A reconnaissance survey of the woody flora and vegetation of the Catapú logging concession, Cheringoma District, Mozambique

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ABSTRACT

A checklist of the trees, shrubs and lianes of Catapú, Cheringoma District, Mozambique, is presented. Floristically the study area falls within the Swahilian/Maputaland Regional Transition Zone. In total, 238 woody species and infraspecific taxa have been recorded, representing 59 families and 167 genera. Most species (64%) occur both to the north and south of the study area, 26% have their core distribution in the Swahilian Regional Centre of Endemism, 4% have a more southerly distribution, 14 are endemic to the Swahilian/Maputaland Regional Transition Zone and two near-endemic, extending into the Zambezian Regional Centre of Endemism only along the Zambezi River Valley as far west as Kariba. The checklist includes the Sena names for 191 species, 77 of which are recorded for the first time. Comparisons of the Catapú checklist are made with other checklists.

INTRODUCTION

According to a preliminary checklist of vascular plants, the flora of Mozambique comprises 3 932 indigenous plant taxa and of these 177 are endemic (Da Silva et al. 2004). The primary purpose of the study was to establish what trees, shrubs and woody lianes occur on the Catapú logging concession area. Floristically, White (1983) recognized the zone occupying the East African coastal belt, ± 50-200 km wide, from southern Somalia in the north to the mouth of the Limpopo River in the south as the Zanzibar-Inhambane Regional Mosaic. Subsequently this phytochorion was split into two smaller floristic regions by Clarke (1998), namely: 1, the Swahilian Regional Centre of Endemism along the Kenyan, Tanzanian and northern Mozambique coasts and marginally extending into southern Somalia; and 2, the Swahilian/Maputaland Regional Transition Zone extending along the Mozambique coast and into southern Malawi and eastern Zimbabwe between the Swahilian Regional Centre of Endemism and White's (1983) Maputaland-Pondoland Regional Mosaic. The study area falls within the Swahilian/Maputaland Regional Transition Zone.

Wild & Barbosa (1967) broadly classified the vegetation of the concession area as Dry Deciduous Lowland Forest (vegetation type 6), Mosaic of Low Altitude Dry (Mixed) Forest and Miombo (vegetation type 10) and Discontinuous Dry Savanna Woodland-Tree Savanna and 'Tandos' Grassland (Gorongosa Lowland) (vegetation type 45) along the lower altitude river valleys. The Wild & Barbosa (1967) map also indicates the presence of Open Deciduous Tree Savanna (Lowland) with *Acacia nigrescens* dominant (vegetation type 52) but this has not been seen either in or near the study area. White (1983)

mapped the region as North Zambezian Undifferentiated Woodland and Wooded Grassland (mapping unit 29c), which seem to better describe the floristically rich vegetation of the study area. In the east, Catapú borders White's Zanzibar-Inhambane East African Coastal Mosaic (mapping unit 16a). Outliers of one of the forest types, Zanzibar-Inhambane Undifferentiated Forest, occur on Catapú.

Although some plant exploration was undertaken in the Sofala Province of Mozambique between 1940 and 1980, notably by Müller & Pope (1973 pers. comm.) and Tinley (1977), that part of Mozambique was still remote, and collecting of herbarium material was largely confined to areas adjacent to roads. In those days, Catapú was well away from the main road which went between Inhamitanga and Marromeu. During the civil war in Mozambique (1975–1994), botanical collecting came to a halt and has only taken place sporadically since then (Da Silva et al. 2004). Hitherto, most of the botanical inventories undertaken in Mozambique have been conducted mainly in the south of the country; the central and northern parts have been less well documented (Izidine & Bandeira 2002). The paucity of biodiversity data for central and northern Mozambique has also been highlighted by Schipper & Burgess (2004).

The checklist focuses on the woody plants and lianes and is ongoing. To describe the intricate mosaic of vegetation types in the study area, we have adopted a narrative style which we hope will be useful for workers on the ground and as a basis for possible quantitative surveys in future. The common Sena (= Cisena, Chisena) names—the principal vernacular of the region—are presented, many for the first time. We also comment on the impacts of logging on the vegetation and the need for measures to ensure sustainability and the conservation of an ecosystem rich in plant diversity.

STUDY AREA

Catapú, the logging concession of TCT-Dalmann Furniture, Lda., is located 30–40 km south of the Zambezi River and on the northwestern side of the Inhamitanga Village in the district of Cheringoma, Sofala

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Province, central Mozambique (Figure 1) at \pm S18°00'05" and E35°08'13", an area covering 24 821 ha. The GPS reading at the sawmill is S18°02'41"; E35°12'24". The main road, the EN-1, traverses the concession where it \pm follows the watershed between the Zangue and Tissadze Rivers. Field work started in 2000 and results up to July 2006 are reported. Hitherto the survey has been concentrated within the firebreak around the sawmill area, west of the EN-1 along the roads known as Via Pungue and Via Santove and around the pans.

In the west, Catapú is bordered by the Zangue River and flood plain, up which the Zambezi River floods back during the wet season. The eastern boundary extends from the EN-1 road/railway junction at Gangala in the north along the obsolete Dondo-Caia railway line to the Inhamitanga Village. The northern boundary is in the form of a 'V' with Via Zangue 2 on the western arm and the EN-1 on the eastern arm. The southern boundary is the Inhamitanga road to the EN-1 at Chapa and then the EN-1 to the Zangue River bridge. The Tissadze River flows from south to north ± bisecting the eastern half of the concession and the Chirimadzi River, which is more a series of pans than a river with the woody vegetation margin more clearly defined than the waterway, goes from south to north in the northern third.

The altitude at the Catapú turn-off from the EN-1 is 200 m a.s.l. but drops from \pm 100 to 50 m along the river valleys. Soils are sand with outbreaks of sandstone and

calcareous conglomerates and black cotton or turf soils around the vleis and in the river floodplains. The sands are underlain by sublittoral sands which accumulate water, enabling them to support very tall trees. A borehole was drilled and a sample collected every 3 m to a depth of 51 m. Every sample was sand except for the first 3 m in which there was some gravel. Mean annual rainfall ranges from 700-1 400 mm, although for the last four years it has barely exceeded 500 mm during the rainy season (November to March). There are many pans in the forest/thicket/woodland mosaic, grass-covered depressions of half a hectare or more which fill with water during the rains. As a result of below-average rainfall, none of these pans has held any water for the last four or five years. During the other seven months (April to October) an average of 126 mm has been recorded.

Vegetation of Catapú comprises a mosaic of mainly dry lowland forest, dry deciduous thicket and woodland. In the Chirimadzi Valley in the northern area of the concession, the vegetation is sparsely wooded grassland. There is an area of miombo woodland on the southeast boundary of the concession and open undifferentiated woodland in the southwestern section.

METHODS AND TERMINOLOGY

Recognizing the rich plant diversity at Catapú, a survey of the woody species was started. Specimens have

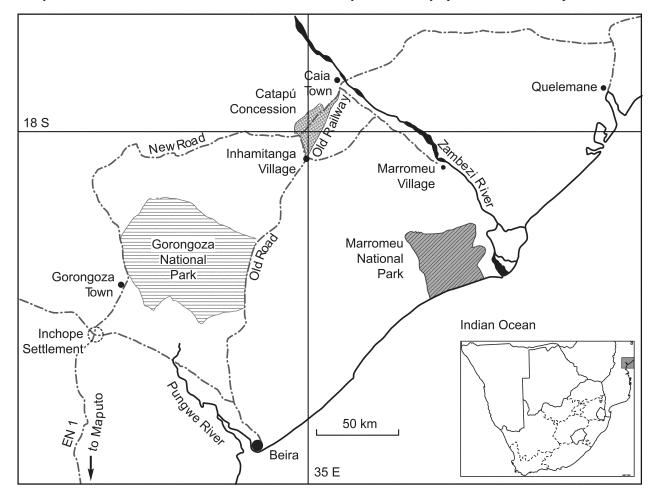


FIGURE 1.—Map showing the location of the study area in central Mozambique. Roads: — · — · —.

been collected and voucher specimens prepared which are housed in the recently established field herbarium to be known as the Cheringoma Herbarium (proposed acronym CHER). Any species not identified in the field were taken for identification to the National Herbaria in Harare (SRGH) and Pretoria (PRE). Regional Floras, e.g. Flore de Moçambique (1969–), Flora zambesiaca (1960–) and Flora of tropical East Africa (1952–) have also been used to assist in identification. The scientific names of the plants are based mainly on Coates Palgrave (2002) and Klopper et al. (2006).

