TAXONOMIC STUDY ON FIFTEEN SPECIES OF TREES FOUND IN TAMU DISTRICT OF SAGAING REGION

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Abstract

The present research deals with diagnostic characters on fifteen species of trees found in Tamu District of Sagaing Region. This area lies between 23° 20′ and 24° 40′ North latitude, 94° 00′ and 94° 40′ East longitude. All the specimens were collected from Tamu District in Sagaing Region from 2017 to 2019. The fifteen species were collected, classified, identified and preserved. In this paper, 15 species belonging to 11 genera of 10 families were presented. The economically valuable timber species are *Pterocarpus macrocarpus* Kurz, *Lagerstroma speciosa* (L.) Pers., *Shorea obtusa* Wall, *S. siamensis* Miq., *Tectona grandis* L.f and *T. hamitoniana* Wall.. The individual species of taxonomic information were presented with relevant photographs. An artificial key to the species was constructed.

Keywords: Taxonomy, Trees, Tamu District

Introduction

The forest of Myanmar is one of its greatest natural resources because they cover large areas and many of the trees and other plants in them have been used for timber, fire wood, and many other products. The forests are also useful because many of them are important in the conservation of water, soil and animals life resources (Davis 1960).

In fifteen species of valuable timber trees, *Pterocarpus macrocarpus* Kurz, *Lagerstroemia speciosa* (L.) Pers., *Shorea obtusa* Wall., *Tectona grandis* L.f are very popular species in the world. Therefore, a research on the timber trees was selected and studied.

The Sagaing Region is the largest one in Myanmar. Tamu District is located in North West part of Sagaing Region in Myanmar. It lies between $23^{\circ} 20'$ and $24^{\circ} 40'$ North latitude and $94^{\circ} 00'$ and $94^{\circ} 40'$ East longitude. The total area of Tamu District is 677.2 sq km and the elevation is about 180m.

The aim and objectives of this research are to identify and classify the natural timber tree species of Tamu District, to record the list of collected plants from Tamu district; to describe the taxonomical characteristics of Angiosperms from study area.

Materials and Methods

Plant collection were made June 2018 to December 2019. A Taxonomic identification of the collected specimens were determined by referring to available literature such as Hooker (1875-1897), Backer & Brick (1963-1968), Dassanayake (1980-2001), and Qi-ming & De-lin (2007-2009). All of nomenclatural studies were recognized by referring to the website of International plant Names Index (IPNI) and Online Botanical Database of Tropical plants (TROPICOS). Myanmar names and their distribution of the studied species were referred to Hundley and Chit Ko Ko (1987) and Kress *et al.* 2003. The studied species were systematically arranged into families according to (APG IV) system of Byng *et al.* (2016). The arrangement of genera and species under the families were placed alphabetically.

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Results

List of collected species from Tamu District

Diagnostic characters on fifteen species of trees from Tamu District in Sagaing Region.

Table 1 List of the collected species from Tamu District in Sagaing Region

Group	Order	Family	Scientific name	Myanmar name
Rosides	Fabales	Fabaceae	Millettia leucantha Kurz	Thinwin aphyu
			<i>Millettia peguensis</i> Ali.	Thin win
			Pterocarpus macrocarpus Kurz	Thit padauk
	Fagales	Fagaceae	Castanopsis indica A.DC.	Thit e
	Myrtales	Combretaceae	Terminalia chebula Retz.	Phan kha
I		Lythraceae	Lagerstroemia speciosa (L.) Pers.	Pyinma
			Lagerstroemia villosa Wall. ex	Zaung bale
			Kurz.	
	Myrtaceae Syzygium grande (Wight) Walp		Tha byae gyi	
	Sapindales	dales Anacardiaceae Buchanania latifolia Roxb.		Lunbo : Thisi bo
		Meliaceae	Chukrasia tabularis A. Juss.	Taw Yin ma
	Malvales	Malvales Dipterocarpaceae Shorea obtusa Wall.		Thit ya
			Shorea siamensis Miq.	Ingyin
Asterids	Lamiales	Bignoniaceae	Fernandoa adenophylla (Wall.ex	Phet than
			G. Don) Steenis	
		Lamiaceae	<i>Tectona grandis</i> L.f	Kyun
			Tectona hamiltoniana Wall.	Dahat

