellent ornamental plant for use in landscape
820 gardens in parks ([National Parks, Flora and Fauna Web, 2023](#)).

821 **Lectotypification.** *Garcinia prainiana* was named by King (1890: 171–172), who cited the
822 specimen *Scortechini 1796* collected from Perak, “Kwala Dynong” but he did not mention the
823 herbaria in which it was present. We located three sheets of the specimen *Scortechini 1796*: one
824 sheet at CAL [CAL0000005844], one sheet at K [K000677678] and one sheet at P [P04701324],
825 which were collected from the same locality, and following Art. 9.6 of the ICN ([Turland et al.,](#)
826 [2018](#)), they constitute syntypes. Therefore, the CAL [CAL0000005844] specimen is selected
827 here as the lectotype, following Art. 9.3 and 9.12 of the ICN ([Turland et al., 2018](#)).

828 **Additional Specimens Examined. Thailand. Central:** Nakhon Nayok [Phrueksaphan
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831 Chong Botanical Garden, Chong Subdistrict, Na Yong District, cultivated, 16 February 2022,
832 *Ngernsaengsaruary, Meeprom & Boonthasak G32-16022022* (BK, BKF)], Yala [Chulabhorn
833 Phatthana 7 Project, Than To District, near waterfall, 27 November 2019, *Ngernsaengsaruary &*
834 *Sichaikhan G31-27112019* (BK, BKF)], Narathiwat [Hala-Bala Wildlife Sanctuary, Ban Bala,
835 Lo Chut Subdistrict, Waeng District, 13 May 2005 [as *Garcinia* sp.], *Poopath 274* (BKF); Hala-
836 Bala Wildlife Sanctuary, Waeng District, 22 September 2005, *Niyomdham & Puudjaa 7593*

837 (BKF); Su-ngai Kolok District, 20 April 2002, *Upho 556* (QBG); Su-ngai Kolok District,
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840 Kg Kepayang near Ipoh, 30 October 1971, *Syed Abu Bakar Kep. FRI20440* (L [L2417220])],
841 Pahang [Su-ngai Bertam at Kuala Mensum, 2 June 1971, *Whitmore Kep. FRI20091* (L
842 [L2417222])]; Path leading to Kuala Mensum from Boh Tea, Cameron Highlands, 24 September
843 1971, *Loh Kep. FRI19187* (L [L2417221]); Cameron Highlands Road, 18 January 1982,
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877 nom. illeg. Type: Roxburgh's Herbarium, *Wallich Cat.* 4837A (lectotype designated here (K-W
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880 *Tree* evergreen, 10–30 m tall, 40–160 m girth; latex white, turning creamish white, sticky;
881 branches decussate, horizontal; branchlets green, 4-ridged, glabrous. *Bark* smooth or slightly
882 rough, brown, dark brown or greyish brown; inner bark pale yellow. *Terminal bud* concealed
883 between the bases of the uppermost pair of petioles. *Leaves* decussate; lamina variable in shape,
884 oblong, elliptic, oblong-elliptic, narrowly oblong, narrowly elliptic or narrowly oblong-elliptic,
885 sometimes ovate, 19–32.5 × 6–18 cm, apex acute or acuminate, sometimes obtuse, base cuneate,
886 margin repand and slightly revolute, thickly coriaceous, smooth (not bullate), shiny dark green
887 above, paler below, glabrous on both surfaces, midrib and secondary veins flattened above,
888 raised as a prominent ridge below, secondary veins 12–16 pairs, curving towards the margin
889 connected in distinct loops and united into an intramarginal vein, conspicuous on both surfaces,
890 with intersecondary veins, veinlets reticulate, visible on both surfaces, interrupted long wavy
891 lines of differing lengths absent, sometimes indistinct below; petiole green, the uppermost pair of
892 petioles reddish purple, turning green with age, 1.2–3.2 cm long, 2.5–7 mm in diam., not
893 grooved, distinctly transversely rugose, glabrous, with a conspicuous basal appendage clasping
894 the branchlet; young leaves shiny pale green; mature leaves turning greenish yellow to yellow
895 before falling off. *Inflorescences* on short, leafless lateral branchlets, cymose, in lax fascicles of
896 3 – 8 flowers. *Flowers* unisexual, plants dioecious, 5-merous, petals erect with overlapping edges
897 and corolla forming a bowl-shaped; bracteolate; sepals and petals quincuncial, coriaceous,
898 concave. *Male flowers* the same size as in female flowers; bracteoles and pedicel same as in
899 female flowers; sepals and petals same as or slightly smaller than in female flowers; disk in the
900 center of the flower, intrastaminal, yellow, 5-lobed, fleshy, pitted, lobes positioned between the
901 stamen bundles, antesealous; stamens numerous, united in 5 bundles, 9–13 in each bundle,
902 antepetalous, 0.8–1 cm long each bundle; filaments 0.7–2 mm long; anthers 2 thecae, 0.3–0.7
903 mm long; pistillode absent. *Female flowers* 1–1.3 cm in diam.; bracteoles triangular, 1.5–3 ×
904 1.8–2.7 mm, apex acute, glabrous; pedicel green or reddish green, 1.5–5 cm long, widened at the
905 apical part, middle part 1–2.5 mm in diam., apical part 2.5–4.5 mm in diam., terete, glabrous;
906 sepals 5, pale green or greenish pale yellow, semi-orbicular or broadly obovate, 2.7–7 × 2.8–6.5
907 mm, unequal, apex rounded, margin ciliolate, glabrous outside; petals 5, whitish pale green or
908 creamish white, suborbicular or broadly obovate, 0.7–1 × 0.7–1.2 cm, subequal, apex rounded,
909 margin ciliolate; appendages 5, antesealous, alternating with staminode bundles, fleshy, pitted;
910 staminodes united in 5 bundles, 2–5 in each bundle, antepetalous, 2.2–4.2 mm long each bundle,
911 whitish pale green or creamish white; pistil 0.5–1 cm long; ovary pale green, subglobose,
912 globose or broadly ellipsoid, 3.2–7.5 × 3–6 mm, beaked, 1–3.5 × 1.3–2 mm (ovary including
913 beaked looks like obpyriform in outline), unlobed, glabrous, 5-locular; stigma pale green, sessile,
914 radiate, deeply 5-lobed, 4–7 mm in diam., papillate. *Fruits* berries, green, turning yellow when
915 ripe, smooth, glabrous, glossy, with sticky yellow latex, then exocarp becoming dark brownish
916 black and sinuously wrinkled when dry, subglobose, globose or broadly ovoid, 4.7–6 × 4–7.5

917 cm, sometimes oblique, asymmetrical, unlobed, with a short, thick beak, pericarp 1–1.5 cm thick,
918 exocarp thin; persistent stigma dark brown or blackish brown, radiate, deeply 5-lobed; persistent
919 sepals green, slightly larger than in flowering materials; fruiting stalk green or reddish green,
920 2.5–5 cm long, widened at the apical part, middle part 2.5–3.7 mm in diam., apical part 4–6 mm
921 in diam., glabrous. *Seeds* 1–5, sometimes aborted, brown mottled with irregular lines, semi-
922 ellipsoid, $1.8-3 \times 1.2-2.7$ cm, rounded at both ends, with yellow fleshy pulp.

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924 **Distribution.** India, Andaman Islands, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, China, Vietnam,
925 Thailand. This species has been introduced and is cultivated in many countries (e.g., Panama,
926 Africa, Sri Lanka, Peninsular Malaysia, Singapore, Queensland and French Polynesia) (Fig. 19).
927 It has been naturalized in Sri Lanka (Kostermans, 1980; from the specimens *Kostermans 24019*;
928 *Jayasuriya 1626*; *Jayasuriya 1628*) and a few locations in Queensland (Cooper, 2013).

929 **Distribution in Thailand.** Northern: Mae Hong Son, Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, Payao, Nan,
930 Lampang, Phrae, Tak Kamphaeng Phet; North-Eastern: Loei; South-Western: Uthai Thani,
931 Kanchanaburi (Fig. 19).

932 **Habitat and Ecology.** It is found in dry evergreen, mixed deciduous and lower montane forests,
933 sometimes in limestone areas, often along or near streams, 100–1300 m alt.

934 **Phenology.** Flowering and fruiting more than once, nearly throughout the year.

935 **Conservation Status.** *Garcinia xanthochymus* is widely distributed from Indian subcontinent to
936 China and Indo-China. It is known from many localities and has a large EOO of 3,579,093.97
937 km² and a relatively large AOO of 272 km². In Thailand, this species is known to be naturally
938 distributed in the northern, the north-eastern and the south-western regions, and has an EOO of
939 165,710.42 km² and an AOO of 112 km². Because of this wide distribution and the number of
940 localities, we consider the conservation assessment here as LC.

941 **Etymology.** The specific epithet of *Garcinia xanthochymus* is derived from the Greek compound
942 words, *xantho-* meaning yellow, and *chymo*, meaning sap, referring to the plant with yellow latex
943 (Stearn, 1992; Radcliffe-Smith, 1998; Gledhill, 2002).

944 **Vernacular Name.** Cha-kha-sa (จะคำสา) (Karen-Mae Hong Son); Mada (มะดะ) (Northern); Mada
945 luang (มะดะหลวง) (Chiang Mai); Mapong (มะป่อง) (Phrae); Asam kandis (Malay); Dampel, Tamal
946 (Hindi); Madaw (Myanmar); Rata goraka (Ceylon); Assam mangosteen, Egg tree, False
947 mangosteen, Himalayan garcinia, Mysore gamboge, Sour mangosteen (English).

