Contributions to the Flora of Myanmar: new records of 11 woody species from Mergui Archipelago of southern Myanmar

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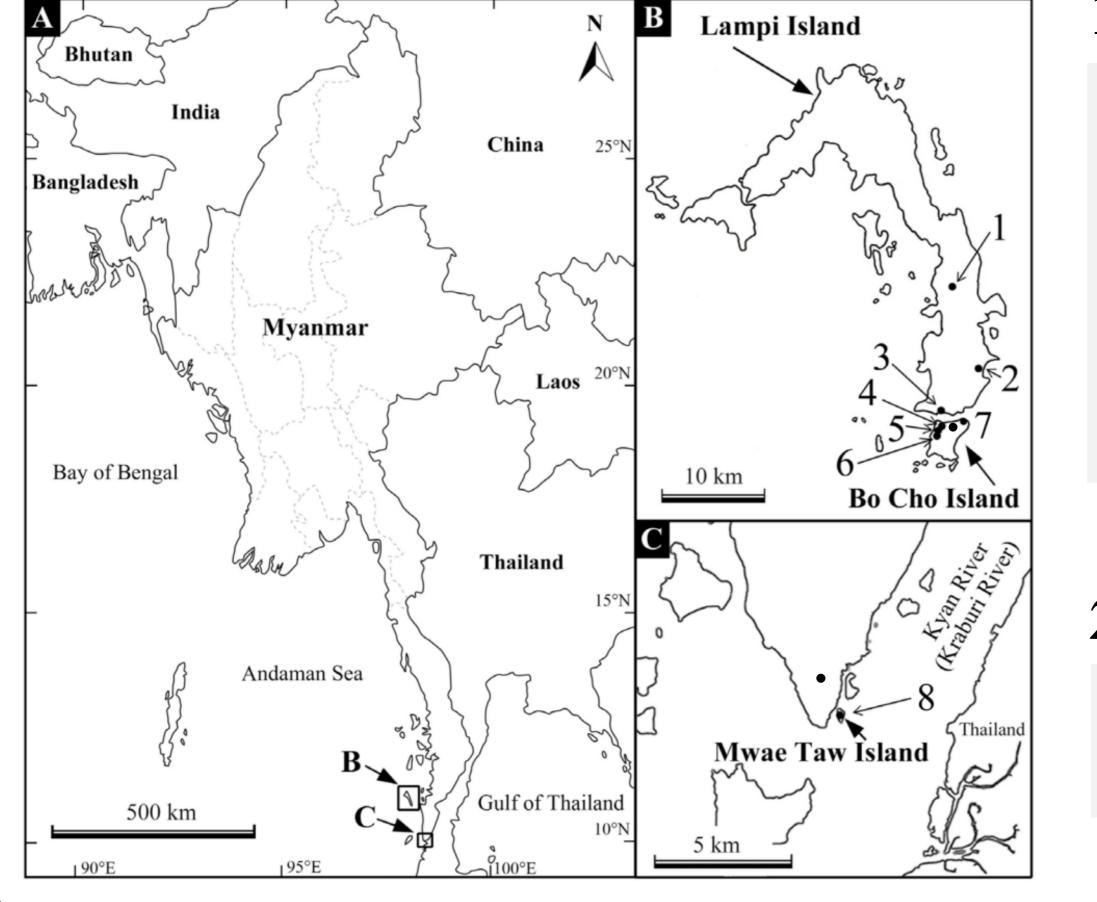
Introduction

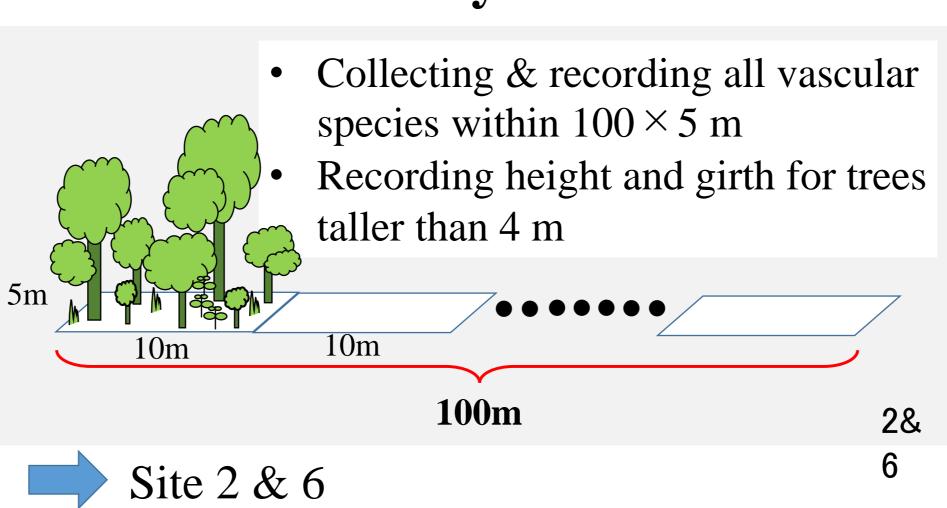
The Mergui (Myeik) Archipelago, located in Tanintharyi Region, southern Myanmar, comprises more than 800 islands distributed along 60 km off the western shore of the Malay Peninsula in the Andaman Sea. Previous floristic survey was performed in the coastal area and reported a total of 305 species belonging to 241 genera of 91 families (Yi 2008). However, studies of the terrestrial flora are very limited and further explorations of the flora are required for developing conservation planning. We carried out the floristic surveys on the Lampi Marine National Park and its surrounding islands from 16–23 May 2017 and from 6–12 February 2018.