Sena names on the list, (Appendix 1, column 4), were checked against species in the field to confirm identification. Aware that the use of plant vernacular names is essentially a spoken language, they have been spelt phonetically. The names were checked against De Koning (1993) where a very broad view was taken of the spelling and the regions in which the names were recorded.

Plants recorded at Catapú were assessed phytogeographically. The checklist of the study area was compared with the preliminary checklist of vascular plants of Mozambique (Da Silva et al. 2004) and also with checklists compiled during two recent vegetation and plant surveys in nearby areas, one of the Cabora Bassa shoreline (Timberlake 2002) and the other the Zambezi Delta wetland plant survey (Müller et al. 2000). It was also compared with the checklists of two South African forests, Richards Bay forest and the Maputaland forest complex (Geldenhuys 1992) as well as with a mid-Zambezi Valley dry forest biodiversity survey (Hoare et al. 2002). The Red Data List, Mozambique (Izidine & Bandeira 2002) was checked for species occurring in the study area.

Very simplified, the following definitions are used for the different broad vegetation types:

Forest has a canopy whose crowns interlock at 10 m or more in height (Hoare et al. 2002). A forest is rich in species, but due to the availability of soil moisture, it changes rapidly in composition and physiognomy over quite short distances and is difficult to classify (White 1983). Dry deciduous forest is characteristically found on deep sands which absorb all the incident rainfall or receive lateral seepage water and remain moist throughout the greater part of the dry season (White 1983). Understorey species remain evergreen throughout the year in dry semi-deciduous forest and are deciduous for more than one month in dry deciduous forest (Chapman & White 1970).

Thicket has a canopy between 3–7 m tall formed by the interlocking branches of small trees and multistemmed shrubs. The presence of emergent trees over 10 m tall protruding above the canopy or shrub layer is often a feature of thickets (Chapman & White 1970).

Woodland comprises open stands of trees at least 5 m tall, crowns covering at least 20% of the surface, sometimes in lateral contact but crowns not interlocking; grass cover is usually present (Chapman & White 1970).

Zambezian undifferentiated woodland is defined by the absence of miombo and mopane dominants rather than by its own floristic composition. It is composed of many more tree species than either miombo or mopane woodland. Although the dominants of miombo woodland are normally absent from undifferentiated woodland some of their associated species are frequently present (White 1983).

Miombo is a colloquial term used to describe those central, southern and eastern African woodlands dominated by members of Brachystegia, Julbernardia and/or Isoberlinia, three closely related genera from the legume family, Fabaceae, subfamily Caesalpinioideae (Campbell et al. 1996). It generally occurs on geologically old, nutrient-poor soils in the uni-modular rainfall zone. The shrub layer is variable in density and composition. Ground cover varies from a dense coarse grass growth to a sparse cover of herbs and grasses (Campbell et al. 1996).

RESULTS

Floristic analysis

A total of 238 woody species and infraspecific taxa (referred to collectively as species) recorded during the survey are listed in Appendix 1. These represent 59 families and 167 genera. Fabaceae is the largest family, with eight genera and eight species in Caesalpinioideae, seven genera and 20 species in Mimosoideae and 11 genera and 17 species in Papilionoideae, making a total of 26 genera and 45 species, followed by Rubiaceae with 12 genera and 14 species. None of the other families has more than 10 species.

We recorded 191 Sena names (Appendix 1, column 4) for species in the study area of which 77 names are not included in De Koning (1993). The names published in De Koning (1993) are marked with an asterisk, those not marked are names not previously published.

Appendix 1, column 5, presents the phytogeographical distribution of the species in the study area. With the symbol 'T', there are 152 species (64.5%) common to both the East African coastal flora and the southern African flora (FSA) region (Germishuizen & Meyer 2003). With the symbol 'N' denoting those from the north there are 61 species (25.5%) extending southwards from the East African coastal flora. With the symbol 'S' there are 10 (5%) species extending northwards from the southern African flora (FSA) region. There are 14 species (5.6%) with the symbol 'E', which are endemic to the Swahilian/Maputaland Regional Transition Zone. They are: Acacia torrei, Catunaregam swynnertonii, Cola mossambicensis, Combretum kirkii, Cordia stuhlmannii, Erythrina livingstoniana, Glyphaea tomentosa, Hibiscus mossambicensis, Millettia mossambicensis, Monodora stenopetala, Ochna angustata, Pavetta klotzschiana, Tricalysia jasminiflora and Vangueria esculenta. Ziziphus mauritiana, included in the checklist is an alien, marked with a (+). Tamarindus indica is treated as indigenous (Coates Palgrave 2002). There are 40 species in common with the Maputaland-Pondoland Regional Mosaic as shown in Appendix 1, column 6.

Comparison with Da Silva *et al.* (2004) Appendix 1, column 7, shows that of the 240 species on the Catapú

checklist, 38 species can be added as occurring in Sofala Province and an additional 22 as occurring both in Sofala Province and in Mozambique. New records of particular interest are *Dovyalis xanthocarpa*, a new record for Mozambique; new for Sofala and south of the Zambezi River include *Cordia torrei*, *Grewia forbesii*, *Zanthoxylum holtzianum*, also interesting is *Combretum kirkii*, with a very limited distribution along the Zambezi Valley; *Elaeodendron transvaalense* has not previously been recorded as far north as this (R. Archer pers. comm.).

The Zambezi Delta survey (Müller et al. 2000) included six days spent at Coutada 11, GPS reading S18°33'11", E36°06'02", a hunting concession not very far from Catapú. It was anticipated that many of the woody species at Catapú would appear on that list of plants recorded for the forest and woodland columns in the survey. But Appendix 1, column 8, shows 86 species in common. Lake Cabora Bassa is situated on the Zambezi River in Tete Province upstream from the study area. The result of the comparison with that shoreline survey (Appendix 1, column 9) shows that 152 species on the Catapú checklist were recorded. Of the Catapú checklist, 59 species appeared on both the previously mentioned lists and 60 species did not occur on either list. Although 162 species (68%) of the plants on the Catapú checklist occur in the FSA region, only 40 species (17%) occur in the Maputaland/Pondoland Regional Mosaic (Appendix 1, column 6).

In the mid-Zambezi Valley dry forest biodiversity survey (Hoare et al. 2002), no checklist was presented, but a list of 36 species considered to be indicator species of dry forest was given. Of those, 20 species occur in the study area, Kirkia acuminata and Schinziophyton rautanenii are infrequent and found mainly in woodland and the shrubs Citropsis daweana and Zanthoxylum leprieurii are only occasional. Cleistochlamys kirkii and Monodora junodii are classified as shrubs, the former described as being tall trees in the description of the vegetation to follow and the latter is distinctly a tree of 3 to 4 m tall. Xylotheca tettensis is plentiful in the study area. Xylia torreana is considered an indicator of dry forest and thicket and is very much a constituent of the forest vegetation in the study area.