948 **Uses.** The fruits (pericarp and fleshy pulp) are edible and have a sour or sweet-sour taste and are
949 used in the same way as *Garcinia dulcis*. *G. xanthochymus* is cultivated in Southeast Asia where
950 the sour fruits can be used for making preserves, jams, sherbets, curries and vinegar. The latex
951 from the bark and fruits provides a dye that is used in watercolor paints (Maheshwari, 1964;
952 Burkill et al., 1966; D'Arcy, 1980; Kostermans, 1980; Verheij & Coronel, 1992; Singh, 1993). It
953 is cultivated as an ornamental tree (Maheshwari, 1964; D'Arcy, 1980; Singh, 1993) and is
954 suitable for streetscapes, parks and gardens (National Parks, Flora and Fauna Web, 2023). In
955 India, the fruits are used for making medicaments (Maheshwari, 1964; Burkill et al., 1966) and
956 the rootstocks are sometimes used for grafting on mangosteen (*G. mangostana* L.) (Maheshwari,

957 1964; D'Arcy, 1980; Kostermans, 1980; Singh, 1993). It contains many phytochemicals that can
958 be extracted from its constituent parts: the bark, fruits, leaves, roots, twigs and seeds. The
959 predominant extracted phytochemicals are xanthenes, benzophenones, flavonoids, depsidones
960 and isocoumarins. These phytochemicals contribute to the pharmacological activities of this
961 plant as an antioxidant, antidiabetic and as having Nerve Growth Factor-potentiating,
962 antimicrobial and cytotoxic activities. This species contains a broad range of phytochemicals
963 with curative properties that can be greatly beneficial to man (Che Hassan, Taher & Susanti,
964 2018).

965 **Additional Specimens Examined. Thailand. Northern:** Mae Hong Son [Muang Soi Waterfall,
966 Pai District, 17 January 1983, *Koyama et al. T-32653* (BKF); Kuet Luang Waterfall, Namtok
967 Mae Surin National Park, Khun Yuam District, 23 May 2003 [as *Garcinia* sp.], *Wongprasert*
968 *035-50* (BKF, K, P [P06899613]); Huai Mae Sae, Salawin Wildlife Sanctuary, Mae Sariang
969 District, 22 February 2007 [as *Garcinia* sp.], *Watthana 2302* (QBG)], Chiang Mai [Doi Suthep-
970 Pui National Park, 23 May 1910, *Kerr 1201* (BM, K); *ibid.*, 26 April 1958 [as *Garcinia* sp.],
971 *Sørensen et al. 3059* (C); *ibid.*, 29 April 1958 [as *Garcinia* sp.], *Sørensen et al. 3128* (C); *ibid.*,
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974 *Staff 5455* (QBG); Ru Si Cave, Doi Suthep-Pui National Park, 5 January 1988, *Maxwell 88-1*
975 (AAU, L [L2409261]); *ibid.*, 13 April 2003, *Maxwell & Canines 2* (CMUB); Doi Suthep-Pui
976 National Park, 2 December 2002, *Ngernsaengsaruy G38-02122002* (BKF, dry and spirit
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978 Garden (originally called “Mae Sa Botanic Garden”), Mae Rim District, 9 December 1987,
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985 10 January 1975 [as *Garcinia* sp.], *Geesink et al. 8213* (AAU, C, K, L [L2409576, L2409577], P
986 [P05061711]); Chiang Dao District, 25 June 1989, *Maxwell 89-802* (L [L2409264]); Mae Pan,
987 Doi Inthanon, 4 December 1969, *van Beusekom & Phengkklai 2283* (AAU, BKF, E [E00839802],
988 P [P05062058]); Ban Mai Phatthana, Nong Pa Ko Subdistrict, Mae Chaem District, 30 July
989 1988, *Maxwell 88-945* (BKF, L [L2409262, L2409263]); Ban Mae Mu, Mae Chaem District, 9
990 February 2017, *Pongamornkul 5951* (QBG); Pong Duet Hot Spring, Pa Pae Subdistrict, Mae
991 Taeng District, 19 November 1992, *Maxwell 92-745* (CMUB, L [L3806731], P [P04701166]),
992 Chiang Rai [Mae Chan District, 27 January 1970 [as *G. cambodgiensis*], *Sutheesorn 1550* (BK);
993 Ban Dong Mada, Mae Lao District, 11 August 2007 [as *G. mckeaniana*], *Klomsakul 5* (BKF);
994 Khun Chae National Park, 19 January 1998 [as *Garcinia* sp.], *Wongchai WU067* (BKF); Tham
995 Luang-Khun Nam Nang Non Forest Park, Mae Sai District, 14 January 2011, *Norsaengsri &*
996 *Tathana 7559* (QBG); *ibid.*, 25 May 2011, *Norsaengsri & Tathana 7864* (BKF, QBG); Ban San

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 998 *Norsaengsri & Tathana 9297* (QBG)], Payao [Champhong Waterfall, Doi Luang National
 999 Park, 7 April 1999 [as *Garcinia* sp.], *Srisanga & Watthana 611* (QBG)], Nan [Sapan Waterfall,
 1000 Khun Nan National Park, Bo Kluea District, 17 November 1993 [as *Garcinia* sp.], *Larsen et al.*
 1001 *44509* (AAU, BKF)], Lampang [Doi Khun Tan National Park, Hang Chat District, 2 October
 1002 1994, *Maxwell 94-1079* (BKF, CMUB, L [L3811034, L3811035]); Chae Son National Park,
 1003 Mueang Pan District, 22 April 1996, *Maxwell 96-548* (BKF, CMUB, L [L3813120, L3813121]);
 1004 Chae Son National Park, Mueang Pan District, 28 June 2002 [as *Garcinia* sp.], *Koonkhunthod et*
 1005 *al. 204* (BKF); *ibid.*, 28 June 2002, *Ngernsaengsaruary G36-28062002* (BK, BKF, dry and spirit
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 1036 *pictorius*], *Hooker & Thomson s.n.* (P [P04701148, P04701153], G [G00458423]); Shillong,

- 1037 Meghalaya, 20 August 1886, *Clarke 44626* (G [G00458424]); Neilgherries, 1857 [as *X.*
1038 *pictorius*], *Cleghorn s.n.* (E [E00839668]); Malabar Concan, s.d. [as *X. pictorius*], *Stocks & Law*
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1046 *Unknown Cat. 4837D* (EICH 4837D) (K-W [K001104029], G [G00458427]).
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1050 1974, *Jayasuriya 1626* (L [L2409548]); *ibid.*, naturalized, *Jayasuriya 1628* (L [L2409549]);
1051 locality not specified, s.d., *Walker 128* (E [E00839683]).
- 1052 **Bhutan.** Longa Khola near Phipsoo, Sarbhang District, 17 March 1982, *Grierson & Long 3804*
1053 (E [E00170193]).
- 1054 **Bangladesh.** Sylhet (originally “Sillet” on the label), April 1824 [as *X. pictorius*], *de Silva Cat.*
1055 *4837E* [East India Company Herbarium (EICH) 4837E] (G [G00458431], K-W [K001104030],
1056 P [P04701157]); Flora of the Chittagong Hill Tracts, 1886, *King’s Collector 421* (E
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1058 *Thomson s.n.* (P [P04701145]); E. Bengal, 10 May 1945, *Sinclair 4273* (E [E00839671]);
1059 Kaptai, Sitapahar west, Jarultala (Silchari), Rangamati District, 24 April 1997, *Huq & A. I.*
1060 *10466* (L [L3883042, L4449015]).
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1062 March 1827 [as *X. pictorius*], *Wallich Cat. 4837F* (EICH 4837F) (G [G00458466], K-W
1063 [K001104031]); Nidaun, Ataran River (originally “Nidaun fluminis Attran” on the label), 28
1064 January 1827 [as *X. pictorius*], *Wallich Cat. 4837G* (EICH 4837G) (G [G00458433], K-W
1065 [K001104032]); *ibid.* (originally “Nidong on the Attran” on the label), s.d., *Wallich 1903* (G
1066 [G00458428]); Shan, October 1891, *Huk 57* (P [P04701156]); Phanse on the Saluen, s.d. [as *X.*
1067 *tinctorius*], *Wallich 1902* (G [G00458455]); Gamon Reserve, Tharrawaddy District, Bago, 9
1068 May 1912, *Smales 46* (E [E00839670]); Myingyan District, 10 August 1914, cultivated, *Rogers*
1069 *410* (E [E00839684]); Pozaungdaung Reserve Compart. 8, Yamethin District, Mandalay, 9
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1071 1938, *Dickason 7142* (E [E00839682]; L [L2409234]).
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1076 **Country not specified.** Locality not specified, s.d. [as *X. pictorius*], *Herb. Roxburgh, Unknown*
1077 *Cat. 4837A* (EICH 4837A) (K-W [K001104026]); locality not specified, 1832 [as *X. pictorius*],
1078 *Herb. Madras, Unknown Cat. 4837B* (EICH 4837B) (K-W [K001104028], G [G00458430]).
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1080 Discussion

