Licuala stenophylla Hodel sp. nov. Fig. 14-15.

Licuana triphyllae Griff. et L. filiformi Hodel affinis sed segmentiis angustioribus differt. Typus: Thailand, Satun, 500 m elev., D.R. Hodel, P. & R. Vatcharakorn 1660 (Holotypus BK).

Solitary, acaulescent, understory palmet to 90 cm tall. Leaves 9, palmately divided, arising from the leaf litter in a spreading rosette; petiole 40-50 cm long, margins sparsely armed in basal 2/3 with reflexed needle-like spines 3.25 mm long; blade 30 x 40 cm, 5/8-3/4 orbicular, divided to base into 11 segments broadest toward apex, middle one largest, 20-30 x 5.5 cm, 10-nerved, others 20-30 x 0.9-2.4 cm, 1-3 nerved, 30-40 nerves total per blade, middle segments truncately praemorse, the lobes very small, lateral and basal segments truncately to obliquely praemorse, the lobes more prominent, the 3 middle segments on a subpetiole 3 cm long, the middle segment on a 2nd subpetiole 2 cm long. Inflorescences 2-3, interfoliar, 30 cm long, with 3-4, branched partial ascending. inflorescences to 5 cm long; peduncle 20 cm long, prophyll 4 cm long, attached 8 cm above base of peduncle, tubular, obliquely open apically, peduncular bract 6 cm long, attached 1 cm above apex of prophyll and extending onto rachis and subtending lowest partial inflorescence; partial inflorescences 4-6 cm distant, each (except lowest one) subtended by bracts similar to prophyll; rachis 1 cm long; rachillae 3-6, these 1.5-4 cm long, +/straight, only slightly flexuous; bracts, rachis, and rachillae with dense, white to brownish hairs. Flowers laxly arranged, placed on pedicels 0.5 mm high; flowers 2.5 x 2 mm, ovoid; calyx 1.75 x 2 mm, crown-like, sepals connate in basal 1/2, prominently lobed in apical 1/2, lobes triangular, acute, densely covered with short, white to brown hairs; corolla 2.5 mm high, petals connate in basal 1/2 and adnate to staminal ring, narrowly triangular in apical 1/2, valvate, acute-acuminate, densely covered with white hairs; stamens 6, staminal ring 1.25 mm high, equaling base of corolla lobes, filaments short, 0.4 mm long, anthers 0.4 mm long, dorsifixed near middle; pistil 1.75 mm high, ovary 1 x 1 mm, depressed-obovoid, densely covered with silver-white hairs in apical 1/2, style 0.75 mm long, slender. Fruits immature, 4.5 mm long, ellipsoid, green.

Licuala stenophylla occurs in wet hill forest in southwest peninsular Thailand. It is closest to L. triphylla and L. filiformis but differs from both in its long, narrow leaf segments. L. filiformis differs also in its filiform, conspicuously zigzag rachillae. The epithet is from the Greek stenophyllus, meaning narrow-leaved, and refers here to the narrow leaf segments.

Pinanga badia Hodel sp. nov. Fig. 16-17.

Pinanga perakensi Becc. affinis sed foliis vaginis squamis badiis, fructibus minoribus differt. Typus: Thailand, Satun, 500 m elev., D.R. Hodel, P. & R. Vatcharakorn 1671 (Holotypus BK).

Clustered understory palm 3 m tall. Stems 2.3 cm diam., ringed, internodes 10 cm long, green with chocolate brown scales. Leaves 6, pinnate, ascending to spreading; sheath 30 cm long, tubular, forming a crownshaft, green with distinctive, palecentered, chocolate-brown scales 0.3 mm long; petiole 50-90 cm long; rachis 1.8 m long; pinnae 20 on each side of rachis, 38 x 2.5 cm, +/- straight or only slightly falcate, acuminate, regularly inserted, 2-nerved, apical segments truncately praemorse, deeply bifid, lobes 2.5 cm long. Inflorescences 3-4, infrafoliar, 15-17 cm long; peduncle 3 cm long; prophyll and other bracts not seen; rachillae 3, these 13 cm long, drooping. Flowers in triads of center, later-opening pistillate flanked on each of two sides by earlier-opening staminate, triads close-set, distichously arranged, subtended proximally by a broadly triangular bracteole 1 mm high. Staminate flowers not seen. Pistillate flowers subtended by 2 tooth-like to awllike, acute bracteoles 1.5 mm high, flowers 2.75 x 3 mm, subglobose; calyx and corolla similar, sepals and petals imbricate to apex, bowl-shaped, broadly rounded; pistil 2.75-3 mm high, ovoid, stigma with 3, thick lobes. Fruits 17 x 8 mm, narrowly ovoid, pinkish.

Pinanga badia occurs in wet hill forest in southwest peninsular Thailand. It is distinguished from other Pinanga of similar habit, such as P. fractiflexa, P. malaiana, and P. perakensis, by its leaf sheaths with distinctive, chocolate-brown scales and its small, narrow fruits. The epithet is from the Latin badius, meaning chocolate brown,



Fig. 15 Licuala stenophylla, middle segments with subpetioles, Hodel et al. 1660 (holotype).

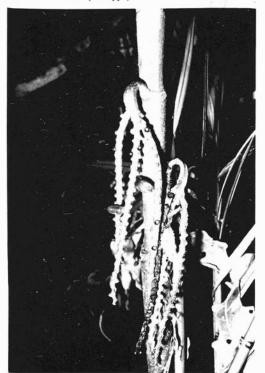


Fig. 17 Pinanga badia, inflorescence, Hodel et al. 1671 (holotype).