Conservation status

Eleven species on the Catapú checklist have been included in the Red Data List for Mozambique (Izidine & Bandeira 2002). Only three are considered vulnerable: Acacia torrei VU D2, Cola mossambicensis VU A1a and Sterculia appendiculata VU A1ad. Izidine & Bandeira (2002) comment that regeneration in Sterculia appendiculata is difficult. In the study area, however, this species coppices very readily. On the edge of Via Pungue where the roots were disturbed by a bulldozer when the road was being constructed, there has been a proliferation of saplings growing from root shoots, some now ± 4 m tall. Afzelia quanzensis is given a Threatened status in Mozambique by Bandeira et al. (1994), Lower-Risk Near Threatened (Izidine & Bandeira 2002), and as Vulnerable (Da Silva et al. 2004), citing that large quan-

tities are being cut for timber, charcoal and fuel wood production.

Two species, Acacia adenocalyx and Amblygonocarpus andongensis are incorrectly listed as Mozambique endemics and rated VU D2 in Da Silva et al. (2004) but not included in Izidine & Bandeira (2002). Acacia adenocalyx is not an endemic to Mozambique, as it also occurs in Kenya and Tanzania (Ross 1979) and in the study area it is widespread and invasive. Amblygonocarpus andongensis has a wide distribution, occurring as far afield as Namibia, Botswana, Zambia and in the savanna regions of tropical Africa (Brenan 1970). It is also fairly widespread in Mozambique.

Vegetation types

The study area comprises a mosaic of three vegetation types: dry deciduous forest, dry deciduous thicket and woodland. Areas of lowland deciduous forest, with the canopy usually \pm 20 m high, but varying from 12 to 25 m and not always continuous, are very patchy but there are good examples along the road known as Via Pungue, in the area west of the EN-1 and just south of Mashamba Grande and an area east of the EN-1 just north of Chapa. Nearly all the canopy species are deciduous but there is considerable variation from species to species and from year to year. The dominant trees emergent above the canopy are Adansonia digitata, Berchemia discolor, Bivinia jalbertii, Bombax rhodognaphalon, Milicia excelsa, Millettia stuhlmannii, Morus mesozygia and Sterculia appendiculata. Reaching and forming the canopy at 12 to 25 m are Afzelia quanzensis, Balanites maughamii, Celtis mildbraedii, Cordyla africana, Fernandoa magnifica, Terminalia sambesiaca and Xylia torreana. Many of the Terminalia sambesiaca have died except for some along the EN-1 highway. Sterculia appendiculata occurs in dense and open forest.

Below the canopy but reaching up towards it in the sparse understorey, are numerous *Drypetes reticulata*. Also frequent are *Millettia mossambicensis* and *Strychnos usambarensis*. In addition, *Hunteria zeylanica*, *Strychnos henningsii* and *S. potatorum* are found. There is a fairly continuous canopy and very sparse undergrowth with very few to no ferns, herbs or grasses. Some of the understorey shrubs are *Chazaliella abrupta*, *Citropsis daweana*, *Drypetes arguta*, *Hibiscus mossambicensis*, *Lasciodiscus pervillei*, *Sclerochiton kirkii* and *Zanthoxylum leprieurii*.

Lianes in the study area include Abrus precatorius, Acacia adenocalyx, Adenia gummifera, Artabotrys brachypetalus, Cissus cucumerifolia, C. integrifolia, C. quadrangularis and C. rotundifolia, Combretum kirkii, C. microphyllum, C. padoides, Dalbergia arbutifolia, Dalbergia fischeri, Entada wahlbergii, Grewia caffra, Hugonia busseana, Landolphia kirkii, Loeseneriella crenata, Opilia celtidifolia, Reissantia buchananii, R. indica, Strophanthus kombe, S. petersianus, Synaptolepis alternifolia, S. kirkii and Tiliacora funifera.

In 1994 there was a devastating fire through parts of the forest. Acacia adenocalyx proliferated and totally

overran large areas. Stands were so thick that nothing was able to grow underneath and it also climbed over and smothered surviving trees. This has been cleared in places and one of the pioneer species that regenerated in the cleared areas was *Fernandoa magnifica*. Lianes and climbers also seem to have proliferated as a result of fire damage and in the area known as Mashamba Experimental, a 30 m tall *Gyrocarpus americanus* has fallen, apparently having been pulled down by their weight. In the same section, *Cordia stuhlmannii* and *C. torrei* occur. They seem to have survived the fire or managed to regenerate successfully. Perhaps the latter, as *Cordia torrei* has also been observed along the edge of the road on the EN-1.

Continuing west along Via Pungue, the forest thins towards Mpiáo Pan and the vegetation becomes open wooded grassland. The scattered trees include remarkably tall Boscia salicifolia, Cleistochlamys kirkii, Combretum adenogonium, Dalbergia melanoxylon, Philenoptera violacea, Piliostigma thonningii, Sclerocarya birrea and Vitex payos. Some of the smaller species are Rourea orientalis, Senna petersiana and Xylotheca tettensis.

Vegetation east of the EN-1 along the road known as Via Entrada, is very difficult to classify as it is an intricate mosaic of forest, thicket and woodland. The canopy varies in height considerably and it is probably best described as dry thicket with some emergent trees over 10 m high. The taller trees are Afzelia quanzensis, Albizia harveyi, Balanites maughamii, Berchemia discolor, Blighia unijugata, Boscia salicifolia, Hymenocardia ulmoides, Millettia stuhlmannii, Monodora junodii var. macrantha, Monodora stenopetala, Pteleopsis myrtifolia, Strychnos madagascariensis and Warneckea sansibaricum. Other trees are Carpolobia goetzei, Gardenia ternifolia, Millettia mossambicensis, M. usaramensis and Rothmannia fischeri. Some of the shrubs are Allophylus rubifolius, Bauhinia tomentosa, Coffea racemosa, Cordia pilosissima, Dovyalis xanthocarpa, Friesodielsia obovata, Indigofera ormocarpoides, Rourea orientalis and Tricalysia jasminiflora.

East of the Tissadze River along Via Lavu there is a very different picture. In this area there is very much a mosaic of forest, thicket and undifferentiated woodland. There is a canopy of ± 3 to 4 m with tall emergent trees well over 10 m high, such as Bombax rhodognaphalon, Newtonia hildebrandtii and Diospyros mespiliformis, of which, although few and far between, there is no indication of previous logging; Adansonia digitata, very tall and slender, is one of the emergents that also occurs in forest. Millettia stuhlmannii is easily identified with characteristic grey-green bark and Sterculia africana also has a distinctive bark. Forest species forming the lower canopy are Dalbergia boehmii, Lecaniodiscus fraxinifolius with characteristic pale bark (can also become very tall), Drypetes reticulata, Strychnos madagascariensis and Trichilia capitata. On the termite mounds are Lecaniodiscus fraxinifolius, Spirostachys africana, Tamarindus indica and the occasional Lannea schweinfurthii.

Usually considered woodland species, and contributing to the thicket canopy are Albizia anthelmintica, Combretum adenogonium, C. hereroense, Terminalia sericea, Drypetes mossambicensis, Schrebera trichoclada, Sclerocarya birrea (which becomes very tall in semi-closed forest but in the open remains far more squat) and Strychnos madagascariensis. Spirostachys africana occurs in clumps, sometimes forming pure stands of its own little forest, as does Cleistochlamys kirkii. Tall Acacia nigrescens, Crossopteryx febrifuga and Kigelia africana are found on the fringes and in open forest, as are Acacia robusta subsp. usambarensis, which appear to be dying around the pans, possibly as a result of past dry years. Combretum imberbe also occurs around the pans and on the heavier soils.

In the more scrubby forest/woodland mosaic *Diospyros loureiriana* and *D. senensis* are found. *Balanites maughamii* occurs in deep forest and in scrub forest. Sometimes in the woodland areas there is a tall grass cover and at others, shrubs, which include *Dovyalis hispidula*, *Friesodielsia obovata*, *Grewia forbesii*, *G. inaequilatera*, *G. lepidopetala*, *Holarrhena pubescens*, *Hoslundia opposita* (an up to 2 m shrub in the study area), *Margaritaria discoidea*, *Markhamia obtusifolia*, *M. zanzibarica*, *Ozoroa obovata* subsp. *obovata* and *Phyllanthus ovalifolius*.

