Forests, Trees and Agroforestry

Domestication of dioecious NTFPs, Allanblackia stuhlmannii in Tanzania and Daemonorops spp. in Indonesia

Objectives of study: Examine the biological and socioeconomic barriers to domestication of two potentially lucrative NTFPs from two dioecious species

Specific for Allanblackia stuhlmannii

- Examine innate sex ratio and how it may change during cultivation
- Examine possible pollination limitation in farmland









Methods

Pollination experiment

Fruit and seed counts

Transects and gene bank monitoring

Farmland survey and preference study







Specific for Daemonorops species (Jernang)

Examine innate sex ratio and flowering and fruiting of planted jernang Examine specific cultivation obstacles and compatibility in agroforestry



- Methods
- Local monitoring of phenology
- Farmers adoptability survey



The wax covering immature fruits of jernang are extracted, and processed to medicine and cosmetic products in e.g. China

Sex	Num- ber of clusters	Total number of stems	Number of flowering / fruiting stems	Total number of inflores- cences	Total number of infructes- cences
Male	26	328	80	176	
Female	25	441	90	148	72
Unknown	13	147	0	0	
Total	64	769	170	324	72

Sex ratio of *Daemonorops* is approximately 1:1. Despite a lower number of stems in the study, males produced significantly more inflorescences than females. Farmers often cut some of the stems of male clusters.

Trees are continuously removed from farmland. Most removed trees are male trees.

Natural stands (site 1-

5) have up to 78 matu-

re trees per hectare.

Most farnland (site 6-

16) have less than 20

trees/ha, are mostly

female biased.

Some female trees of Allanblackia growing close to male trees produce a large number of fruits, but many also have few fruits. Female trees with East Usambara, Allanblackia Incentives for domestication Tradeable product Good storability

Open resources becoming restricted Disincentives

Unpredictable sex (large waste of resources)

Shortage of land

More attractive / profitable tree crops available (e.g. clove) Long juvenile stage Compatibility with rubber Present rubber production crises, looking for new profitable crops

Open resources becoming restricted

Southern Sumatra, Jernang

Incentives for domestication

Supplementary to rubber

Tradeable product

Good storability

Disincentives

Unpredictable sex Land shortage for Batin Sembilan



long distance to males often have few fruits.

stuhlmannii compared to

Preference of A.

other species. Most

farmers in the East

Usambara prefer clove,

cinnamon and exotic

trees for Allanblackia

Unpredictable long-term market Strong competition with other crops Modest profit Palm oil is more reliable, profitable and less labour demanding than rubber Suspected theft of products

As a large canopy, and late fruiting species, *A. stuhlmannii* is not very suitable for smallholder production. Most farmers prefer species with faster return to land, primarily clove. Daemonorops species fit well into the present rubber agroforestry system. The unpredictability of sex is a minor problem for *Daemonorops*, because surplus individual male stems are cut down.

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