1081 According to [Anderson \(1874\)](#), [Vesque \(1893\)](#), and [Jones \(1980\)](#), *Garcinia* sect. *Xanthochymus*
1082 is distinguished from other sections by its pentamerous flowers (rarely tetramerous); however, all
1083 species examined in this paper, have pentamerous flowers.
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1085 All Thai species of *Garcinia* sect. *Xanthochymus* have male flowers that have a fertile whorl of
1086 stamens that united into 5 bundles (also called phalanges), and these are antepetalous (opposite
1087 petals). The whorl of stamen bundles surrounds a lobed structure in the center of the flower,
1088 called “intrastaminal disk” that can be found in *G. dulcis*, *G. nervosa*, and *G. xanthochymus*
1089 except *G. prainiana* has a small disk ring-shaped surrounding the base of the pistillode ([Fig.](#)
1090 [14E](#)). The female flowers have a whorl of staminodes that are united into 5 bundles, alternating
1091 with fleshy antepetalous structures, called “intrastaminal appendages” (also called “disk lobes”)
1092 that can be found in *G. dulcis*, *G. nervosa*, and *G. xanthochymus* except *G. prainiana*
1093 (staminodes absent). The botanical terminologies “disk” and “appendages” follow those of
1094 [Sweeney \(2010\)](#).
1095

1096 As stated previously, many morphological features and molecular data do not support the
1097 placement of *Garcinia prainiana* into *G.* sect. *Xanthochymus*, but rather support its placement
1098 into a clade that includes members of [Jones \(1980\)](#) sections *Mungotia*, *Macrostigma*, and
1099 *Tripetalum* (part of Lineage B in [Sweeney, 2008](#)). Species in these sections do not have “disks”
1100 like those in *G.* sections *Xanthochymus*, *Rheedea*, *Teracentrum*, or *Rheediopsis* (Lineage A in
1101 [Sweeney, 2008](#), see also [Sweeney, 2010](#)). However, from our observations we found a small disk
1102 ring-shaped surrounding the base of the pistillode of *G. prainiana* ([Fig. 14E](#)). Therefore, it is
1103 placed into *G.* sect. *Xanthochymus* follow those of [Vesque \(1893\)](#) and [Jones \(1980\)](#).
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1105 [Kochummen & Whitmore \(1973\)](#) mentioned *Garcinia* sect. *Xanthochymus* has a small central
1106 pistillode, but from our observations, the pistillode can be very small or absent: *G. dulcis*
1107 (present or absent), *G. nervosa* and *G. xanthochymus* (absent), and *G. prainiana* (present).
1108 According to [Whitmore \(1973\)](#), the pistillode in male flowers of *G. nervosa* is tiny; however,
1109 from our examination of specimens, the pistillode is absent.
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1111 The terms aril, pulp, and pulpy aril are commonly used in *Garcinia* ([Anderson, 1874](#); [Ridley,](#)
1112 [1922](#); [Whitmore, 1973](#); [Jones, 1980](#); [Singh, 1993](#)). The aril is an outgrowth of the funicle
1113 (funiculus), forming an appendage enveloping the seed ([Hickey & King, 2000](#); [Beentje, 2010](#)),
1114 while the sarcotesta is a fleshy layer surrounding the seed and develops from the outer seed coat
1115 ([Beentje, 2010](#)). [Corner \(1976\)](#) studied the anatomy and morphology of *Garcinia* (and other

1116 Clusiaceae) fruits and seeds, publishing the results in “*The Seeds of Dicotyledons*”. He
1117 interpreted the pulpy material that surrounds the seeds of species of *Garcinia* as endocarp. The
1118 testa was described as exarillate and unspecialized, except for secretory canals. For *G.*
1119 *xanthochymus* he described the testa as being 1–2 mm thick, many cells thick, undifferentiated,
1120 permeated by a close reticulum of vascular bundles and the endocarp as composed of
1121 tangentially elongate, collenchymatous cells, without secretory canals. From our examination of
1122 specimens, we suggest using fleshy pulp.

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1124 According to previous studies (e.g., [Pierre, 1883](#); [Vesque, 1889](#); [King, 1890](#); [Vesque, 1893](#);
1125 [Pitard, 1910](#); [Ridley, 1922](#); [Maheshwari, 1964](#); [Whitmore, 1973](#); [Singh, 1993](#)) and based on the
1126 specimens that we examined is that *Garcinia dulcis*, *G. vilersiana*, *G. cambodgiensis*, *G.*
1127 *andamanica*, and *G. andamanica* var. *pubescens* are very closely related and several characters
1128 of the habit, leaves, flowers, and fruits are overlap between them. The indumentum density of the
1129 branchlets, leaves, petioles, sepals, and pedicels vary from pubescent to glabrescent and
1130 sometimes glabrous. Therefore, four taxa, namely *G. andamanica*, *G. andamanica* var.
1131 *pubescens*, *G. cambodgiensis*, and *G. vilersiana* are not morphologically distinguishable from *G.*
1132 *dulcis* and are treated here as new synonyms.

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1134 [Vesque \(1889\)](#), [Vesque \(1893\)](#), and [Pitard \(1910\)](#) described characters of *Garcinia*
1135 *cambodgiensis*: tree, 8–12 m tall; branchlets 4-angled; leaves variable in shape, oblong, elliptic-
1136 oblong, lanceolate, ovate or oblong-ovate, 25–37 × 7–18 cm, coriaceous; petiole 2–4 cm long,
1137 glabrous or hairy; flower 5-merous; pedicel 1.5–3 cm long; ovary 5-locular; stigma 5-lobed;
1138 fruits globose, subglobose or depressed globose, 3–4 × 3.5–4.5 cm; seeds 2–5. *G. cambodgiensis*
1139 is not morphologically distinguishable from *G. dulcis*, and is synonymized under *G. dulcis*.

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1141 According to previous studies (e.g., [Pierre, 1883](#); [Vesque, 1889](#); [King, 1890](#); [Vesque, 1893](#);
1142 [Ridley, 1922](#); [Whitmore, 1973](#); [Singh, 1993](#)) and based on the specimens that we examined is
1143 that *Garcinia nervosa*, *G. nervosa* var. *pubescens*, and *G. spectabilis* are very closely related and
1144 several characters of the habit, leaves, flowers, and fruits are overlap between the three taxa. The
1145 indumentum density of the branchlets, leaves, and petioles vary from pubescent to glabrescent.
1146 Therefore, two taxa, i.e., *G. nervosa* var. *pubescens* and *G. spectabilis* cannot be distinguished
1147 from *G. nervosa* and are synonymized under *G. nervosa* in this taxonomic treatment.

1148 *Garcinia dulcis* and *G. xanthochymus* are very morphologically similar and closely related and many
1149 previous authors have had difficulty distinguishing between these two species. Our view based on
1150 the specimens that we examined is that *G. dulcis* and *G. xanthochymus* are very closely related
1151 and several characters of the habit, leaves, flowers, and fruits are overlap between the two
1152 species, but *G. dulcis* differs in having its inflorescences in dense fascicles of flowers (vs in lax
1153 fascicles of flowers); leaves slightly bullate to bullate (vs smooth or plane, not bullate);
1154 branchlets, leaves, petioles, sepals, and pedicels mostly pubescent to glabrescent (vs glabrous);
1155 and plants polygamo-dioecious (vs dioecious). In addition, leaf shapes of *G. dulcis* and *G.*

1156 *xanthochymus* are variable and overlap between species. The shapes of laminas of *G. dulcis* are
1157 mostly lanceolate-ovate or lanceolate (usually broadest at the basal part and gradually narrowing
1158 towards the apex) and are sometimes narrowly oblong, oblong or elliptic (usually broadest at the
1159 middle part but not gradually narrowing towards the apex), while the shapes of laminas of *G.*
1160 *xanthochymus* can be oblong, elliptic, oblong-elliptic, narrowly oblong, narrowly elliptic or
1161 narrowly oblong-elliptic (usually widest at the middle part but not gradually narrowing towards
1162 the apex) and are sometimes ovate (usually widest at the basal part and gradually narrowing
1163 towards the apex).

1164

1165 *Garcinia dulcis* is similar to *G. xanthochymus* and is distinguished by its shorter pedicels (0.6–1
1166 cm long) and flowers almost closed. In contrast, *G. xanthochymus* has longer pedicels (c. 2.5 cm
1167 long) and flowers expanded (Kurz, 1874; Kurz, 1877; Maheshweri, 1864). From our
1168 observations, we found the pedicel of *G. dulcis* is 0.5–2 cm long and the pedicel of *G.*
1169 *xanthochymus* is 1.5–5 cm long, while the corolla of both species forming a bowl-shaped and the
1170 petals are erect with overlapping edges. Therefore, we cannot be separated between species by
1171 overlapped characters.

1172

1173 *Garcinia dulcis* is related to *G. xanthochymus*, but differs in having its secondary veins 9–14
1174 pairs (vs 20–25 pairs) (Cooper, 2013); however, from our study, we found the numbers of
1175 secondary veins of *G. dulcis* (10–17 pairs) and *G. xanthochymus* (12–16 pairs) are overlap,
1176 which cannot be distinguished between species.

1177

1178 Kurz (1877) reported all parts of *Garcinia dulcis* are glabrous, but from the author's
1179 observations, we found the indumentum density of several parts (branchlets, leaves, petioles,
1180 sepals, and pedicels) vary from pubescent to glabrescent and sometimes glabrous.