1. *Millettia leucantha* Kurz, J. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Pt. 2, Nat.Hist.42 (2): 68.1873. (Figure 1 A-F)

Flowering period : March to April

Perennial trees, scandent, up to 9.0 m high. Leaves unipinnately compound, imparipinnate, alternate; stipules linear. Inflorescences axillary or terminal pseudo-raceme, many-flowered. Flowers bisexual, zygomorphic, hypogynous, white. Calyx campanulate, 5- tooth. Corolla papilionaceous; standard broadly orbicular; wings ovate; keel oblong. Stamens 10, monadelphous; anthers dithecous, basifixed. Carpel 1; ovary superior, oblong, unilocular with 3-4 ovules in the locule on the marginal placentae; stigmas simple. Fruit simple, Pods, flat, woody, obtuse at the apex, beaked, brown tomentose.

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2. Millettia peguensis Ali., Kew Bull. 21: 489. 1968. (Figure 1 G-L)

Flowering period : March to May

Perennial small trees, up to 10.0 m high. Leaves unipinnately compound, imparipinnate, alternate; stipules caducous. Inflorescences axillary and terminal racemes, many flowered. Flowers bisexual, zygomorphic, hypogynous, purple. Calyx campanulate, 5-lobed. Corolla papilionaceous; standard obovate; wings oblong; keel obtuse. Stamens 10, monadelphous; anthers dithecous, basifixed. Carpel 1; ovary superior, unilocular with many ovules in the locule on the marginal placentae; stigma capitate. Fruits simple, pods, many-seeded, flat, woody, green, glabrous.

3. Pterocarpus macrocarpus Kurz, J. Asiat. Soc. Bengal, Pt. 2, Nat. Hist. 43 (2): 187. 1874. (Figure 1 M-R)

Flowering period : April to May

Perennial, large trees, up to 30.0 m high. Leaves unipinnately compound, imparipinnate, alternate; stipules lanceolate, caducous. Inflorescences terminal and axillary paniculate racemes, many-flowered. Flowers bisexual, zygomorphic, hypogynous, bright yellow. Calyx campanulate, 5- lobed. Corolla papilionaceous; standard obovate; wings fulcate; keel oblong. Stamens 10, diadelphous; anthers dithecous, dorsifixed. Carpel 1; ovary superior, oblong, unilocular with few ovules in the locule on the marginal placenta; stigmas simple. Fruits samaroid, orbicular.

4. Castanopsis indica A. DC., J. Bot. 1: 182. 1863. (Figure 2 A-F)

Flowering period : April to August

Perennial, evergreen trees, monoecious, up to about 20.0 m high. Leaves simple, alternat, glabrous on both surfaces. Inflorescences terminal paniculate spike. Flowers unisexual, actinomorphic, epigynous. Male flowers in spike, densely clustered; stamens 5, free; anthers dithecous, basifixed. Female flowers solitary spike. Carpels 3, fused; ovary inferior, trilocular with two pendulous ovules on the apical placenta; stigmas puncate. Fruits capsule, dehiscent, ovoid, yellowish green, covered with dense stout spines.

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5. Terminalia chebula Retz., Obs. 5: 31. 1788. (Figure 2 G-L)

Flowering period : March to August

Perennial trees, up to 12.0 m high. Leaves simple, opposite, exstipulate. Inflorescences terminal and axillary paniculate spike, many-flowered. Flowers bisexual, actinomorphic, epigynous. Calyx campanulate, 5-lobed. Corolla 5- lobed. Stamens 10, free; anthers dithecous, basifixed. Carpel 1; ovary inferior, unilocular with one ovule in the locule on the pendulous placenta; stigma simple. Fruits simple, drupaceous, indehiscent, ellipsoid to subgloboid, green, glabrous.