Sporadically there is an almost park-like opening in the forest/thicket with a grass cover and very tall woodland trees up to 10 m high and very few shrubs. Trees recorded in those areas include Acacia nigrescens, A. robusta subsp. usambarensis, Boscia salicifolia, Combretum hereroense, Dalbergia melanoxylon, Philenoptera violacea and Terminalia sericea.

North from the Catapú turn-off along the EN1 as the road drops down to Tissadze and Chirimadzi River Valleys, where the altitude is \pm 50–100 m, the trees gradually become less forest and more woodland species. The river valley is open grassland with solitary trees or clumps of trees and bushes including *Acacia robusta* subsp. *usambarensis*, *A. polyacantha*, *A. xanthophloea*, *Combretum imberbe*, *Ficus sycomorus*, *Hyphaene coriacea* and *Xanthocercis zambesiaca*, all indicative of a high water table.

On the Zangue terrace along Via Santove grows the little known Mozambique endemic, Acacia torrei on black soils, and three palm species, Borassus aethiopum, Hyphaene coriacea and Phoenix reclinata. Other species are: Acacia galpinii, A. polyacantha, A. sieberiana var. sieberiana, Albizia versicolor, Croton megalobotrys, Grewia sulcata, Margaritaria discoidea, Pluchea dioscoridis and Sclerocarya birrea.

The area of miombo woodland next to the Tissadze River bridge on the Inhamitanga road is obviously situated on nutrient-poor soils. The trees are widely spaced, there is a poor grass cover and few shrubs. The woody vegetation seems to be mainly concentrated on termitaria, adjacent to small pans or along the bank of the Tissadze River. These include large *Cleistochlamys kirkii*, *Dovyalis hispidula*, *Flueggea virosa*, *Strychnos*

potatorum, a large Tamarindus indica (covered with a Dalbergia arbutifolia), Trichilia capitata and Ziziphus mucronata. Of the Miombo species only Brachystegia spiciformis was recorded. There is no continuous canopy and other trees scattered around are Acacia nilotica, A. robusta subsp. usambarensis, Diospyros loureiriana, Philenoptera violacea, Schrebera trichoclada and Vangueria infausta. Close to the river bank next to a huge Sclerocarya birrea is an 8 m tall Brackenridgea zanguebarica.

Logging and conservation

Millettia stuhlmannii known in the timber trade as panga-panga, jambiri and partridgewood, Afzelia quanzensis (chamfuta/chanfuta), Cordyla africana (mutondo) and other hardwoods have been logged extensively throughout Mozambique for the last 100 years and continue to be today. Almost all logging has taken place on a non-renewable basis (pers. obs.). Judged from the height of many isolated very tall trees, particularly solitary baobabs, Adansonia digitata, and Sterculia appendiculata, trees that are not exploited for their wood, it is suggested that forest was more prevalent in central Mozambique in the past than is now apparent. Furthermore, those that remain are frequently being replaced by rural settlement and cultivation (pers. obs.; Izidine & Bandeira 2002; Schipper & Burgess 2004), with the result that much of the extensive forest that once covered especially the coastal areas of Mozambique, has disappeared.

Although Catapú is a timber concession, only certain species are felled. The three targeted species have the ability to coppice and silvicultural follow-up operations are now conducted on all stumps that have been logged. There is also an active programme of re-planting of Millettia, Cordyla and Afzelia. The seedlings are raised in a small nursery adjacent to the sawmill and currently some 10 000 seedlings are planted out into the logged areas each year in early summer with the first rains. This represents roughly four times the number of trees that are felled in the concession each year. The growth of the seedlings, those which have escaped the attention of the porcupines, in some places has been remarkable. For instance, of 34 plants propagated in ground seedbeds in Nov. 1997, dug up and replanted in the field in Oct. 1998, 20 survived and measurements taken in October 2005 show an average height of 4.15 m with an average trunk diameter of 140 mm. Obviously the average of 126 mm of rain which falls in the dry season enables the deep sands to remain moist throughout the greater part of the year.

A conservation/sensitive forest area of \pm 4 000 hectares within the firebreak around the sawmill and residential area has been established. This includes many different vegetation communities and has now been protected from fire for six years. Although woodland and miombo vegetation types in the study area tolerate burning and are even dependent on it for maintaining their structure, this area of forest has clearly not evolved with fire as a natural factor. Such intolerance to fire is also seen in Sand (Licuáti) Forest on the coastal plains of

Maputaland in southern Mozambique. Currently fire is increasingly introduced into forest patches with the slash and burn agricultural activities of an expanding human population.

DISCUSSION

Checklists of plants have an important role beyond the call for simple inventories of species. They serve as foundations for the enumeration of flora and vegetation in given areas. This paper also serves to demonstrate the diversity of woody species and vegetation types within a small area. Comparisons of the Catapú checklist with checklists of the surveys in nearby regions, confirm the convergence of several floristic and vegetation elements resulting in the richness and unique composition of the vegetation at Catapú.

When a plant has a name it has an identity, and the inclusion of vernacular names in a checklist has the potential to increase communication during field work. The trees at Catapú have been numbered and tagged, their exact position recorded and voucher specimens prepared. This has resulted in a living reference collection, cross-referenced to herbarium specimens, available on site, an important contribution to any future botanical study or field work in the area.

The present survey shows that 181 species recorded in the study area at Catapú were also recorded by one or other of the two available Zambezi River Valley vegetation surveys. A total of 60 species on the Catapú list were not included in either of the Zambezi River Valley vegetation surveys. Furthermore, this checklist is essentially a list of woody species and is an ongoing exercise but when ferns, herbs, geophytes and grasses are taken into account, the diversity will prove considerable.

There is a so-called forest reserve, the Inhamitanga Forest Reserve, a 2 km wide belt (1 km on either side of the road) on the Inhamitanga-Chupanga road, which starts at Inhamitanga Village on the southeastern boundary of Catapú, where the railway line and road meet, and runs for \pm 10 km. Although it is marked on most of the 1: 250 000 maps of the area, very few people know of its existence and there is no formal protection of the reserve. It falls within Coutada 12, the hunting concession on the Catapú eastern boundary, so no timber concessions or simple cutting licenses can be issued in the area. The damage to the reserve so far has been very limited but like all Mozambique's forests they face the constant threat to slash and burn settlement, the risk of fire damage and of fuel-wood collection.

Not included in the checklist are at least another 10 or more tree species known to occur in the area but not yet found on Catapú. Hence the importance of this study which it is hoped can be extended to cover the rest of the Cheringoma area, including the Inhamitanga Forest Reserve and adjacent hunting concessions where the vegetation is probably protected to some extent, particularly against the ravages of extensive slash and burn settlement. An increased conservation initiative in this

area is urgently required, together with further biological studies. It is essential to know what is there before measures can be taken to save it.

We believe there is a very strong case for the whole Cheringoma area to be declared an Important Plant Area (Smith 2004) as it fulfills the following criteria; the site contains restricted range species (narrow endemics), has a botanical diversity with a high number of species and is a regionally threatened habitat. The area forms part of the Southern Zanzibar-Inhambane Coastal Forest Mosaic, an ecoregion of which the conservation status is 'critical' (Schipper & Burgess 2004). Furthermore, the Cheringoma area also falls within the Coastal Forests of Eastern Africa Hotspot (Burgess *et al.* 2004), one of 34 such regions identified as Earth's biologically richest and most endangered terrestrial ecoregions.