1181

1182 Maheshweri (1964) notes that *Garcinia xanthochymus* has ciliate sepal tips and that *G. dulcis* does
1183 not. However, from our examination of specimens, these two species have ciliolate sepal and petal
1184 margins.

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1186 According to previous studies of *Garcinia nervosa*, the shape and size of leaves are oblong,
1187 narrowly oblong, oblong-ovate or oblong-lanceolate and 22–60 × 9–25 cm (Ridley, 1922;
1188 Corner, 1952; Whitmore, 1973; Keng, 1990). Furthermore, from our examinations, we found the
1189 laminas of this species are more in shape, narrowly elliptic, narrowly oblong, oblong, lanceolate,
1190 lanceolate-ovate or elliptic-oblong, and larger 33.5–80 × 8–27 cm and has the largest leaves in
1191 *Garcinia*. According to previous studies, the numbers of secondary veins are 15–20 pairs
1192 (Ridley, 1922) and the length of petioles is 2.5–3.8 cm long (Ridley, 1922; Corner, 1952;
1193 Whitmore, 1973); however, from our investigations, we found the secondary veins are sometimes
1194 more in numbers, 11–24 pairs and the petioles are often longer, 2.3–7.2 cm long.

1195 *Garcinia nervosa* was recorded for the first time from Assam in mainland India (Dutta et al.,
1196 2014). We have seen photos of leaves, female flowers, fruits and seeds in this paper and all
1197 characters resemble *G. dulcis*. We have not seen the specimens from Assam before and with a
1198 disjunct distribution between Assam and Peninsular Thailand to the Malesian region. Therefore,
1199 we have doubts that the materials from Assam belong to the same species as *G. nervosa*.

1200
1201 *Garcinia prainiana* is similar to *G. phuongmaiensis* in having coriaceous, bullate, shiny dark
1202 green, subcordate, subamplexicaul leaves with a short petiole, but differs in relatively larger
1203 habit, tree, 3–12 m tall (vs shrub, 1–3 m tall); larger leaves, 12.5–27.5 × 5.5–11.5 cm (vs 4–11 ×
1204 2.5–5 cm); larger flowers, 2.5–4 cm in diam. (vs c. 1 cm in diam.); variable in petal color (see
1205 description) (vs white petals); staminodes absent (vs present); unlobed fruits, bright yellow,
1206 orangish yellow and bright orange when ripe (vs shallowly 3–4-lobed fruits, bright red when
1207 ripe); seeds with pale orange fleshy pulp (vs seeds with white fleshy pulp); and it is distributed in
1208 Peninsular Malaysia and Peninsular Thailand (vs central Vietnam). The characteristics and
1209 distribution of *G. phuongmaiensis* were taken from Tuan et al. (2023).

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1211 *G. phuongmaiensis* is also similar to *G. nuntasaenii* in its habit (shrub), white latex, turning pale
1212 yellow, coriaceous, shiny dark green, subcordate leaves with a short petiole, flowers c. 1 cm in
1213 diam., pale yellow or creamy white petals, and fruits turning red when ripe, but differs in having
1214 5-merous flowers (vs 4-merous flowers) and 3–4-lobed fruits (vs 4–6-lobed fruits).
1215 (Ngernsaengsaruy & Suddee, 2016; Tuan et al., 2023).

1216
1217 In Peninsular Malaysia, *Garcinia prainiana* grows up to c. 18 m tall (Corner, 1952; Allen, 1965)
1218 and can reach 20 m tall (from the specimen *Whitmore Kep. FRI4018*), but from our field
1219 observations and examination of specimens, it is a small to medium-sized tree, usually grows 3–
1220 12 m tall.

1221
1222 According to Whitmore (1973) and Syazwani (2020), the shapes of leaves of *Garcinia prainiana*
1223 are ovate-oblong or ovate; however, in this study, we found the leaves can be elliptic, oblong or
1224 elliptic-oblong, sometimes narrowly oblong, which are in consistent with King (1890), Ridley
1225 (1922), Corner (1952), and Allen (1965).

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1227 According to Zawiah & Othaman (2012), in Peninsular Malaysia, the young leaves of *Garcinia*
1228 *prainiana* are reddish; however, from our observations, we found the young leaves can be pale
1229 green in agreement with Corner (1952) and Allen (1965).

1230
1231 *Xanthochymus pictorius* was named by Roxburgh (1805: 51–52. t. 196), who mentioned that the
1232 species is a native of moist valleys among the Circar mountains. Anderson (1874: 269) listed *X.*
1233 *pictorius* Roxb. and *X. tinctorius* DC. as synonyms of *Garcinia xanthochymus* Hook. f. ex T.
1234 Anderson, together with the specimen *Wallich Cat. 4837*. This specimen represents seven

1235 different materials collected from seven different localities, which are distinguished by A, B, C,
1236 D, E, F, and G, respectively. The specimen *Wallich Cat. 4837A* (K-W [K001104026]) is from
1237 Roxburgh's Herbarium, *Wallich Cat. 4837B* (K-W [K001104028]) is from Madras Herbarium,
1238 *Wallich Cat. 4837C* (K-W [K001104027]) is from Penang, Finlayson's Herbarium, *Wallich Cat.*
1239 *4837D* (K-W [K001104029]) is from Calcutta Botanical Garden (H.B.C.), *Wallich Cat. 4837E*
1240 (K-W [K001104030]) is from Sylhet collected by F. De Silva, *Wallich Cat. 4837F* (K-W
1241 [K001104031]) is from Phaoe Hills, on the Salween River collected by N. Wallich, and *Wallich*
1242 *Cat. 4837G* (K-W [K001104032]) is from Nidaun, Ataran River collected by N. Wallich.
1243 Following advice in [Forman \(1997\)](#), the specimen *Wallich Cat. 4837A* (K-W [K001104026])
1244 should be considered as a lectotype.

1245
1246 *Garcinia xanthochymus* was named by [Anderson \(1874\)](#) and is the correct name for the species
1247 under *Garcinia*. However, nomenclature for this species commenced by [Roxburgh \(1805\)](#), who
1248 described *Xanthochymus pictorius* [non *G. pictoria* Roxb.]. The name *X. tinctorius* published in
1249 [de Candolle \(1824\)](#) was a misspelling for *X. pictorius*, hence the new combinations under
1250 *Garcinia* were superfluous including *G. pictoria* (Roxb.) Engl. ([Engler, 1895](#)) and *G. pictoria*
1251 (Roxb.) D'Arcy ([D'Arcy, 1980](#)) and were based on erroneous interpretation.

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1253 **Conclusions**

1254 Investigations of *Garcinia* sect. *Xanthochymus* in Thailand, especially those dealing with
1255 taxonomy and morphology, have for a long time been complicated by the scarcity of information
1256 about morphological characteristics of vegetative and reproductive parts of representative
1257 species. We have clarified with updated morphological descriptions and an identification key for
1258 four species of *G.* sect. *Xanthochymus* (*G. dulcis*, *G. nervosa*, *G. prainiana*, and *G.*
1259 *xanthochymus*) in Thailand.

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1261 Four taxa, *Garcinia andamanica*, *G. andamanica* var. *pubescens*, *G. cambodgiensis*, and *G.*
1262 *vilersiana* cannot be distinguished from each other and are indistinguishable from *G. dulcis*, and
1263 are synonymized under *G. dulcis*. Two taxa, *G. nervosa* var. *pubescens* and *G. spectabilis* are
1264 indistinguishable from *G. nervosa* and are treated here as new synonyms.

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1266 Nine names in *Garcinia* sect. *Xanthochymus* are lectotypified here: *G. dulcis* and its associated
1267 synonyms (*G. cambodgiensis* and *G. vilersiana*), *G. nervosa* and its associated synonyms (*G.*
1268 *andersonii*, *G. nervosa* var. *pubescens*, and *G. spectabilis*), *G. prainiana*, and *G. xanthochymus*.

1269

1270 *Garcinia* sect. *Xanthochymus* in Thailand is distinguished from other sections by its pentamerous
1271 flowers; sepals and petals with quincuncial aestivation; numerous stamens united into 5 bundles;
1272 and fleshy fruit with a thin exocarp, usually sinuously wrinkled when dry.

1273

1274 In Thailand, two species, *Garcinia prainiana* and *G. nervosa* are confined to the peninsular
1275 region and the other two species, *G. dulcis* and *G. xanthochymus*, have a wider distribution.
1276 *G. prainiana* is uncommon in Thailand, only known from two provinces (Yala and Narathiwat),
1277 and is widely distributed in Peninsular Malaysia. It is found in tropical lowland evergreen rain
1278 forests, occasionally along streams, at elevations of 30–200 m amsl. *G. nervosa* is known from
1279 seven provinces (Nakhon Si Thammarat, Phatthalung, Trang, Satun, Pattani, Yala, and
1280 Narathiwat) and has a wide distribution in Andaman and Nicobar Islands to the Malesian region.
1281 It usually grows in tropical lowland evergreen rain forests, sometimes in limestone areas, often
1282 near or along streams, at elevations of 50–250(–600) m amsl. *G. xanthochymus* is found in three
1283 Thailand floristic regions, the northern, the north-eastern, and the south-western and is widely
1284 distributed from Indian subcontinent to Myanmar, China, and Vietnam. The habitat preference of
1285 the species is dry evergreen, mixed deciduous, and lower montane forests, sometimes in
1286 limestone areas, often along or near streams, at elevations of 100–1300 m amsl. *G. dulcis* occurs
1287 in four Thailand floristic regions, the eastern, the south-western, the south-eastern, and the
1288 peninsular regions and is very widely distributed from India (including Andaman Islands), Indo-
1289 China, the Malesian region to Australia (Queensland) and French Polynesia. It is found in dry
1290 evergreen, tropical lowland evergreen rain, and lower montane forests, often in limestone areas,
1291 sometimes along streams, at elevations of 0–1100 m amsl. All species have a conservation
1292 assessment of Least Concern.