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6. Lagerstroemia speciosa (L.) Pers., Syn. Pl. 2.72. 1806. (Figure 2 M-R)

Flowering period : March to June

Perennial trees, up to 10.0 m high. Leaves simple, opposite and decussate, exstipulate. Inflorescences terminal, paniculate cymes, many-flowered. Flowers bisexual, actinomorphic, hypogynous, purple. Calyx campanulate, 6-lobed. Petals 6, free, orbicular. Stamens numerous, free; anthers dithecous, dorsifixed. Carpels 6, fused; ovary superior, hexalocular, with numerous ovules in each locule on the axile placenta; stigma capitate. Fruits loculicidal capsule, subgloboid, woody, greenish brown, glabrous, splitting by 6-valves.

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7. Lagerstroemia villosa Wall. ex Kurz, J. Asiat. Soc. Bengal. Pt. 2, Nat. Hist. 42: 234.1873. (Figure 3 A-F)

Flowering period : March to May

Perennial, small tree, up to 8.0 cm high. Leaves simple, opposite and decussate, exstipulate. Inflorescences axillary, dichotomous cymes, many-flowered. Flowers bisexual, actinomorphic, cyclic, hypogynous, white. Calyx campanulate, 6-lobed. Petals 6, free. Stamens numerous, free; anthers dithecous, dorsifixed. Carpels 6, fused; ovary superior, hexalocular, three ovules in each locule on the axile placenta; stigma capitate. Fruits loculicidal capsule, oblongoid, brown, glabrous.

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8. Syzygium grande (Wight) Walp., Repert. Bot. Syst. 2:180.1843. (Figure 3 G-L)

Flowering period : March to May

Perennial, large tree, up to 20.0 m high. Leaves simple, opposite, exstipulate. Inflorescences terminal or axillary branched paniculate, cymose, many-flowered. Flowers bisexual, actionomorphic, epigynous, cream-yellow. Calyx funnel-shaped, 4-5 lobed. Petals 5, free. Stamens numerous, spreading; anthers dithecous, basifixed,. Carpels 2 to 3, fused; ovary inferior, ovoid, many ovules in each locule on the axile placenta; stigma simple. Fruits baccate, subgloboid, violet, with prominent crown of persistent calyx segments.

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9. Buchanania latifolia Roxb., Fl. Ind. 2: 285. 1832. (Figure 3 M-R)

Flowering period : February to April

Perennial trees. Leaves simple, alternate, exstipulate. Inflorescences terminal or axillary paniculate racemes with crowded flowers rusty-velvety. Flowers bisexual, actinomorphic, hypogynous. Calyx campanulate, 5-lobed. Petals 5, free, linear. Stamens 10, in two series, inserted at the base of the disc; anthers dithecous, dorsifixed. Carpels 5, free; ovary superior, unilocular with one ovule on the basal placenta; stigmas truncate. Fruits drupaceous, small, compressed.

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10. *Chukrasia tabularis* A. Juss. in Mirb. & Cass, Apud Guillemin, Bull. Sci. Nat. Geol. 23. 241. 1830. (Figure 4 A-F)

Flowering period : July to September

Perennial, tree, up to 15.0 m high. Leaves unipinnately compound, paripinnate, alternate, exstipulate. Inflorescences terminal and axillary, many-flowered. Flowers bisexual, actinomorphic, hypogynous. Calyx capsular, 5-lobed. Petals 5, free, narrowly. Stamens 10, adnate at the base; anthers dithecous, basifixed. Carpels 2-3, united; ovary superior, numerous ovules in each locule on the axile placenta; stigmas capitate. Fruits capsular, septicidal, ellipsoid, dark brown.