Study site and survey methods

1. Plot-based survey







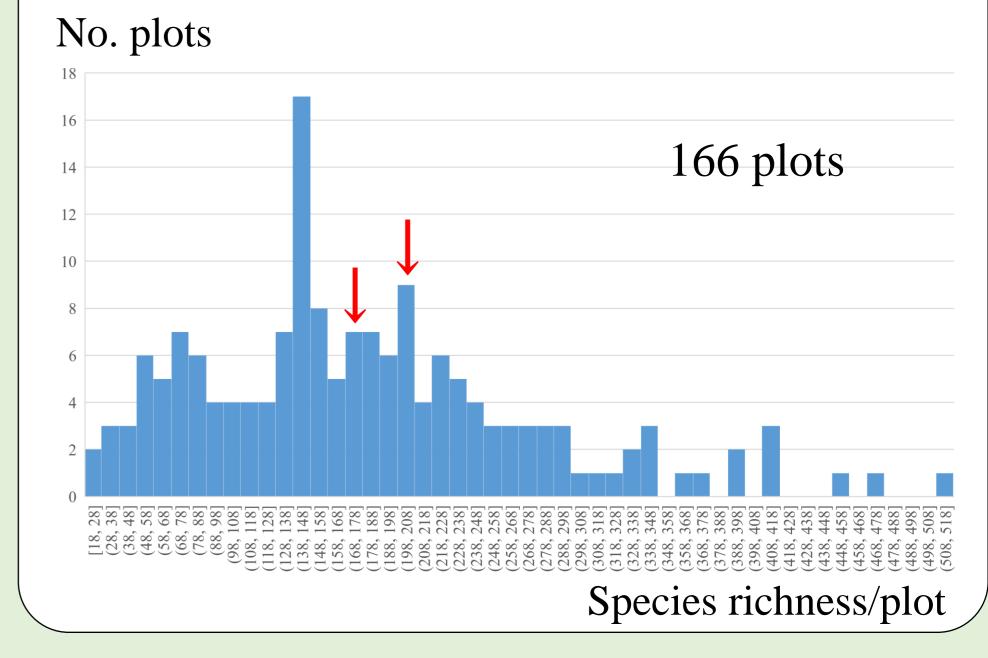
2. General collection

Collecting & recording flowering, fruiting and some interesting plant species

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Site $2 \rightarrow 172$ species/plot Site $6 \rightarrow 202$ species /plot

vs. Other countries in SE Asia



New records of 11 woody species











MY2210 (site 6)



MY1938 (site 8)

MY1969 (site 4), MY3053 & *MY3054* (site 5)

MY2384 (site 3)

Ebenaceae Diospyros longipilosa Euphorbiaceae Koilodepas longifolium Euphorbiaceae Mallotus tokiae

Euphorbiaceae Trigonostemon capillipes

Fabaceae Dalbergia rostrata





MY2129 (site 6)







MY2409 (site 2), MY2533 MY2297 (site 6), MY2455 *MY1946* (site 7) (site 1), *MY2570* (site 3) (site 2)

Meliaceae Reinwardtiodendron humile



MY2404 (site 2)

MY2282 (site 6)

• Total **1459 specimens** (RAF, TNS & FU) >700 species

- **11 species** are new to Myanmar.
- **4 genera** (Loeseneriella, Atuna, Koilodepas and Reinwardtiodendron) are new to Myanmar.
- *Mallotus tokiae* is only known from a single specimen collected in Thailand, but this species is abundant in Lampi Island.

Further flora surveys will lead us to discover more new records as well as new taxa

Publications

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