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1294 The fruits of all species are edible and have a sour or sweet-sour taste. *G. dulcis* is often
1295 cultivated as a fruit tree in all floristic regions of Thailand and *G. prainiana* is locally cultivated
1296 for its fruits in southern Thailand. Several previous studies reported all species contain many
1297 phytochemicals, which have potential in the development of pharmaceutical products.

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Figure 1

Garcinia dulcis.

(A) trunk with buttressed base. (B) outer bark, inner bark and slashed bark with white, turning creamish white latex. (C) branchlet and leaves. (D) terminal bud concealed between the bases of the uppermost pair of petioles. (E-F) inflorescences on short, leafless lateral branchlets. (E) inflorescence with fully opened male flowers and male flower buds. (F) inflorescence with fully opened female flowers. (G) fully opened female flowers. (H) fruiting branchlets. (I) ripe fruits, transverse and longitudinal sections of fruits with orangish yellow fleshy pulp and seeds. Photos: Chatchai Ngernsaengsaruy.

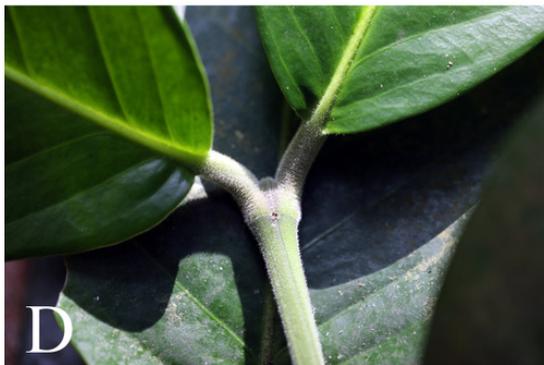


Figure 2

Lectotype of *Garcinia vilersiana*, Pierre 3642 (P [P04701111]) from Thailand, ad flumen Mekong in regno Siamico.

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Garcinia vilersiana Pierre
Sub. *Naucleoideum*
Hab. ad flum. Mekong in reg. Siam
Coll. Pierre 6/18/13

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Herbier Muséum Paris
P04701111

Figure 3

Lectotype of *Garcinia cambodgiensis*, Pierre 775 (P [P05062528]) from Cambodia, ad montes Kuang Repoeu, in prov. Tpong.

Photo: <http://coldb.mnhn.fr/catalognumber/mnhn/p/p05062528>.



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Garcinia Cambodjensis
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Herbier Muséum Paris
Barcode
P05062528

Garcinia Cambodjensis
PITARD

HERB. L. PIERRE
N° 775 *Garcinia*
Garcinia Andersoni Hook. f.
sect. *Xanthochymus*
Habitat: forêt primaire, à 1500 m, Dacca-Phnom
Penh, ad. sur les rives du Tonle Sap, si par. Epang
Cambodge
Coll. Pierre 3/1870

Figure 4

Lectotype of *Garcinia andamanica*, King's Collector 224 (CAL [CAL0000024974]) from India, Andaman Islands, designated by Shameer & Mohanan (2019).

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ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDEN CAL
No 46765
HERBARIUM

Herb. Hort. Bot. Calcuttensis.
Flora of the Andamans.

No 224

Garcinia andamanica, King
Xanthochloa

Hab.
alt.
Date

1884. Dr. King's Collector.

near Suflita
at the ...
A tree about 20 to 40 ft high
in low open places near stream
fl deep white wood black
black with rocky plain
Hab near mt ...
3/5/84

Figure 5

Lectotype of *Garcinia andamanica* var. *pubescens*, King's Collector 136 (CAL [CAL0000024973]) India, Andaman Islands, first step designated by Maheshwari (1964).

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Figure 6

Distribution of *Garcinia dulcis*, known from India (including Andaman Islands), Indo-China, Thailand, the Malesian region to Australia (Queensland) and French Polynesia.

Map: Pichet Chanton.

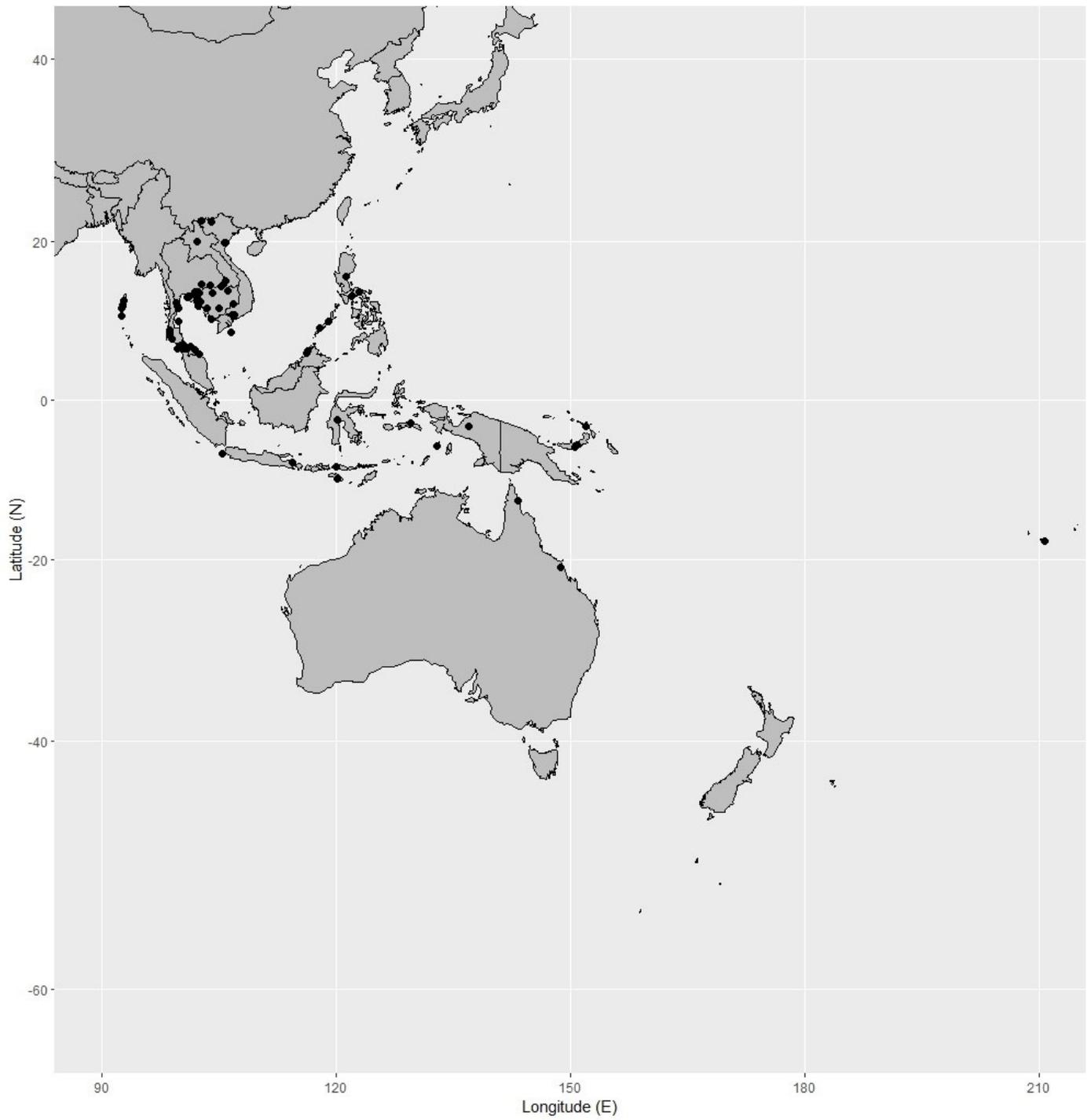


Figure 7

Garcinia nervosa.

