Short Communication

_Piper velaudhanii_ (Piperaceae), a New Name for _P. Pseudonigrum_ Velay. & Amalraj

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Abstract

A new name, _Piper velaudhanii_, is proposed for _Piperpseudonigrum_ described by K. C. Velayudhan and V. A. Amalaraj from Kerala, India, which happens to be a later homonym of _P. pseudonigrum_ C.DC. from Vietnam.

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Velayudhan and Amalraj [1] described the new species, _Piper pseudonigrum_ based on the specimens collected from Silent Valley, Idukki, Pathanamthitta and Parambikkulam forests of Kerala, Coorg in Karnataka and upper Kodayar in Tamilnadu States. The name is preoccupied by _P. Pseudonigrum_ C.DC. [2] collected by Balansa from Mont-Bavi, Tonkin, Vietnam (Type: _B. Balansa_3635P!). Thus, _P. Pseudonigrum_ Velay. & Amalraj is a later homonym and illegitimate. Hence a new name is required for the species described by Velayudhan and Amalraj as per ICN [3]. This species is named after Dr. K. C. Velayudhan for his outstanding contribution to the Indian Piperaceae.

_Piper velaudhanii_ E. S. S. Kumar et S. P. Mathew, _nom. nov._


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