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APPENDIX 1.—A checklist of woody species at Catapú

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Taxon	Voucher No.	Growth form†	Sena name	Distr.	Gel.	DaS	Mul.	Tim
Acanthaceae								
Ruspolia hypocrateriformis (Vahl) Milne-Redh. var. australis Milne-Redh.	Cher58	ST		N	0	NM	0	0
Sclerochiton kirkii (T.Anderson) C.B.Clarke	Cher99, 100	ST		N	0	NS	0	0
Anacardiaceae								
Lannea schweinfurthii (Engl.) Engl. var. stuhlman- nii (Engl.) Kokwaro	M78	T	N'tchilussua*	T	0	1	1	1
Ozoroa obovata (Oliv.) R.Fern. & A.Fern. var. obovata	Cher33	Т	Nkhataussalu*	Т	1	1	1	0
Sclerocarya birrea (A.Rich.) Hochst. subsp. caffra (Sond.) Kokwaro	M119	Т	N'fula*	Т	2	1	1	1
Annonaceae								
Annona senegalensis Pers. subsp. senegalensis	Cher56	T	Mulembe*	T	2	NS	1	0
Artabotrys brachypetalus Benth.	M106	LS	Nfazi*	Т	0	NS	1	1
Cleistochlamys kirkii (Benth.) Oliv.	Cher35	Т	Nhongolo*	Т	0	1	1	1
Friesodielsia obovata (Benth.) Verd.	M85	ST	N'tsinga*	N	0	1	0	1
Monodora junodii Engl. & Diels var. macrantha J.Paiva	Cher5	Т		Т	0	Т	1	1
Monodora stenopetala <i>Oliv</i> .	Cher76	Т	Nsiwi*	Е	0	1	0	1
Uvaria lucida Benth. subsp. virens (N.E.Br.) Verdc.	M103	LS	Nunde	T	0	1	0	0
Apiaceae								
Steganotaenia araliacea Hochst. var. araliacea	M143	T	N'dhudhu-nhanga*	T	0	1	0	1
Apocynaceae								
Diplorhynchus condylocarpon (Müll.Arg.) Pichon	JAW2	Т	Nhanthomole*	T	0	1	1	1
Holarrhena pubescens (BuchHam.) Wall. ex G.Don.	Cher36	TS	Khumba yaa ndzo	T	0	1	0	1
Hunteria zeylanica (Retz.) Gardner ex Thwaites var. africana (K.Schum.) Pichon	Cher28, 37	TS	N'dhudhu-nhanga de floresta*	N	0	1	0	0
Landolphia kirkii <i>T-Dyer ex Hook.f</i> .	Cher38	LS	Mamungu*	T	1	NS	1	0
Strophanthus kombe Oliv.	Cher39	LS	Tribadeila	T	0	1	0	1
Strophanthus petersianus Klotzsch	Cher40	LS		T	0	1	0	1
Гаbernaemontana elegans Stapf	M65, 71	T	N'caucau*	T	1	1	1	0
Arecaceae								
Borassus aethiopum Mart.	s.n.	P	N'dhikhua	T	0	NM	1	0
Hyphaene coriacea <i>Gaertn</i> .	M161	P	N'tcheu	Т	0	NM	1	0
Phoenix reclinata Jacq.	s.n.	P	N'tchiendo	S	1	NM	1	0
Asteraceae								
Pluchea dioscoridis (L.) DC.	Cher50	T	N'dvuvu*	T	0	1	1	1
Vernonia colorata (Willd.) Drake subsp. colorata	M174	ST		Т	0	1	1	0

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Balanitaceae								
Balanites maughamii Sprague subsp. maughamii	M83	Т	N'soconondo	T	2	1	0	1
Bignoniaceae								
Fernandoa magnifica Seem.	M121	T	N'culue	N	0	1	0	0
Kigelia africana (<i>Lam.) Benth</i> .	M139	Т	N'vunguti*	T	0	1	1	1
Markhamia obtusifolia (Baker) Sprague	M76	Т	N'cluvu Nhuvuruvu N'sevu*	N	0	1	1	1
Markhamia zanzibarica (Bojer ex DC.) K.Schum.	M140	Т	Muanambeu Tsueua*	Т	0	1	1	1
Stereospermum kunthianum Cham.	MJ16	Т	Nhacavunguti	N	0	1	0	1
Bombacaceae								
Adansonia digitata <i>L</i> .	CherM142	T	Himbondeiro Mulambe*	T	0	1	0	1
Bombax rhodognaphalon K.Schum. ex Engl.	M104	Т	N'ghuza*	N	0	1	0	1
Boraginaceae								
Cordia goetzei Gürke	MJ13	Т	Tchiothamafumu	N	0	NM	1	1
Cordia pilosissima <i>Baker</i>	M113	ST	Mamina a n'gombe	N	0	NS	0	1
Cordia stuhlmannii <i>Gürke</i>	Cher55, 90	Т		Е	0	NM	0	0
Cordia torrei Martins	Cher61, 66	Т	Mamina a n'gombe	N	0	NM	0	0
Ehretia amoena Klotzsch	Cher84	Т	Ncanacana	T	0	1	0	1
Burseraceae								
Commiphora edulis (Klotzsch) Engl. subsp. edulis	Cher41	Т		T	0	1	0	1
Commiphora zanzibarica (Baill.) Engl.	Cher42	Т	Tchinthiko*	<u>T</u>	1	1	0	1
Capparaceae				_				
Boscia mossambicensis Klotzsch	M221	T	NTI ±	T	0	1	0	1
Boscia salicifolia <i>Oliv.</i> Capparis erythrocarpos <i>Isert</i> var. rosea (<i>Klotsch</i>) DeWolf	M134 Cher93	T S	Nhenze* M'phatchocolo	N N	0	1 NS	1	1
Cladostemon kirkii (Oliv.) Pax & Gilg	M148	ST	Ndico za mabhongue	Т	0	1	0	1
Maerua angolensis <i>DC</i> .	Cher44	Т	Tchidzyambuzi	T	0	1	0	1
Thilachium africanum Lour.	Cher17	ST	Tchikhala-nherere	Т	0	1	0	1
Celastraceae								
Elaeodendron transvaalense (Burtt Davy) R.H.Archer	Cher 94	T		S	0	NS	0	0
Gymnosporia putterlickioides Loes.	Cher45	Т		Т	0	NS	0	0
Gymnosporia senegalensis (Lam.) Loes.	Cher46	ST	N'tamba ntsato*	T	2	1	1	1
Loeseneriella crenata (<i>Klotzsch</i>) <i>N.Hallé</i> [= <i>Hippocratea crenata</i> (Klotzsch) K.Shum. & Loes.]	Cher49	SL		Т	0	1	0	1