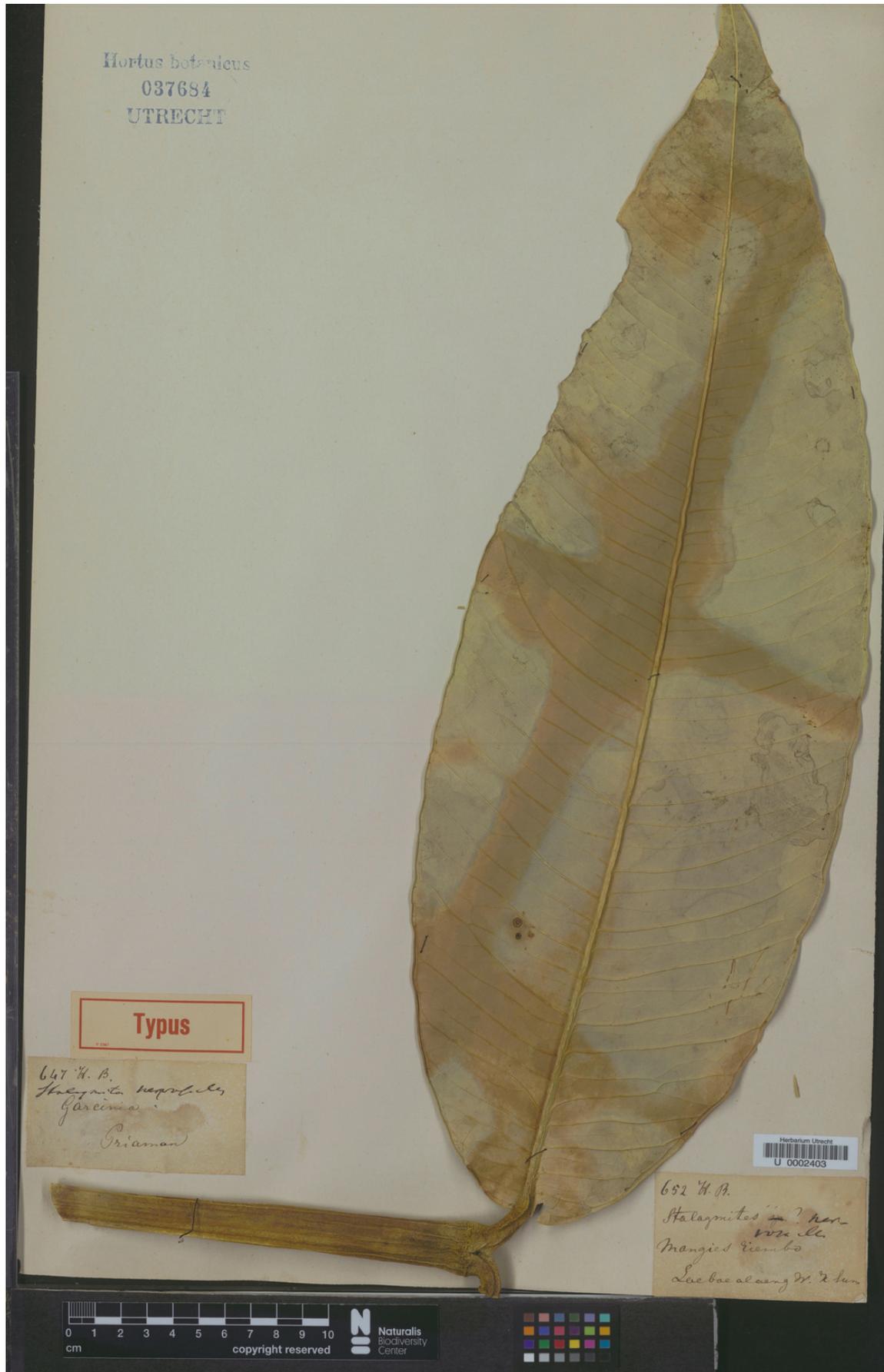
(A) habit. (B) stem, outer bark, inner bark and slashed bark with white latex. (C) cut branchlet with white latex. (D) branchlets and leaves. (E) terminal bud concealed between the bases of the uppermost pair of petioles. (F) petiole with a conspicuous basal appendage clasping the branchlets. (G) inflorescences on short, leafless lateral branchlets with young flower buds. (H) fruiting branchlets with very young fruits. Photos: Chatchai Ngernsaengsaruy.



Figure 8

Lectotype of *Garcinia nervosa*, Diepenhorst HB647 (L [U0002403]) from Indonesia, Sumatra, Pariaman (originally “Priaman” on the label).

Photo: <https://data.biodiversitydata.nl/naturalis/specimen/U%20%200002403>.



Hortus botanicus
037684
UTRECHT

Typus

647 H. B.
Halymites neopulchra
Garcinia
Priaman

Herbarium Utrecht
U 0002403

652 H. B.
Halymites ? non
vixit.
Mangies Kumbo
Saebae alang W. 2 km

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
cm

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Figure 9

Lectotype of *Garcinia andersonii*, Maingay 157 (CAL [CAL0000005828]) from Peninsular Malaysia, Malacca.

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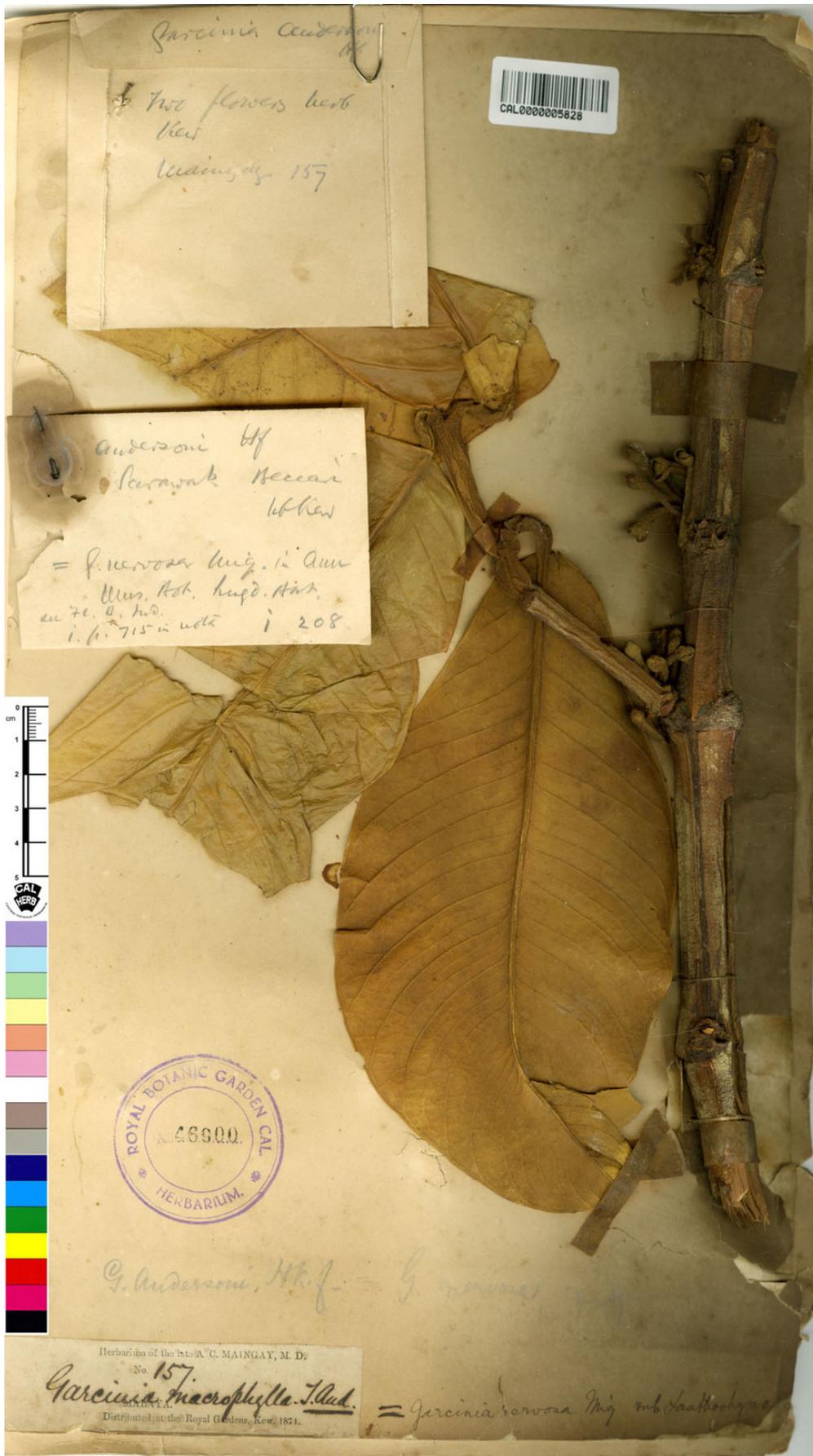
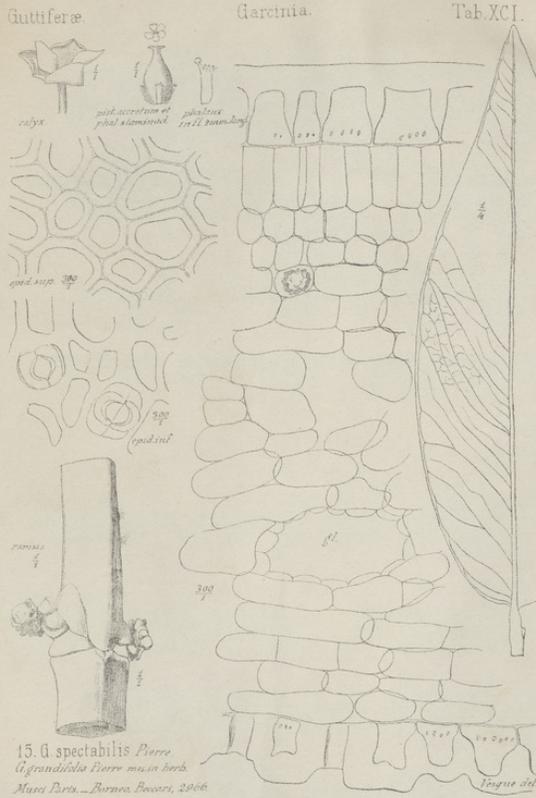


Figure 10

Lectotype of *Garcinia spectabilis*, Beccari 2966 (P [P04700284]) from Borneo.