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11. Shorea obtusa Wall., Cat. n. 966. 1829. (Figure 4 G-L)

Flowering period : March to June

Perennial, deciduous tree, up to 10.5 m high. Leaves simple, alternate; stipules linear. Inflorescences axillary, short raceme, many-flowered. Flowers bisexual, actinomorphic, hypogynous, creamy. Calyx cup-shaped, 5-lobed, connate at the base,. Petals 5, free, linear-lanceolate. Stamens numerous, free; anthers dithecous, basifixed. Carpels 3, fused; ovary superior, ovoid, trilocular, one ovule in each locule on pendulous placenta; stigma simple. Fruits drupaceous, samara, 5-winged; 3 larger and 2 shorter.

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12. Shorea siamensis Miq., Ann. Mus. Bot. Lugd - Bat. 1 :214.1864. (Figure 4 M-R)

Flowering period: March to May

Perennial deciduous tree, up to 16.0 m high. Leaves simple, alternate; stipules lanceolate. Inflorescence terminal and axillary paniculate raceme, many-flowered. Flowers bisexual, actinomorphic, hypogynous, yellow. Calyx cup-shaped, 5-lobed. Petals 5, free, ovate. Stamens 15,

free; anthers dithecous, basifixed. Carpels 3, fused: ovary superior, trilocualr with one ovule in each locule on the axile placenta; stigmas trifid. Fruits nutlets, ovoid, 5-winged, unequal, 3 larger and 2 smaller.

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13. Fernandoa adenophylla (Wall. ex G. Don) Steenis, Blumea 23: 135. 1976. (Figure 5 A-F)

Flowering period : April to June

Perennial trees, up to 10.0 m high. Leaves unipinnately compound, imparipinnate, opposite and decussate, exstipulate. Inflorescences terminal dichasial cymes. Flowers bisexual, zygomorphic, hypogynous, yellowish-white. Calyx campanulate, 5-lobed. Corolla broadly funnel-shaped, 5-lobed. Stamens 4, free; anthers dithecous, basifixed. Carpels 2, fused; ovary superior, oblongoid, bilocular with many ovules in each locule on the axile placenta; stigmas bifid. Fruits capsular, cylindrical, pendulous, brownish hairy.

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14. Tectona grandis L.f., Suppl. 151.1782. (Figure 5 G-L)

Flowering period : July to September

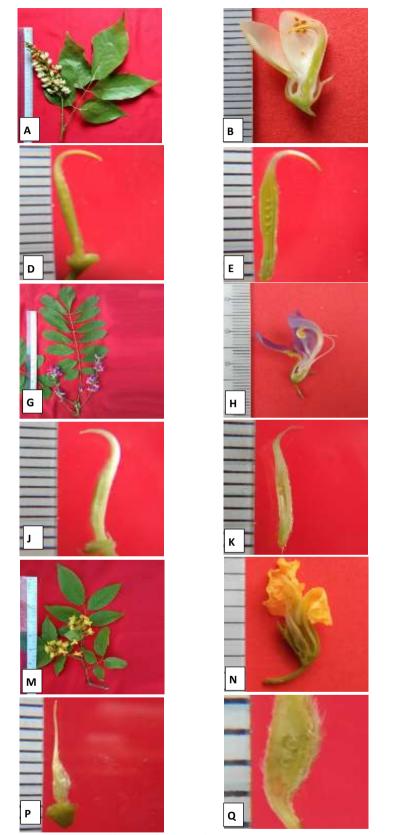
Perennial, large woody tree, up to 20.0 m high. Leaves simple, opposite and decussate, exstipualte. Inflorescences uppermost leaf axils and terminal, large panicles, many-flowered dichasial cymes. Flowers bisexual, actinomorphic, hypogynous, white. Calyx campanulate, 5-7 lobed; Corolla funnel-shaped, 6-7 lobed. Stamens 6, free; anthers dithecous, basifixed. Carpels 2, fused; ovary superior, tetralocular with one ovule in each locule on the axile placenta; stigmas bifid. Fruits drupaceous, subgloboid or tetragonally flattened, densely tomentose.