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Celastraceae (cont.)								
Reissantia buchananii (Loes.) N.Hallé [= Hippocratea buchananii Loes.]	Cher47	SL	Ntutu	N	0	1	0	0
Reissantia indica (Willd.) N.Hallé var. orienta- lis N.Hallé & Mathew [= Hippocratea indica Willd.]	Cher48	SL		Т	0	NS	1	0
Celtidaceae								
Celtis mildbraedii Engl.	Cher51	. T	Мрере	T	0	1	0	. 0
Clusiaceae								
Garcinia livingstonei T.Anderson	M90	T	M'pimbi*	T	1	1	1	1
Combretaceae								
Combretum adenogonium Steud. ex A.Rich.	M114	T	N'fiti*	N	0	1	0	1
Combretum apiculatum Sond. subsp. apiculatum	M110	Т	Cagolo*	Т	0	1	0	1
Combretum hereroense Schinz	М93	Т	Sindza nchuere*	Т	0	1	0	1
Combretum imberbe Wawra	M99	Т	Nangali*	Т	0	1	1	1
Combretum kirkii M.A.Lawson	Cher53	L		Е	0	NS	0	1
Combretum microphyllum Klotzsch	Cher95	L	Nhacaluelue	Т	0	1	0	1
Combretum mossambicense (Klotzsch) Engl.	Cher153	SL	N'cotamo*	Т	0	1	0	1
Combretum padoides Engl. & Diels	Cher54	ST		Т	0	NS	0	1
Combretum pisoniiflorum (Klotzsch) Engl.	M508	L		N	0	1	0	1
Pteleopsis myrtifolia (M.A.Lawson) Engl. & Diels	Cher108	T	Ngolozi*	Т	0	1	1	1
Terminalia sambesiaca Engl. & Diels	Cher109	T	N'culungu*	N	0	1	0	1
Terminalia sericea Burch. ex DC.	M77	Т	N'ghodhoni*	T	0	1	0	1
Connaraceae								
Rourea orientalis Baill.	Cher18, 87	S	Nhantsanga	N	0	1	1	0
Convolvulaceae								
Ipomoea verbascoidea Choisy		LS		T	0	1	0	. 0
Dichapetalaceae								
Tapura fischeri Engl.	Cher2, 110	T	Nhaussanga	Т	1	1	1	1
Ebenaceae								
Diospyros loureiriana G.Don subsp. loureiriana	Cher77	TS	Nhandhima*	Т	. 0	1	1	0
Diospyros mespiliformis Hochst. ex A.DC.	M141	Т	N'fuma*	Т	0	1	1	1
Diospyros senensis Klotzsch	M80	Т	Gogoda ya n'thika* Tombo n'thika	N	0	1	1	1
Diospyros squarrosa <i>Klotzsch</i>	JAW1	Т	Nhacatsicana	N	0	1	0	1
Euclea schimperi (A.DC.) Dandy	qg215	ST	Nhandema	T	1	NS	1	1
Erythroxylaceae								
Erythroxylum emarginatum <i>Thonn</i> .	Cher83	ST		T	2	1	1	0

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Euphorbiaceae								
Acalypha chirindica S.Moore	Cher59	ST		N	0	NS	0	0
Alchornea laxiflora (Benth.) Pax & K.Hoffm.	Cher19	ST	M'bebe	T	0	1	1	1
Croton megalobotrys <i>Müll.Arg</i> .	Cher89	Т		Т	0	1	0	1
Erythrococca menyharthii (Pax) Prain	Cher75	ST		T	0	1	0	0
Excoecaria bussei (Pax) Pax	M122	T	Nthavu ya mphonda	T	0	1	0	1
Mildbraedia carpinifolia (Pax) Hutch.	Cher595	T	N'tundunkhadzi	N	0	1	0	0
Schinziophyton rautanenii (Schinz) RadclSm.	M151	T	N'gomo*	N	0	1	0	0
Spirostachys africana Sond.	M88	T	N'cuniti*	T	1	1	0	0
Suregada zanzibariensis <i>Baill</i> .	Cher155	T	Nsinjamachue*	Т	1	1	1	0
Fabaceae: Caesalpinioideae								
Afzelia quanzensis Welw.	M94, 132	T	N'socossa*	T	0	. 1	. 1	1
Bauhinia tomentosa <i>L</i> .	Cher73	ST		T	1	1	0	1
Brachystegia spiciformis Benth.	s.n.	Т	Missassa* N'sassa*	Т	0	1	1	1
Burkea africana <i>Hook</i> .	Cher43	Т	N'cimbe*	Т	0	1	0	1
Cassia afrofistula Brenan var. patentipila Brenan	M109	TS	Mulumanhyama* Murumanhyama*	Т	0	NM	0	0
Piliostigma thonningii (Schumach.) Milne-Redh.	M95	T	N'sekesse*	T	0	1	1	1
Senna petersiana (Bolle) Lock	M73	ST	M'bhuembakhoe*	T	0	1	0	1
Tamarindus indica <i>L</i> .	M91, 102	T	M'bhwemba*	Т	0	1	0	1
Fabaceae: Mimosoideae								
Acacia adenocalyx Brenan & Exell	Cher126	SL	Linghato	N	0	NS	0	0
Acacia burkei <i>Benth</i> .	Cher125	T		S	0	1	0	0
Acacia galpinii Burtt Davy	M153	T	N'sheni*	T	0	1	0	1
Acacia nigrescens Oliv.	M115	T	Ncunghu	T	0	1	0	1
Acacia nilotica (<i>L.</i>) <i>Willd. ex Delile</i> subsp. kraussiana (<i>Benth.</i>) <i>Brenan</i>	M191	Т	Nhacasadze N'tchissio*	Т	0	1	1	1
Acacia polyacantha Willd. subsp. campylacantha (Hochst. ex A.Rich.) Brenan	M166	T	N'ghowe*	T	0	1	1	1
Acacia robusta <i>Burch</i> . subsp. usambarensis (<i>Taub.</i>) <i>Brenan</i>	M64	T	Nsadzi*	T	0	1	0	0
Acacia sieberiana DC. var. sieberiana	Cher124; M147, 163	Т	N'ghunga*	N	0	1	0	1
Acacia torrei <i>Brenan</i>	Cher60	SG		Е	0	NM	0	0
Acacia xanthophloea <i>Benth</i> .	M152	T	Njerenjere	Т	0	NS	1	1
Albizia anthelmintica (A.Rich.) Brongn.	M96	Т	N'zanga	Т	0	1	0	1
Albizia glaberrima (Schumach. & Thonn.) Benth. var. glabrescens (Oliv.) Brenan	Cher123	Т	N'ghedhan'khanga*	N	0	1	0	1
Albizia harveyi <i>E.Fourn</i> .	Cher121	Т	N'solola*	Т	0	1	0	1
Albizia versicolor <i>Welw. ex Oliv.</i>	M162	T	Tangatanga*	T	0	1	1	1
Albizia zimmermannii <i>Harms</i>	Cher122	Т		N	0	1	0	0

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Fabaceae: Mimosoideae (cont.)								
Amblygonocarpus andongensis (Welw. ex Oliv.) Exell & Torre	M155	T	M'bhangawanga*	T	0	NS	0	0
Dichrostachys cinerea (L.) Wight & Arn.	Cher69	ST	Mphangala* Chitsangala*	Т	2	1	1	1
Entada wahlbergii <i>Harv</i> .	Cher91	L	Tripadela	Т	0	NM	0	0
Newtonia hildebrandtii (Vatke) Torre var. hildebrandtii	M89	Т	N'ghuyugyu* N'guiugiu*	Т	0	1	0	1
Xylia torreana <i>Brenan</i>	Cher120	Т	N'calala*	S	0	1	0	1
Fabaceae: Papilionoideae								
Abrus precatorius L. subsp. africanus Verdc.	M187	L	N'minimini*	T	1	1	1	1
Cordyla africana <i>Lour</i> .	M156	Т	N'tondo*	Т	1	NM	0	1
Craibia zimmermannii (Harms) Dunn	M217	Т		Т	2	1	0	0
Dalbergia arbutifolia <i>Baker</i> subsp. arbutifolia	Cher130	L	N'tsinda	N	0	1	0	1
Dalbergia boehmii Taub. subsp. boehmii	Cher131	T		N	0	1	0	1
Dalbergia fischeri <i>Taub</i> .	Cher82	L		N	0	1	0	1
Dalbergia melanoxylon Guill. & Perr.	M74	Т	M'phingwe* Pau-preto	Т	0	1	0	1
Erythrina livingstoniana Baker	Cher132	Т	Chinungu N'angalan'goma	Е	0	1	1	1
Indigofera ormocarpoides Baker	M160	ST	Nhacamphete*	Т	0	NS	0	1
Millettia mossambicensis J.B.Gillett	Cher133	Т	N'sangala	Е	0	1	0	0
Millettia stuhlmannii <i>Taub</i> .	Cher136	Т	M'pangiri* Panga-panga*	Т	0	1	1	0
Millettia usaramensis <i>Taub</i> . subsp. australis <i>J.B.Gillett</i>	Cher135	Т	Nsangala dzinza	N	О	1	1	О
Philenoptera bussei (Harms) Schrire	M127	Т		N	0	1	0	1
Philenoptera violacea (Klotze) Schrire	M116	T	M'phacassa*	Т	0	1	1	1
Pterocarpus angolensis <i>DC</i> .	M150	Т	Umbila*	Т	0	1	1	1
Xanthocercis zambesiaca (Baker) Dumaz-le-Grand	! Cher81	Т		Т	0	1	0	1
Xeroderris stuhlmannii (Taub.) Mendonça & E.P.Sousa	M117	Т	Mulonde*	Т	0	1	1	1
Flacourtiaceae								
Bivinia jalbertii <i>Tul</i> .	Cher103	T		N	0	1	0	0
Casearia gladiiformis <i>Mast</i> .	Cher11	Т	Nhamauira	T	0	1	0	0
Dovyalis hispidula <i>Wild</i>	Cher112	ST	Nhacitje N'tudza* N'tutu Nyacsinge	N	0	1	0	0
Dovyalis xanthocarpa <i>Bullock</i>	M130	ST		N	0	NM	0	0
Flacourtia indica (Burm.f.) Merr.	M70	Т	N'tchumbutchumbu* N'tudza*	Т	0	1	0	1
Oncoba spinosa Forssk.	<i>MJI132</i>	T		Т	0	1	0	0