Photo: <http://coldb.mnhn.fr/catalognumber/mnhn/p/p04700284>.



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Garcinia spectabilis Pierre

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Garcinia grandifolia Pierre
Sect. *Xanthochymus*
Neesia ?

BORNEO. — Recueilli par M. BECCARI.
Donné par le Musée botanique de Florence, 1872.

Beccari n. 2966.

Figure 11

Lectotype of *Garcinia nervosa* var. *pubescens*, *Kunstler 3197* (CAL [CAL0000005834]) from Peninsular Malaysia, Perak, Larut.

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Figure 12

Distribution of *Garcinia nervosa*, known from Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Peninsular Thailand to the Malesian region.

Map: Pichet Chanton.

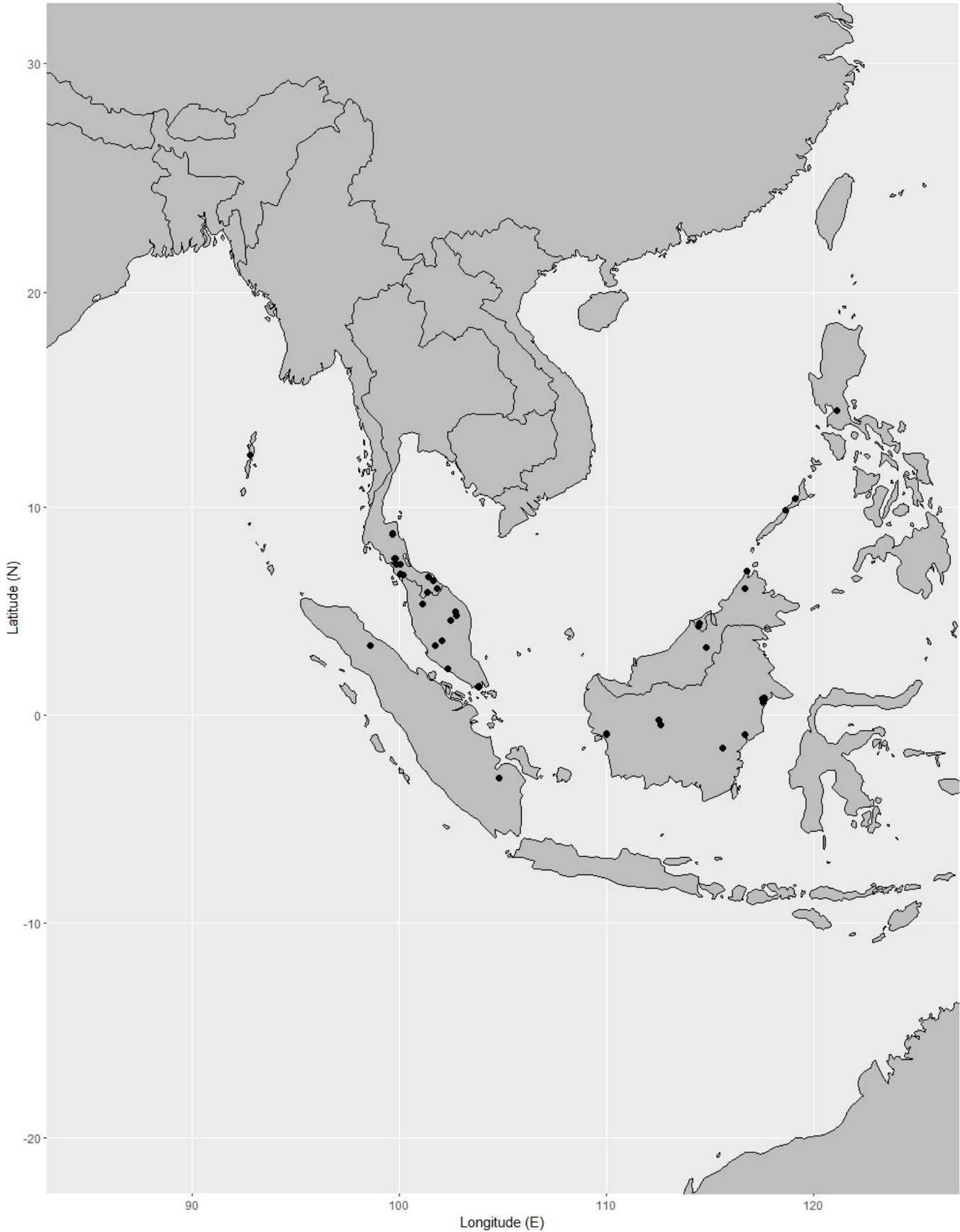


Figure 13

Garcinia prainiana.

(A) branchlets and leaves. (B) fully opened male flower (side view) and inflorescences with fully opened male flower and male flower buds. (C) fully opened male flower with spreading petals showing stamens united in 5 bundles and a pistillode (top view). (D) fully opened female flower with spreading petals showing a pistil (top view). (E) fruiting branchlet. (F) fruit with persistent stigma (left) and fruit with persistent sepals (right). (G) transverse section of fruit with seeds. (H) seed. Photo: Drawn by Wanwisa Bhuchaisri.

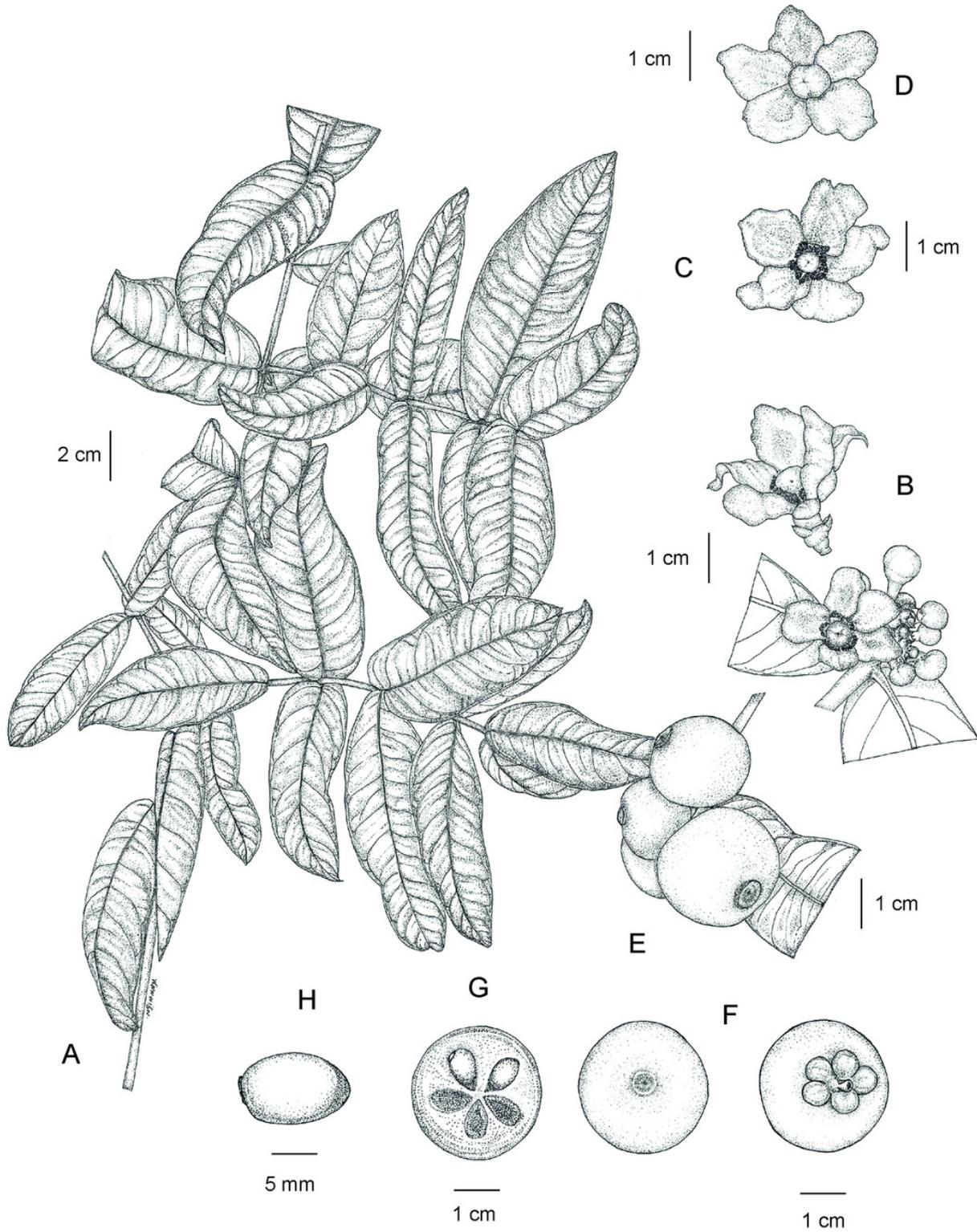


Figure 14

Garcinia prainiana.

(A) habit. (B) branchlets and young leaves. (C) branchlets and mature leaves. (D) inflorescences on short, leafless lateral branchlets with fully opened male flowers. (E) male flower showing disk, stamen bundles, and pistillode (sepals and petals removed). (F-G) branchlets, leaves, mature and ripe fruits. Photos: G Rawit Sichaikhan (A, F-G); Chatchai Ngernsaengsaruy (B-D); Pichet Chanton (E).



