Magnolia sulawesiana described, and a key to the species of *Magnolia* (*Magnoliaceae*) occurring in Sulawesi

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Elmerrillia Lore Lindu National Park Magnolia Magnoliaceae Sulawesi Abstract Magnolia sulawesiana is described as new species and a modified key of Magnolia subsect. Elmerrillia is included. In addition, a new key of the ten Magnolia species occurring in Sulawesi is provided based on vegetative characters for easy identification in the field.

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INTRODUCTION

Currently, 36 species of Magnolia are known to occur in Malesia, 25 of which are endemic to the region (WCSP 2013). The family has been thoroughly studied in Malesia in comparison with many other tree families (Keng 1978, Nooteboom 1985, 1987, 1988, Kim et al. 2001). Taxonomic and phylogenetic studies using both morphological (Keng 1978, Figlar 2000, Li & Conran 2003) and molecular data (Shi et al. 2000, Azuma et al. 2001, Kim et al. 2001, Nie et al. 2008) have challenged traditional generic concepts and relationships and modified the positions and circumscriptions of many taxa within the subfamily Magnolioideae. As a result, former segregate genera like Manglietia, Michelia and Elmerrillia have been reduced to taxa at infrageneric level in a broadened Magnolia (Figlar & Nooteboom 2004) reflecting phylogenetic relationships. The former genus Elmerrillia Dandy, which was initially reduced to a section of the genus Magnolia by Figlar (2000), is currently treated as a subsection in Magnolia sect. Michelia (L.) Baill., based largely on its morphological characters - flowers that usually arise terminally on brachyblasts as in Michelia s.str. -, but differs slightly by its sessile gynoecium and introrse anther dehiscence. However, recently both nuclear and cpDNA sequences have shown subsect. Elmerrillia taxa to be embedded within the Michelia s.str. clade (Kim et al. 2001, Nie et al. 2008, Azuma et al. 2001) rather than forming a separate subclade. Thus, the subsectional status for this group is now in doubt.

Sulawesi is the largest island of the geologically complex insular region termed Wallacea. While levels of biodiversity and endemism are high (Myers et al. 2000), Sulawesi's flora remains poorly known and botanical collections are sparse compared to the other major Malesian islands (Frodin 2001). The results of recent intensive tree inventories for ecological studies in montane areas of Central Sulawesi have highlighted the deficiencies in the taxonomic and distribution data for Sulawesi (Culmsee & Pitopang 2009, Berg & Culmsee 2011, Culmsee et al. 2011).

Due to their size, valuable timber and potential use as ornamentals, Magnolias are likely to be well represented in botanical collections. However, only recently Magnolia utilis (Dandy) V.S.Kumar, a species otherwise known to occur in Continental Southeast Asia and Borneo, was recorded in Sulawesi's Southeast Peninsula for the first time (Wen & Kartonegoro 10261, 10276; BO, US). In the course of our above-mentioned tree inventory studies in montane forests of Sulawesi, we now discovered a new Magnolia species of subsect. Elmerrillia, which is - to our present knowledge - endemic to the island. Here, we describe the new species and place it in existing keys. In addition, we provide a new key to the ten known Magnolia species of Sulawesi based on vegetative characters for easy identification in the field. For the construction of the keys, in addition to our own observations and specimens from Sulawesi, herbarium specimens were studied at Herbarium Bogoriense (BO), Herbarium Celebense (CEB), Herbarium Göttingen (GOET), Royal Botanic Gardens Kew (K) and National Herbarium of the Netherlands (L, U).

Magnolia sulawesiana Brambach, Noot. & Culmsee, sp. nov. — Fig. 1; Map 1

Prope *M. tsiampacca* (L.) Figlar & Noot. et *M. platyphyllam* (Merr.) Figlar & Noot. subsectionis *Elmerrillia* (Dandy) Figlar & Noot. speciebus ceteris in petioli sulco superiore tantum pilis villosis plus minusve persistentibus et folii pagina inferior in lineis angustis proxime iuxta costae utrinque laterem, gynoecio 8–12 carpellis differt. — Type: *Brambach et al.* 1334 (flowers; holo L 3 sheets; iso BO, CEB), Indonesia, Province of Central Sulawesi (Sulawesi Tengah), Poso Regency, Lore Tengah District, Lore Lindu National Park, Mt Dali (S01.700°, E120.150°), 1950 m, 23 Jan. 2012.