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Hernandaceae								
Gyrocarpus americanus <i>Jacq</i> . subsp. africanus <i>Kubitzki</i>	Cher65	T		Т	0	NS	0	1
Kiggelariaceae				_				
Xylotheca tettensis (Klotzsch) Gilg var. macro- phylla (Klotzsch) Wild	Cher113	TS	Ncanacana Nchenamadzi*	N	0	1	1	1
Kirkiaceae								
Kirkia acuminata <i>Oliv</i> .	Cher165	T	N'tun'gundua	<u>T</u>	0	1	0	1
Lamiaceae								
Clerodendrum eriophyllum Gürke	Cher71	TS		N	0	1	0	0
Hoslundia opposita Vahl	JAW3	S	Tsuimbatsuiru*	T	0	1	1	0
Premna senensis Klotzsch	MJI60	ST	Tsuimbatsuiru	N	0	NS	0	0
Vitex ferruginea Schumach. & Thonn.	Cher114	T		T	0	NS	0	1
Vitex payos (Lour.) Merr.	M63	T		N	0	NS	1	1
Vitex petersiana Klotzsch	Cher74	ST		N	0	NS	1	1
Linaceae								
Hugonia busseana Engl.	Cher115	SL	Gonadzololo	N	0	1	1	1
Malvaceae								
Hibiscus mossambicensis Gonc.	M169	ST		E	0	1	0	0
Melastomataceae								
Warneckea sansibaricum (Taub.) JacqFél.	M201	T	Nhacateme	N	0	1	1	0
Meliaceae								
Khaya anthotheca (Welw.) C.DC.	MJI5	T	M'bhaua*	N	0	1	0	0
Trichilia capitata Klotzsch	Cher67, 116, 118	Т	N'ghonamadjziwa	N	0	1	0	1
Trichilia emetica Vahl subsp. emetica	qg142	Т	N'sikiri*	Т	2	1	1	1
Turraea nilotica Kotschy & Peyr.	Cher117	Т	Ncanacana	Т	0	1	0	1
Menispermaceae								
Tiliacora funifera (Miers) Oliv.	Cher152; M195	L		Т	0	1	1	1
Moraceae								
Ficus bussei Warb. ex Mildbr. & Burret	MJI8	T	N'towe*	N	0	1	0	1
Ficus ingens (Miq.) Miq.	M118	Т	N'towe*	Т	1	NS	0	0
Ficus stuhlmannii Warb.	Cher128	T	N'towe*	T	0	1	0	0
Ficus sycomorus L. subsp. sycomorus	M159	Т	N'savu	T	0	1	1	1
Ficus tremula Warb. subsp. tremula	Cher127	Т	N'thowe*	Т	0	1	0	0

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Moraceae (cont.)								
Maclura africana (Bureau) Corner	M120	SL	N'dhowa*	T	0	1	1	1
Milicia excelsa (Welw.) C.C.Berg	DP1	Т	N'ghunda*	Т	0	NS	0	0
Morus mesozygia Stapf ex A. Chev.	Cher129	T	N'codzi	Т	1	1	0	0
Ochnaceae								
Brackenridgea zanguebarica Oliv.	Cher86	Т	Ncana-ncana*	Т	0	1	0	1
Ochna angustata N.Robson	M510	ST		E	0	1	0	. 0
Olacaceae Ximenia americana L. var. microphylla Welw. ex	M204	ST		S	1	1	0	1
Oliv.								
Ximenia caffra Sond. var. natalensis Sond.	M98	Т	Ntenguene* Ntenguere*	T	2	1	0	1
Oleaceae								
Jasminum stenolobum Rolfe	Cher157	L		T	0	1	0	1
Schrebera trichoclada Welw.	M145		N'combego	Т	0	1	0	1
Opiliaceae Opilia amentacea <i>Roxb.</i> [= <i>Opilia celtidifolia</i> (Guill. & Perr.) Endl. ex Walp.]	M194, 199			S	0	NS	0	0
Passifloraceae								
Adenia gummifera (Harv.) Harms	M157		Mole*	T	0	NS	0	1
Phyllanthaceae								
Antidesma venosum <i>E.Mey. ex Tul.</i>	M124	T	Mungalamunhu* N'tchiviri Nthangalamunhu*	T	2	1	1	1
Bridelia cathartica <i>G.Bertol</i> . subsp. melanthesoides (<i>Baill</i> .) <i>J.Léonard</i>	s Cher21	ST		Т	2	NS	1	1
Cleistanthus schlechteri (Pax) Hutch.	M112	Т	N'cua*	Т	1	NS	1	0
Flueggea virosa (Roxb. ex Willd.) Voigt subsp. virosa	M75	ST	N'sossoto*	Т	0	NS	1	1
Hymenocardia ulmoides Oliv.	Cher2	T	Nchinkhue*	Т	0	NS	0	0
Margaritaria discoidea (Baill.) G.L.Webster var. triplosphaera RadclSm.	Cher72	T	Ncalassi Ntsanzayadziua	N	0	NS	0	0
Phyllanthus ovalifolius <i>Forssk</i> .	Cher97	ST		N	0	NS	1	0
Phyllanthus reticulatus <i>Poir</i> :	M62	ST		T	1	1	1	1
Pseudolachnostylis maprouneifolia Pax	M125	T	N'toto*	Т	0	1	0	1
Uapaca sp. cf. U. nitida & U. sansibarica	M172	T		-	-	-	-	-
Polygalaceae								
Carpolobia goetzei Gürke	Cher92	T	N'tenja*	N	0	1	1	0
Securidaca longepedunculata Fresen.	Cher70; M158	Т	M'pupu*	Т	0	1	0	1

