

formally reduced to synonymy in *Orania* and the combination *O. longisquama* published.

***Orania longisquama* (Jumelle) J. Dransf. & N. Uhl, comb. nov.**

*Sindroa longisquama* Jumelle in Ann. Mus. Col. Marseille sér. 5.1 (1): 11. 1933; Jumelle & Perrier de la Bâthie, Fl. Madagascar 30: 160. 1945. Type: Madagascar, Masoala, *Perrier 11937* (P, holo!).

The distichous palm collected by Hal Moore as *Sindroa*, however, is clearly different from *Orania longisquama*. The inflorescence bears a prophyll and two large peduncular bracts rather than a prophyll and a single large peduncular bract as in *Orania*. The staminate flower has three large blunt or subacute, free, imbricate sepals (rarely two of them briefly connate), and bears 27–30 stamens, whereas in *O. longisquama* the sepals are united and acute and the stamens number 9–15. In the pistillate flower the staminodes number 12 whereas in *Orania* there are only 3–6. The distichous palm is thus abundantly distinct from *O. longisquama*. Furthermore the distichous palm does not fit within the variation found in *Orania*. We conclude that it represents a distinct genus albeit related to *Orania*. *Halmoorea* is an obvious choice of name for this extraordinary palm.

***Halmoorea* J. Dransf. & N. Uhl, gen. nov.** Palma solitaria, inermis, pleonantha, monoeca. Folium reduplicatum, pinnatum, pinnis praemorsis ramentas infraferentibus. Inflorescentia interfoliacea trispatha, bracteis peduncularibus magnis, tubularibus, rostratis; rachillae basin triades versus apicem flores staminatos singulariter vel binatim ferentes. Flos staminatus sepalis 3, liberis, imbricatis (2 raro connatis), petalis 3, liberis, valvatis, staminibus 27–30, pistillodio carenti. Flos pistillatus sepalis 3 truncatis, basin connatis, petalis 3, liberis, valvatis, staminodiis 11–12, gynoecio trilocolato triovulato. Fructus 1, 2, vel 3-lobatus. Genus egregium Madagascariense *Oraniae* affine sed inflorescentia bracteis 3 (vice 2), sepalis floris staminati fere liberis et numero staminum staminodiorumque differt.

Solitary, moderate, unarmed, pleonanthic, monoecious palm. Stem erect, bare, internodes short, irregular, nodes prominent. Leaf distichous, reduplicately pin-