Evergreen trees of tropical montane rain forest, up to 35 m tall and 100 cm diam. *Bark* grey-brown, fissured, lenticellate, of mealy texture, flaking off in large, irregular plates on older trees, inner bark yellow, turning orange upon contact with air. *Twigs* monopodial, proleptic, glabrous, c. 2–3 mm diam in the distal internodes; slightly flattened, more so at the nodes, innovations glossy green (reddish brown when dry), soon becoming darker green (darker brown when dry), with dispersed, conspicuous white lenticels; bark on older twigs silver-grey with fine longitudinal cracks. *Stipules* amplexicaul, free from the

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petioles, yellowish green (reddish brown when dry), glabrous, cigar-shaped, flattened and usually twisted, becoming up to 6 cm long, caducous, leaving white contrasting annular scars. Leaves glabrous except for a line of brown (pale when dry), erect, villous hairs running through the adaxial petiole groove to about the middle of the abaxial side of the leaf blade on both sides of the midrib, conspicuous in young leaves, glabrescent but often some hairs persistent; spirally arranged, usually oblong, elliptic or (narrowly) obovate (rarely narrowly ovate), the midrib arching downwards, V-shaped in cross section (midrib usually distorted when dry), (5-)6-9(-11) by (2.5-)3-4.5(-6.5) cm, ratio (1.6-)1.9-2.2(-2.4), margin entire, revolute, not thickened; base rounded to obtuse (to acute), slightly asymmetric, apex rounded to obtuse (to acute), with a short triangular, usually contorted acumen (c. 1-3 mm); coriaceous shiny green above (pale greenish brown to reddish brown when dry), paler beneath, (darker golden-brown to chestnut when dry); midrib flat and narrow above, round and strongly prominent beneath, yellowish green on both sides (concolorous with leaf blade above, chestnut and darker than leaf blade beneath when dry), running up to the very tip, there often forming a tiny, inconspicuous mucro; lateral veins (13–)15–18(–20) per side,

not very conspicuous, diverging at moderate to wide angles, running straight, ± parallel, rarely branching, intersecondary veins rarely present, irregularly looping near the margin, concolorous and slightly impressed above, the surface minutely bullate, contrasting darker green and not prominent beneath (concolorous and clearly prominent on both surfaces when dry); 3rd order venation subscalariform to reticulate, not very distinct from the reticulate 4th order venation, colour and prominence similar to lateral veins but slightly less prominent. Petioles (0.9-)1.1-1.7(-2.1) cm long, tapering towards the apex, concolorous with the young twigs, on the adaxial side a narrow groove with brown (pale when dry) hairs. Flowers bisexual, glabrous, solitary, terminal on brachyblasts. Brachyblasts sylleptic in the axils of normal foliage leaves (or leaves vestigial); 40-55 by 1-2 mm at anthesis, clavate, in colour and texture similar to young twigs; consisting of three internodes, the proximal two of which of ± equal length, the distal one reduced, so the flower sessile; one spathaceous bract at each node, adnate to vestigial, inconspicuous petioles, outside concolorous with the brachyblast, withering yellowish brown and splitting in two before being shed, inside golden-brown when dry (not seen fresh). Tepals 12, free, spathulate, white (chestnut when dry),

Fig. 1 *Magnolia sulawesiana* Brambach, Noot. & Culmsee. a. Leafy twig with flowers in four different development stages: flower buds (1st and 2nd to the right), open flower (middle) and young fruit after petals shed (left); b. ripe fruit (a. *Brambach et al.1334*, b. *Brambach et al. 0109*; all L).



subequal, in two whorls: outer three similar, c. 20 by 7 mm, inner 9 successively becoming narrower, innermost ones c. 18 by 3 mm. Stamens c. 12, filaments c. 1 mm long, anthers creamyyellow (chestnut when dry), linear, bifacially flattened, arching inwards, c. 8 mm long, bisporangiate, introrse, opening by two longitudinal slits along their whole length, connective rounded to subacute, c. 0.5 mm long. Gynoecium sessile, covered by the stamens at anthesis, carpels 8–11, spirally arranged on the receptacle, \pm ovoid, fresh green with white lenticels (black when dry), the styles minutely curved outwards. *Fruit* irregular, 1–2.5 cm long, fruiting carpels concrescent in developing fruit, finally free, only 2–3 of them developing seeds, dehiscing along the dorsal suture, falcate midrib sometimes persistent. Seeds not seen.