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Putranjivaceae (cont.)								
Drypetes arguta (Müll.Arg.) Hutch.	Cher22			T	2	1	0	0
Drypetes mossambicensis Hutch.	Cher23			T	0	1	0	1
Drypetes reticulata Pax	Cher3, 24, 25		N'thassica	T	0	1	0	. 0
Rhamnaceae								
Berchemia discolor (Klotzsch) Hemsl.	M138	T	N'tatcha*	T	1	1	1	1
Lasciodiscus pervillei Baill. subsp. pervillei	Cher15, 62	ST		Т	0	NS	0	0
Ziziphus abyssinica Hochst. ex A.Rich.	M61	Т	N'tsao-tsanga*	N	0	NS	0	0
Ziziphus mauritiana <i>Lam</i> .	M66	Т	N'sao*	+	0	1	0	1
Ziziphus mucronata Willd.	M111	Т	N'tchatchane*	Т	1	1	1	1
Ziziphus pubescens Oliv.	Cher88	Т	N'suinga mamina	Т	0	1	0	1
Rhizophoraceae								
Cassipourea euryoides Alston	s.n.	T		T	0	1	0	0
Rubiaceae								
Afrocanthium racemulosum (S.Moore) Lantz var. racemulosum	Cher137	T		N	0	NM	0	0
Catunaregam swynnertonii (S.Moore) Bridson	Cher64	Т	Nyacapumba	Е	0	NS	1	1
Chazaliella abrupta (Hiern) E.M.A.Petit & Verdc. var. abrupta	Cher20, 98	S		N	0	NM	1	1
Coffea racemosa Lour.	Cher16, 148	ST		S	1	1	1	0
Crossopteryx febrifuga (Afzel. ex G.Don) Benth.	M72	Т	Fititonga	Т	0	1	1	1
Gardenia ternifolia <i>Schumach. & Thonn.</i> subsp. jovis-tonantis (<i>Welw.</i>) <i>Verdc.</i> var. goetzei (<i>Stapf</i> & <i>Hutch.</i>) <i>Verdc.</i>	Cher139	Т		Т	0	1	0	1
Heinsia crinata (Afzel.) G.Taylor subsp. parviflora (K.Schum. & K.Krause) Verdc.	Cher96, 140	ST	N'tanha	Т	0	1	0	0
Oxyanthus latifolius Sond.	Cher141	ST	Nghona-alendo	Т	0	NS	1	0
Pavetta klotzschiana K.Schum.	Cher142	ST		Е	0	NS	1	1
Rothmannia fischeri (K.Schum.) Bullock subsp. moramballae (Hiern) Bridson	M131	T		Т	0	NS	0	1
Tricalysia jasminiflora (Klotzsch) Benth. & Hook.f. ex Hiern var. jasminiflora	Cher143	ST	Tchidyakamba	E	0	1	1	0
Tricalysia junodii (Schinz) Brenan	<i>MJI</i> 95	ST		S	0	NS	0	1
Vangueria esculenta S.Moore	Cher4	Т	N'zuiro	Е	0	1	0	0
Vangueria infausta Burch. subsp. infausta	Cher85	Т	N'zuiro*	Т	2	1	1	1
Rutaceae								
Citropsis daweana Swingle & M.Kellerm.	Cher145	ST		N	0	1	0	1
Vepris lanceolata (Lam.) G.Don	Cher146	ST	Nhatchetche	S	2	1	0	0
Zanthoxylum holtzianum (Engl.) P.G. Waterman	M108	Т		N	0	NM	0	0
Zanthoxylum leprieurii Guill. & Perr.	Cher119	ST		Т	0	1	0	1

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Salvadoraceae								
Salvadora persica L. var. persica	M222	ST		Т	0	NS	0	1
Sapindaceae								
Allophylus rubifolius (Hochst. ex A.Rich.) Engl.	JAW2; M67	ST	Nhamatubhu*	_ T	0	1	1	1
Blighia unijugata Baker	M66A	T		T	1	1	1	0
Deinbollia xanthocarpa (Klotzsch) Radlk.	Cher144	SG?	N'tsikiribhanda*	T	0	1	1	1
Lecaniodiscus fraxinifolius <i>Baker</i> subsp. scassellatii (<i>Chiov.</i>) <i>Friis</i>	M128	T	Mutarara* N'talala*	T	0	1	0	1
Sapotaceae								
Inhambanella henriquesii (Engl. & Warb.) Dubard	Cher30, 148	T	M'piao*	T	1	1	1	0
Manilkara mochisia (Baker) Dubard	Cher147	Т	N'gambu* N'gambu-n'gambu	Т	0	1	0	1
Mimusops obtusifolia Lam.	Cher31, 149	T	N'salazi*	Т	0	1	0	0
Solanaceae								
Solanum aculeastrum Dunal	Cher29	T		T	0	NM	0	0
Sterculiaceae								
Cola mossambicensis Wild	Cher150	T		Е	0	1	0	0
Dombeya rotundifolia (Hochst.) Planch. var. rotundifolia	M97	Т		Т	1	1	0	1
Dombeya shupangae K.Schum.	Cher101	T		N	0	1	0	0
Sterculia africana (Lour.) Fiori var. africana	M133	T	N'ghoza*	N	0	1	0	1
Sterculia appendiculata K.Schum.	Cher151; M144	Т	N'djale*	N	0	1	1	1
Strychnaceae								
Strychnos henningsii Gilg	Cher6, 28	T		T	1	1	0	0
Strychnos madagascariensis Poir.	Cher106	T	N'teme	T	2	NS	0	1
Strychnos potatorum <i>L.f.</i>	M82	T	N'tupa*	T	0	1	0	1
Strychnos spinosa Lam.	Cher104	Т	N'tengulengu*	T	2	1	1	1
Strychnos usambarensis Gilg	Cher107; M129	Т	N'tchapata	S	0	1	0	1
Thymelaeaceae								
Synaptolepis alternifolia <i>Oliv</i> .	M189	LS		N	0	NS	1	0
Synaptolepis kirkii Oliv.	Cher159; M190	L		Т	0	NS	1	0
Tiliaceae								
Glyphaea tomentosa Mast.	Cher14	T	N'calangua* Ncalangue-ntherere*	Е	0	1	0	0
Grewia caffra <i>Meisn</i> .	Cher7	SL	2	T	0	1	1	0

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Tiliaceae (cont.)								
Grewia forbesii Harv. ex Mast.	Cher9	ST	N'tsunzwa	N	0	NS	0	1
Grewia inaequilatera Garcke	Cher8	ST	Thenzua	T	0	1	0	1
Grewia lepidopetala Garcke	Cher11	ST	Nhacathenzua	N	0	NS	0	1
Grewia micrantha Bojer	Cher109	T	N'tongolo*	T	0	1	0	1
Grewia microcarpa K.Schum.	Cher12, 13, 154	T	N'tsunzwa	N	0	1	0	1
Grewia sulcata Mast.	Cher102	ST	N'tsunzwa*	T	0	1	1	1
Violaceae								
Rinorea elliptica (Oliv.) Kuntze	Cher27, 32	T		N	0	1	0	0
Vitaceae								
Cissus cornifolia (Baker) Planch.	s.n.	S		T	0	1	0	1
Cissus integrifolia (Baker) Planch.	M107	L	N'tamba*	Т	0	1	1	1

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Column 2: voucher no., collectors' abbreviations: Cher, Cheringoma herbarium accession no.; DP, David Peta; JAW, James White; M, Meg Coates Palgrave; MJI, Mario Jose Inacio; qg, quick guide no.

Column 3: growth form: T, tree; S, shrub over 2 m; L, liane.

Column 4: Sena name, * published in De Koning (1993).
Column 5: Distr., phytogeographical distribution: N, northerly distribution, occurring mainly north of the study area; S, southerly distribution, occurring mainly south of the study area; T, distribution transitional, occurring both north and south of the study area; E, species endemic to the Swahilian/Maputaland Regional Transition Zone; Ziziphus mauritiana, marked +, an alien, is included in the list. Tamarindus indica is considered to be indigenous for the area (Coates Palgrave 2002).

Column 6: Gel., Geldenhuys (1992): 0, absent; 1, present.

Column 7: DaS, Da Silva et al. (2004): 1, present; NS, absent or not recorded for Sofala; NM, absent or not recorded for Mozambique.

Column 8: Mul., Müller et al. (2000): 1, present; 0, absent.

Column 9: Tim., Timberlake (2002): 1, present; 0, absent.



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