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South West Africa — Progress report

With a notice on botanical exploration made by German botanists in Africa since 1970

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Ia. *Progress made in the preparation and elaboration of the African Floras:
The Flora of South West Africa.*

- Ia. 1. The "Prodromus of a Flora of South West Africa" is completely published = 100%.
- Ia. 2. After having worked on this project for more than 15 years, the publication of the whole "Prodromus" has needed 6 years and 4 months:
issues 1-8 were published in August 1966,
issue 35 (the final one) in December 1972;
total number of pages = 2204.

Ib. *Progress made in the botanical exploration of Africa.*

- Ib. 1. Important herbarium collections made in South West Africa (SWA) since 1970.

W. Giess (Windhoek): Everywhere in the country (c. 1500 numbers since 1970).

O. H. Volk (Würzburg): Since 1973 travelling in SWA (c. 700 numbers up to the end of 1973).

H. Merxmüller & W. Giess: In the central and southern parts of the country (c. 1000 numbers from August to September 1972).

H. D. Ihlenfeldt & H.-H. Poppendieck: In the same area (435 numbers from February to March 1972, especially *Pedaliaceae*).

H. Merxmüller & W. Giess: In the central, northern and north-western parts of the country (750 numbers in March 1974).

M. C. Rutherford (Pretoria): In the Waterberg area (c. 500 numbers from 1970 to 1971).

J. R. Rodin (San Louis Obispo, USA): In the Ovamboland (c. 400 numbers from 1970 to 1973).

Owen Smith & Malan: In the Kaokoland (288 numbers).

The three lastmentioned collectors are especially interested in Ethnobotany. Smaller collections (up to 300 numbers) in SWA during the time in question were made by *H. Straka & Haas* (Kiel), *W. Jankowitz* (Windhoek) and *E. Schmidt*, then in München.

Ic. *Botanical explorations made by German botanists in Africa since 1970.*

H. Scholz (Berlin) In Southern Libya (Sahara), 1970. — *W. Jülich & H. Scholz* (Berlin) in Togo, 1972. — *P. Hiepko & W. Schultze-Motel* (Berlin) in Togo, 1973. — *O. Sebald*

(Stuttgart) & *G. Philippi* (Karlsruhe) in Zaïre (Congo), 1972. – *G. Benl* (München) in Cameroun, 1970 and 1974, and in Fernando Póo, 1974 (especially ferns). – *J. Bogner* (München) in Madagascar, 1970, and in Gabun, 1973. – *H. Hartmann* (Hamburg) in the Rep. of South Africa, 1970 and 1974. – In the same area: *H. D. Ihlenfeldt & H.-H. Poppendieck* (Hamburg), 1972; *D. & U. Müller-Doblies* (Berlin), 1973/74; and *H. Straka & Haas* (Kiel), 1972; *P. Kircher* (Bochum), 1973/74.

These collections of Phanerogams and/or Cryptogams consist of 200-500 numbers each.

R. Agerer, P. Blanz, W. & G. Sauer have collected 800 numbers in Kenya (March/April 1974).