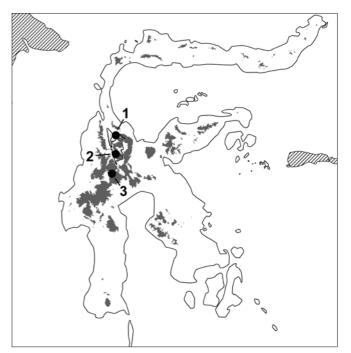
Distribution — Endemic to Sulawesi according to the present state of knowledge; recorded from the central part of Sulawesi (Provinces of Central Sulawesi and South Sulawesi) at elevations of 1600–2200 m. In Lore Lindu National Park it has been found at two sites, Mt Nokilalaki (at 1600 and 1900 m a.s.l.) and Mt Dali (at 1950 m a.s.l.). The third collection site is located in the Regency of Masamba at 2200 m a.s.l. (exact location unknown). The known area of distribution spans a range of c. 100 km in N–S direction.

Ecology — Large, canopy forming trees of primary, everwet, montane forests growing on gently sloping ridges over granite-derived soils. At Mt Nokilalaki (1900 m a.s.l.), *M. sulawesiana* is co-dominant in a *Fagaceae* and *Myrtaceae* forest. At Mt Dali, it occurs together with *M. carsonii* Dandy ex Noot. var. *carsonii* (see below for discussion of infraspecific taxonomy) and *M. liliifera* (L.) Baill. var. *liliifera* in a forest dominated by *Fagaceae*, *Myrtaceae* and conifers. Flowering was observed in January, March and August; fruiting in March.

Conservation status — The three collection localities of the species all lie within the mountain range of the central part of Sulawesi. Since the area is little explored botanically, and *M. sulawesiana* can be locally abundant (see Ecology), we expect the species to occur more widely within the mountain range. The land area of Sulawesi lying above 1500 m a.s.l. is c. 13 600 km² (calculated in Quantum GIS Version 1.8.0 using SRTM data from Jarvis et al. 2008). Forest condition in these upland areas is so far mostly good to old-growth (Cannon et al. 2007), but pressure on the montane forests has increased during recent years where access was possible and is expected to intensify further. Based on these indications we propose a preliminary conservation assessment of Near Threatened (NT).

Additional specimens. INDONESIA, Province of Central Sulawesi (Sulawesi Tengah), Poso Regency, Lore Tengah District, Lore Lindu National Park, Mt Dali (S01.700°, E120.150°), 1950 m, 27–31 Mar. 2011, *Brambach et al. 0109* (from same tree as type, flower buds and fruits; BO 2 sheets, CEB 2, GOET 2, K 2, L 2); Province of Central Sulawesi (Sulawesi Tengah), Sigi Regency, Nokilalaki District; Lore Lindu National Park, Mt Nokilalaki (S01.243°, E120.153°), 1900 m, Aug. 2007, *Culmsee 2581* (flower buds and young fruits; CEB 2, GOET, L), *Culmsee 3154* (sterile; CEB, GOET), *Culmsee 3153* (sterile; GOET), *Culmsee 3154* (sterile; L); Province of South Sulawesi (Sulawesi Selatan), Masamba Regency, Boschafdeeling Salotoradja, ± 2200 m, 21 Oct. 1937, *Netherland Indies Forest Service (NIFS) bb* 23355 (sterile; BO, L); Province of Central Sulawesi (Sulawesi Tengah), Sigi Regency, Nokilalaki District, Lore Lindu National Park, Mt Nokilalaki, 1600 m, Apr.–May 2008, *Sabir et al. B2 109* (sterile; CEB).

Notes — Magnolia sulawesiana belongs to subsect. Elmerrillia and is morphologically most similar to *M. tsiampacca* var. *tsiampacca* and *M. platyphylla* from that subsection. It differs from both species by its far fewer carpels (8–11 vs > 20). It can also be distinguished from the sympatric *M. tsiampacca* var. *tsiampacca* by its usually smaller, oblong leaves which, as the rest of the tree, are completely glabrous except for the distinctive line of hairs that starts in the groove on the upper petiole side and continues on the lower surface of the leaf



Map 1 Map of the known occurrences of *Magnolia sulawesiana* Brambach, Noot. & Culmsee in the central part of Sulawesi. 1. *Culmsee 2581, 2945, 3153, 3154; 2. Brambach et al. 0109, 1334; 3. NIFS bb 23355* (approximate location). Collection sites 1 and 2 are located within Lore Lindu National Park (bold black line). Grey areas indicate montane elevations \geq 1500 m a.s.l.