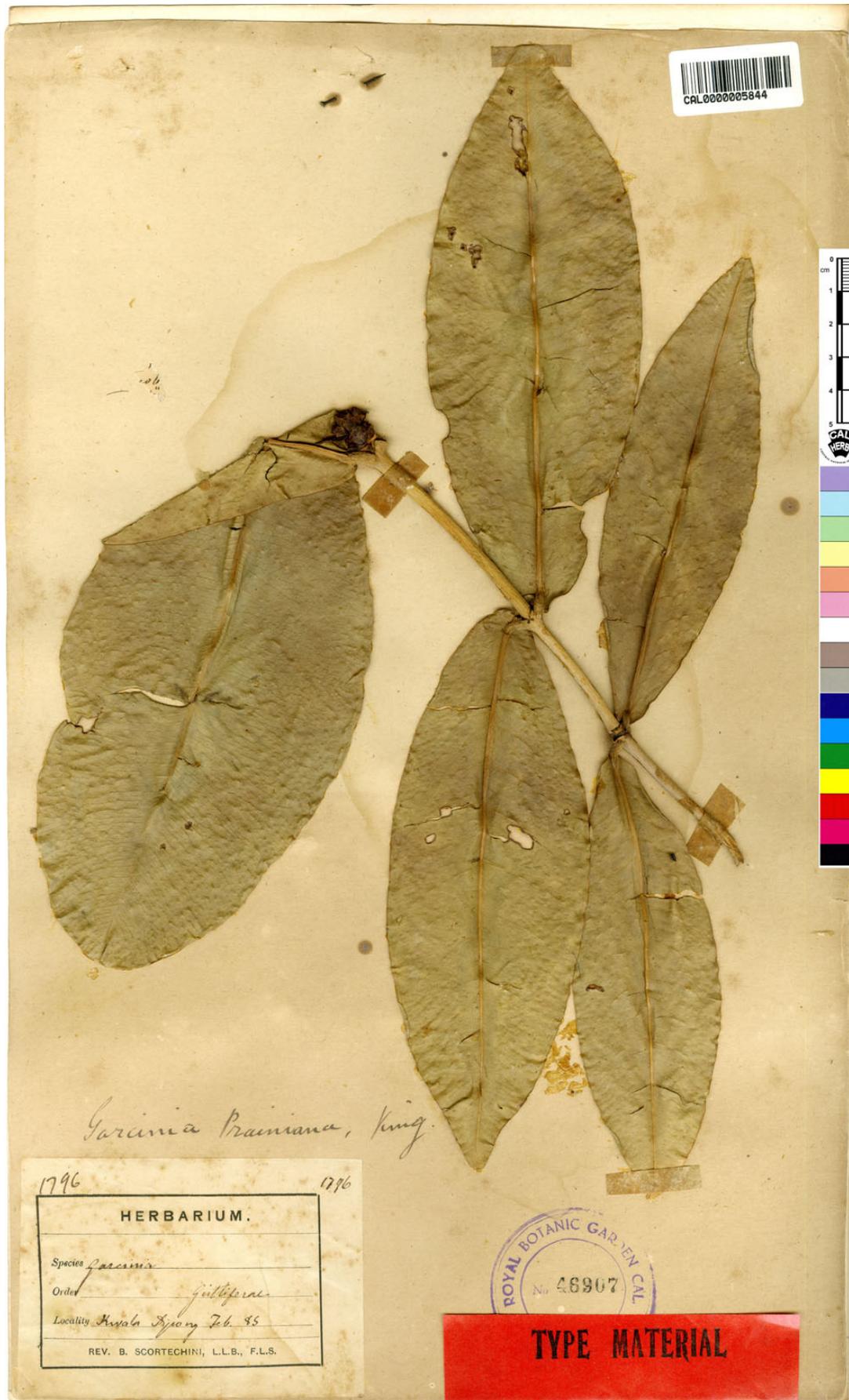
Figure 15

Lectotype of *Garcinia prainiana*, Scortechini 1796 (CAL [CAL0000005844]) from Peninsular Malaysia, Perak, Kuala Dipang (originally “Kwala Dipang” on the label; originally published “Kwala Dynong”).

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Garcinia Prainiana, King.

1796

1796

HERBARIUM.	
Species	<i>Garcinia</i>
Order	<i>Guttiferae</i>
Locality	<i>Ayala Space Feb. 85</i>
REV. B. SCORTECHINI, L.L.B., F.L.S.	

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Figure 16

Distribution of *Garcinia prainiana*, known only from Peninsular Thailand and Peninsular Malaysia.

Map: Pichet Chanton.

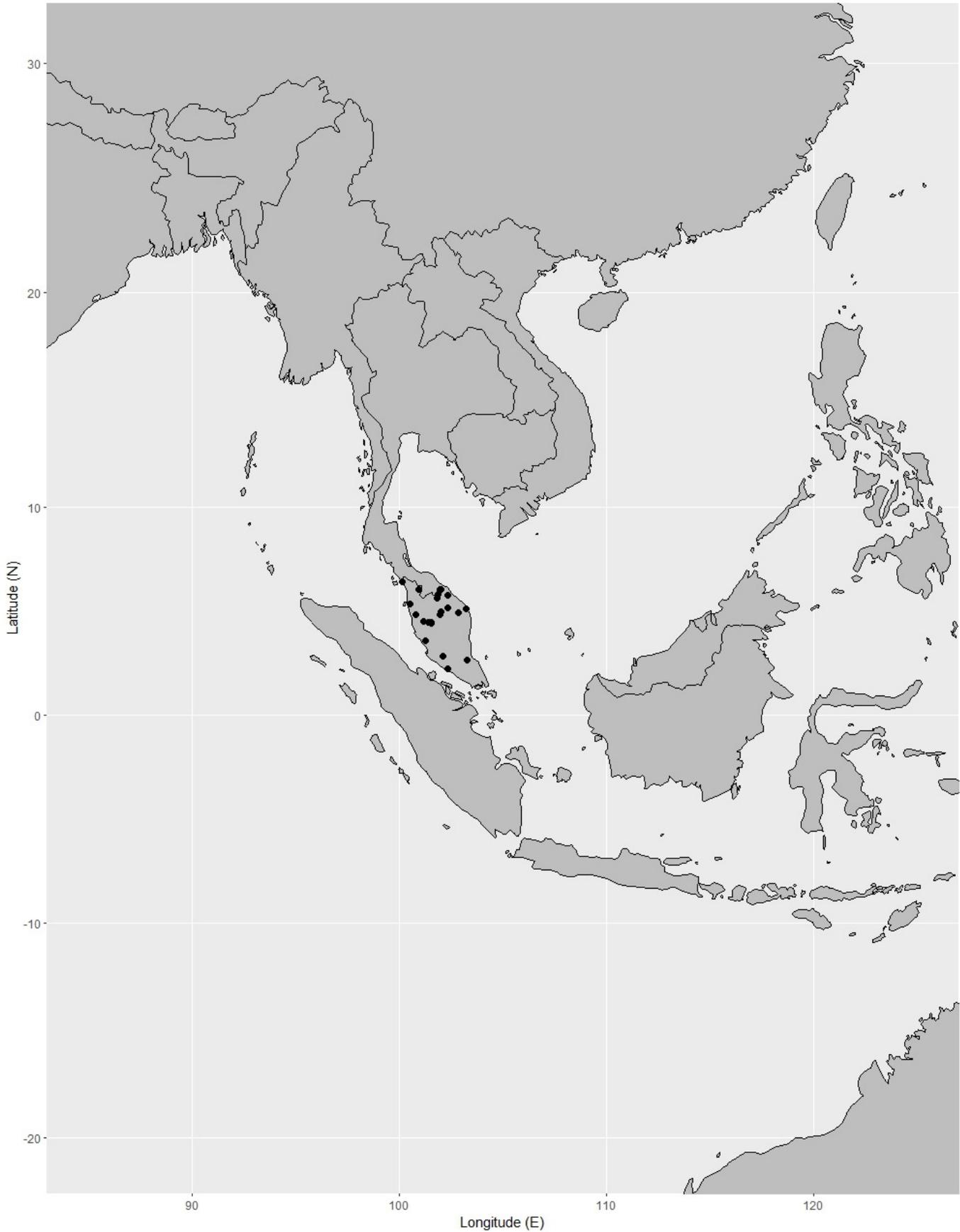


Figure 17

Garcinia xanthochymus.

(A) habitat and habit. (B) stem and outer bark. (C–D) branchlets and leaves. (E) terminal bud concealed between the bases of the uppermost pair of petioles. (F) inflorescences on short, leafless lateral branchlets with young flower buds. (G) inflorescence, fully opened female flowers and flower buds. (H) fallen petals. (I) fruiting branchlets with mature and ripe fruits, longitudinal sections of fruits with yellow latex and seeds. Photos: Chatchai Ngernsaengsaruy.



Figure 18

Lectotype of *Garcinia xanthochymus*, Wallich Cat. 4837A (K-W [K001104026]),
Roxburgh's Herbarium

Photo: Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Figure 19

Distribution *Garcinia xanthochymus*, known from Indian subcontinent to Myanmar, China, Thailand and Vietnam.

Map: Pichet Chanton.

