

A note on the genus *Clitoria* L. (Leguminosae) from Thailand

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ABSTRACT. *Clitoria hanceana* var. *thailandica* is placed as a synonym of *C. hanceana*. *Clitoria hanceana* var. *latifolia* is not currently reported for Thailand due to the misinterpreted location.

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In preparation genus *Clitoria* L. is a basis for the treatment of the genus for the Flora of Thailand account. I found that one taxon should be placed as a new synonym of the species and a location of another taxon described by Fantz (1993) is misinterpreted.

Fantz (1993) published notes on *Clitoria* in Southeast Asia and described the new infraspecific taxa of *Clitoria hanceana* Hemsl. and *C. macrophylla* Wall. ex Benth. Five varieties belonging to *C. hanceana*, are accepted viz. var. *hanceana*, var. *laureola* Gagnep., var. *latifolia* Fantz, var. *petiolata* Fantz and var. *thailandica* Fantz. After having a careful examination of Fantz's work, it would not be accepted var. *thailandica* as a distinct variety and var. *latifolia* has not been discovered in Thailand.

Clitoria hanceana Hemsl., J. Linn. Soc., Bot. 23: 187. 1887. Type: China, Guangdong [Cantone], North River, 23 July

1864, *Sampson 11364* (lectotype K [K000496764!], designated by Fantz (1993); isoelectotype BM [BM000946834!]).— *C. hanceana* var. *thailandica* Fantz, Novon 3(4): 354. 1993; Fantz & Predeep, Bull. Bot. Surv. India 37(1–4): 27. 1995. Type: Thailand, Nakhon Ratchasima [Korat], Ban Chum Saeng [Seng], 21 March 1930, *Put 3074* (holotype K [K000496763!]; isotype BM [BM000946831!]), **syn. nov.**

Notes.— Fantz (1993) noted that *C. hanceana* var. *thailandica* is the most common variety occurring in Thailand and is recognised easily by its short-petiole leaves, elongated stipules and the leaflets being narrow and densely sericeous beneath. Examination of material of the typical variety and var. *thailandica* and the key to the varieties of *C. hanceana* (Fantz & Predeep, 1995) showed that the difference of those characters is considerably undetectable

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and unreliable. Consequently, it is the best way to place var. *thailandica* under *C. hanceana*.

Clitoria hanceana* Hemsl. var. *latifolia

Fantz, *Novon* 3(4): 353. 1993; Fantz & Predeep, *Bull. Bot. Surv. India* 37(1–4): 25. 1995. Type: Vietnam, Cochinchina, Potchapury Province, June 1868, *Pierre 72* (holotype E, *n.v.*; isotype K [K000496757!]).

Notes.— Fantz (1993) described *C. hanceana* var. *latifolia* based on *Pierre 72* from Potchapury Province, Cochinchina, Vietnam not Phetchaburi [Petchaburi] Province, Thailand as he mentioned in the protologue. Therefore, this variety is not currently reported for Thailand.

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