blade along a narrow line on each side of the midrib. The leaves of *M. platyphylla* are completely glabrous, much larger and do not have the close reticulation of *M. sulawesiana*. The species is also superficially similar to *M. carsonii* Dandy ex Noot. var. *drymifolia* Noot. of subsect. *Maingola* because of its small, coriaceous, densely reticulate leaves. The former can be distinguished from the latter by the flowers with narrow white tepals on axillary brachyblasts (vs terminal flowers with oblong tepals, the outer ones green, the inner ones yellow), its almost complete glabrousness, and the leaves with green lower surfaces (vs glaucous) and more numerous lateral veins (13–20 vs 6–12).

The sterile specimen *NIFS bb* 23355 (see Additional specimens) was the only known record of *M. carsonii* var. *drymifolia* from Sulawesi. However, it is clearly a representative of *M. sulawesiana*. The distribution of the former taxon thus now remains restricted to Thailand, Sumatra, Borneo and possibly the Philippines (Palawan).

The name *Magnolia vrieseana* from inventory plot Nokilalaki (N1), published by Culmsee et al. (2011, Appendix species no. 33) is hereby corrected to *Magnolia sulawesiana*.

KEYS TO SPECIES OF MAGNOLIA SUBSECTION ELMERRILLIA (SECTION MICHELIA)

The species can be accommodated in the key of Nooteboom (1988). Names were adapted according to Figlar & Nooteboom (2004).

Key based on characters of flowers and fruits

3.	Leaves large (> 20 cm long)	Carpels > 20.	Plant completely
	glabrous Philippines		. M. platvphvlla

- 3. Leaves small (< 12 cm long). Carpels < 12. Plants with hairs in the adaxial petiole grooves and next to the midrib on the lower leaf surfaces. Sulawesi *M. sulawesiana*
- 4. Undersurface of leaves glaucous (sometimes a dense indumentum of adpressed hairs obscuring the glaucousness), hairy (in New Guinea sometimes glabrous: var. *glaberrima*). Fruiting carpels free, dorsally dehiscing. Borneo, Sulawesi, Maluku, New Guinea *M. tsiampacca*

Key based on fruit characters

	Carpels thickly concrescent, forming a syncarp, ripe carpels shedding their apical parts
2.	Young twigs and stipules glabrous or yellowish villous, \pm soon glabrescent, rarely pubescent. Nerves in $(10-)14-21$ pairs. — Sulawesi, Maluku <i>M. vrieseana</i>
2.	Twigs densely fulvously pubescent or tomentose, later gla- brescent. Nerves in 20–24 pairs. — Philippines (Minda- nao)
	Carpels < 12. — Sulawesi
4.	Twigs and leaves glabrous. Brachyblast glabrous. — Philippines <i>M. platyphylla</i>
4.	Twigs and leaves glabrous or hairy. Brachyblast hairy (except rarely in New Guinea: var. <i>glaberrima</i>). — Borneo, Sulawesi, Maluku, New Guinea M. tsiampacca

Key to the species of Magnolia occurring in Sulawesi

The following key does not differentiate between the two varieties of *M. carsonii* found in Sulawesi, *M. carsonii* var. *carsonii* and *M. carsonii* var. *phaulanta* (Dandy ex Noot.) S.Kim & Noot. As Nooteboom (1988) already pointed out, the two are very similar, possibly conspecific, and can only be differentiated by quantitative characters. The difference in leaf size (Kim et al. 2002) could not be confirmed for specimens from Sulawesi and Borneo present in the collections in L and BO, leaving slight differences in flower size (cluster of perianth and stamen scars 2–3 mm vs c. 1 mm long) as the only separating character. We therefore prefer to treat all collections from Sulawesi as *M. carsonii* var. *carsonii*.

Within Sulawesi and its satellite islands *M. angatensis* is only known from one sterile collection on Talaud Island (*Lam 3121*, L), midway between the north-eastern tip of Sulawesi and the Philippine island of Mindanao. Distinction between the many forms of *M. liliifera* and *M. angatensis* based on sterile material is nearly impossible. We do not treat the latter species separately in the key, because it would key out together with *M. liliifera*.

The key is mostly based on vegetative characters for easy identification in the field. Information on distribution (geography and elevation) is based on available material (from BO, CEB, GOET, K, L and U). All species known to occur on the island of Sulawesi and surrounding minor islands (e.g. Kabaena, Buton, Sangihe and Talaud) as defined in Brummitt (2001) are included. It is intended to work for specimens from Sulawesi and may not cover intraspecific variation found on other Malesian islands. Leaf measurements are given for mature trees unless indicated otherwise; young trees and adventitious shoots may have larger leaves.

