

REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF FLORA DE MOÇAMBIQUE

A. Fernandes founded Flora de Moçambique when the Junta de Investigações do Ultramar (Overseas Research Board) recognized the importance of launching the publication of such a flora in the Portuguese language, basically for the use of college teachers and university professors in Mozambique, but also to assist technicians and other persons interested in problems relating to the vegetation of Mozambique, and who might not be familiar with English. Therefore the 17 first fascicles of this work were published in 1969, each covering one Phanerogamic family, and 19 more were published in 1973.

In spite of the political changes that took place in Portugal in 1974, it was possible to resume publication of this flora five years later, with the release of 13 fascicles, 12 of which deal with a single family each of flowering plants, whereas the thirteenth is devoted to all the families of Pteridophyta recorded in Mozambique.

In November 1980 fascicles covering 7 more families were edited. The accounts by J. M. F. Cannon & E. S. Martins of the families Umbelliferae and Araliaceae, and those by E. J. Mendes of Rosaceae (gen. *Rubus* by F. Kupicha), Montiniaceae and Myrothamnaceae have been recently completed and their publication is scheduled for 1981.

Work on this flora continues to progress and is promoted by the Centro de Botânica, of the Junta de Investigações Científicas do Ultramar, which funds publication, the editorial and administrative work being coordinated by E. J. Mendes, with the technical support of the Instituto Botânico of the University of Coimbra, the Departamento de Botânica of the Eduardo Mondlane University, Maputo, and the Instituto de Investigação Agronómica, Maputo. To date, 56 fascicles of this flora have been edited, with 5 more presently in the press and another 5 being actively prepared for publication in 1982, one of these dealing with the sub-family Mimosoideae.

A detailed list of the fascicles of this Flora, published to date, is available on request either to the Serviço de Publicações, Junta de Investigações Científicas do Ultramar, Rua da Junqueira 86, P-1300 Lisboa, or to Publications Sales, British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD. The Flora may be ordered by post from either of the above-mentioned agencies.

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