Fig. 16 Pinanga badia, habit, Satun, Hodel et al. 1671 (holotype).



Fig. 18 *Pinanga fractiflexa*, habit, between Takuapa and Phanom, *Hodel et al. 1729* (holotype).

and refers here to the scales of such color on the leaf sheaths.

Pinanga fractiflexa Hodel sp. nov. Fig. 18-20.

Pinanga malaianae Becc. affinis sed foliis vaginis brunneolis luteis, rachillis valde fractiflexis, fructibus luteolis differt. Typus: Thailand, between Takuapa and Phanom, 600 m elev., D.R. Hodel, P. & R. Vatcharakorn 1729 (Holotypus BK).

Clustered understory palm to 5 m tall. Stems 3-5 cm diam., ringed, internodes 10-15 cm long, green with a few deciduous, brownish scales. Leaves 11, pinnate, ascending; sheaths 34 cm long, tubular, obliquely long-open apically, forming a crownshaft, greenish yellow with deciduous, smooth, reddish brown, stellate hairs 0.5 mm long, margins becoming shredded apically with small deciduous ocrea; petiole 70-100 cm long; rachis 1.8-2 m long; rachis and petiole with grayish brown scales; pinnae 8 on each side of rachis, 67-70 x 6-15 cm, falcate, acuminate, 3-6-nerved, end pair truncately praemorse. Inflorescences 2-3, infrafoliar, 25 cm long; peduncle 2-3 cm long; prophyll 24 cm long, flattened, 2-winged, with deciduous, smooth, reddish brown, stellate hairs 0.5 mm long, other bracts not seen or reduced to small, lip-like ridges; rachis 3-5 cm long; rachillae 5, these 17 cm long, drooping, strongly zig zag. Flowers in triads of center, later-opening pistillate flanked on each of two sides of earlier-opening staminate, triads 4-5 mm distant within a row, 3-4 mm between rows, distichously arranged, subtended proximally by mucronate bracteole 1 mm high, several much smaller bracteoles also present around pistillate flower, staminate flowers subtended by low, lip-like bracteole. Staminate flowers 10-15 x 7-8 mm, angular, whitish to golden-yellow; calyx 4 x 6 mm, prominently lobed, sepals connate in basal 1 mm, spreading apically, acuminate; petals 15 x 6 mm, narrowly ovate, valvate, free to base, acuminate; stamens ca. 40, 4-5 mm high, filaments very short, 0.5 mm long, anthers 4 x 0.4 mm, dorsifixed toward base. Pistillate flowers 3.5 x 4-4.5 mm, globular, whitish; calyx and corolla similar, sepals and petals imbricate to apex, bowl-shaped, broadly rounded apically with incurved, briefly mucronate tips; pistil

2.5 mm high, ovoid, stigma with 3, short lobes. Fruits 3 x 1.5 cm, ovoid, brownish yellow when soft ripe; seeds 2×1 cm.

Pinanga fractiflexa occurs in wet hill forest on the west side of middle peninsular Thailand. It is similar to P. malaiana but the latter differs in its more or less straight rachillae, purplish black fruits, and leaf sheaths with brown, rough hairs 0.4 mm long. The epithet is from the Latin fractiflexus, meaning zigzag, and refers here to the rachillae.

Rhapis siamensis Hodel sp. nov. Fig. 21-23.

Rhapis micranthae Becc affinis sed foliis laminis sgmentis breviter basaliter connatis, floribus femineis anguste ovoideis, petalis anguste ovatis, calyce membranaceo differt. Typus: Thailand, Phattalung, 20 m elev., D.R. Hodel, P. & R. Vatcharakorn 1652 (Holotypus BK).

Clustered, dioecious, understory palm forming dense clumps 3-5 x 1-2 m. Stems often covered with persistent, fibrous sheaths, 6-15 mm diam. without sheaths, 1.8-2.5 cm diam. with sheaths, ringed, internodes 1-5 cm long, yellowish green. Leaves 15-22, spreading, palmately divided; sheath 5-12 cm long, long-open, margins fibrous-netted, fibers dark brown and in 3 layers, outermost coarsest, middle and innermost finer; petiole 30-50 cm long; blade 15-28 x 25-50 cm, +/- semiorbicular, divided 3/4 to nearly to base into (5-)8-12 segments, these (12-)18-20(-24) x 0.5-5 cm, truncately praemorse, glossy green adaxially, paler abaxially, 1-4-nerved, 12-24 nerves total per blade, transverse veinlets conspicuous, close-set, 1-2 mm distant. Inflorescences 2-3, interfoliar, spreading; staminate 40 cm long, peduncle 20 cm long, flattened, 7 mm wide; prophyll 15 cm long, attached 9 cm above base of peduncle, tubular, obliquely open apically, thin-papery, reddish brown to brown with deciduous, twisted, slender, whitish hairs 2.5-4 mm long at apex and along both slightly winged margins, peduncular bract 1, similar to prophyll, 1-6 cm long, attached 7 cm above base of prophyll and extending on to rachis 3-4 cm; rachis 1-3 cm long with 2 main branches, one with bract similar to peduncular bract and inserted 1.5 cm above branch base; rachillae 13-28, these 10-15 cm long, lower ones sometimes furcate; pistillate