See the Identification List for complete binomials with author names.

- 1. Stipules free. Petioles without a scar on the upper side . 6

- M. sumatrana var. glauca
 Stipule scar one third to half the petiole length. Fruits cylindrical, 2–3 times as long as broad. Carpels opening first along the dorsal suture. C and SE Sulawesi, rare, 800–1200 m
 M. utilis
- Leaves c. 9–22 cm long, lanceolate, the widest part of the blade always beneath the middle. Petiole base not or only slightly thickened. Young twigs with numerous conspicuous white lenticels. Branching monopodial, internodes evenly spaced, flowers terminal on axillary short shoots. Cultivated, 0–1000 m M. champaca var. champaca
- 5. Young twigs, stipules and underside of leaf blades woolly hairy, the hairs curled like pigs' tails, coming off in patches, usually ± persistent on midrib and lateral veins of leaf undersurfaces. — N peninsula of Sulawesi, once recorded at 150 m *M. villosa*

- Leaves (ob)ovate to elliptic (index 1.7–2.3, in juveniles often oblanceolate). Leaf undersurface not glaucous, glabrous, with scattered short hairs, or with long, curled hairs. Young twigs and stipules glabrous except for the stipule tip or with long (c. 2 mm), yellow hairs. Mature fruits with carpels united, the outer parts breaking off in irregular masses. — 0–1100 m M. vrieseana
- Leaves completely glabrous, chartaceous to thin-coriaceous, lateral veins 8–15 per side. Young twigs with few or no lenticels. Flowers terminal on leafy twigs, appearing leaf-opposed due to sympodial vegetative growth. — 1200–2000 m...
- M. carsonii var. carsonii
 Leaves with a line of hairs in the adaxial petiole groove and on the leaf undersurface on both sides of the midrib (hairs lost in older leaves), otherwise glabrous, coriaceous, lateral veins 13–20 per side. Young twigs conspicuously lenticellate. Flowers on axillary brachyblasts (rarely terminal). — 1600–2200 m M. sulawesiana

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IDENTIFICATION LIST

Numbers in the list of examined specimens for the construction of the Sulawesi-key refer to the following species:

- 1. M. angatensis Blanco
- 2. *M. carsonii* Dandy ex Noot. var. *carsonii*
- 3. M. champaca (L.) Baill. ex Pierre var. champaca
- 4. M. liliifera (L.) Baill. var. liliifera
- 5. M. sulawesiana Brambach, Noot. & Culmsee
- 6. M. sumatrana (Miq.) Figlar & Noot. var. glauca (Blume) Figlar & Noot.
- 7. M. tsiampacca (L.) Figlar. & Noot. var. tsiampacca
- 8. M. utilis (Dandy) V.S.Kumar
- 9. M. villosa (Miq.) H.Keng
- 10. M. vrieseana (Miq.) Baill. ex Pierre
- Afriastini 2112: 10; 2881: 4 Alston 15937: 10; 16539: 7 Anonymous s.n. (K Acc No H590 / 81 3): 7; s.n. (barcode L0450378): 7; IV F.38 (cultivated in Hortus Bogoriensis, Bogor Acc No BO-1330147, BO-1330148, BO-1330151, K Acc No. H1660/97 90): 10; s.n. (Bogor Acc No 1324097, BO-1743441, BO 1743443): 7.
- Bish 123 (= NIFS bb 18128): 10; 254 (= NIFS bb 21987): 7 Bloembergen 201 (= NIFS bb 28241): 7; 288 (= NIFS bb 28268): 2 Brambach et al. 0047: 2; 0086: 4; 0109: 5; 0136: 2; 0145: 4; 0149: 2; 0444: 10; 0632: 10; 0662: 10; 0666: 10; 0892: 4; 1113: 7; 1334: 5; 1512: 2; 1519: 2; 1531: 4; 1554: 4; 1584: 2; 1589: 2 Bünnemeijer 11567: 4; 12581: 3 Burki 53 (= NIFS bb 24079): 4; 92 (= NIFS bb 24169): 7; 95 (= NIFS bb 24172): 2; 139 (= NIFS bb 26276): 2 Burley et al. 3576: 4; 3618: 10; 3837: 4; 3864: 4; 3930: 10; 4080: 9.

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