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15. Tectona hamiltoniana Wall., Pl. As. Rar. 3: 68. t -294. 1832 (Figure 5 M-R)

Flowering period : April to July

Perennial, small trees, up to 6.0 m high. Leaves simple, opposite and decussate, exstipulate. Inflorescences terminal paniculate, dichasial cyme, many-flowered. Flowers bisexual, actinomorphic, hypogynous, pale blue. Calyx campanulate, 5-to7- lobed. Corolla funnel-shaped, 5-6 lobed. Stamens 5-6, free; anthers dithecous, basifixed. Carpels 2, fused; ovary superior, tetralocular with one ovule in each locule on the axile placenta; stigmas bifid, unequal. Fruits drupaceous, rounded, enveloped by fruiting-calyx.



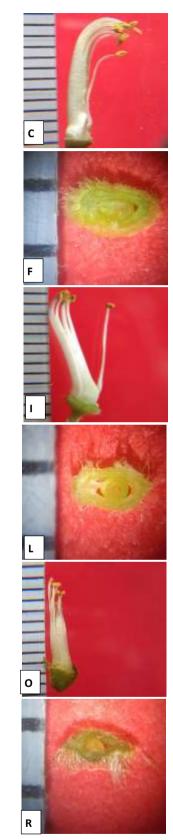


Figure 1 Millettia leucantha Kurz, A. Inflorescence, B. L.S of flower, C. Stamens, D. Pistil, E. L.S of ovary, F. T.S of ovary; Millettia peguensis Ali., G. Inflorescence, H. L.S of flower, I. Stamens, J. Pistil, K. L.S of ovary, L. T.S of ovary; Pterocarpus macrocarpus Kurz, M. Inflorescence, N. L.S of flower, O. Stamens, P. Pistil, Q. L.S of ovary, R. T.S of ovary

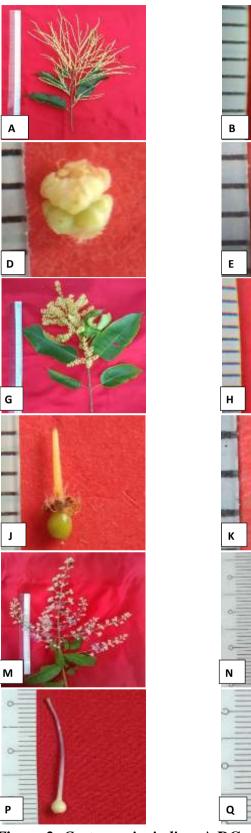
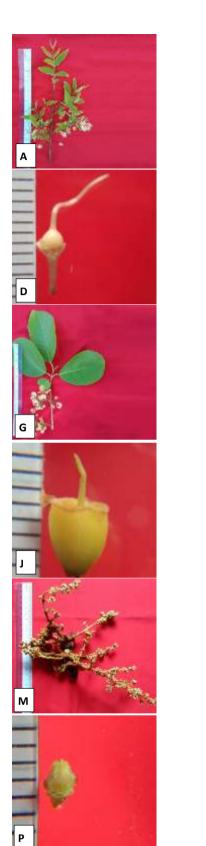




Figure 2 Castanopsis indica A.DC., A. Inflorescence, B. L.S of flower, C. Stamens, D. Pistil, E. L.S of ovary, F. T.S of ovary; *Terminalia chebula* Retz., G. Inflorescence, H. L.S of flower, I. Stamens, J. Pistil, K. L.S of ovary, L. T.S of ovary; *Lagerstroemia speciosa* (L.), M. Inflorescence, N. L.S of flower, O. Stamens, P. Pistil, Q. L.S of ovary, R. T.S of ovary



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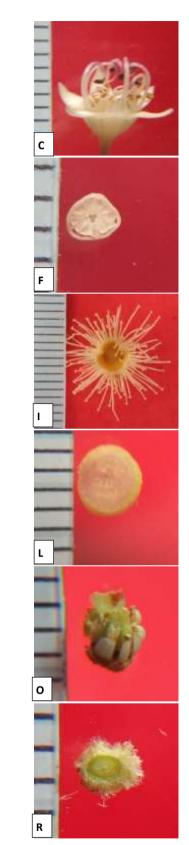
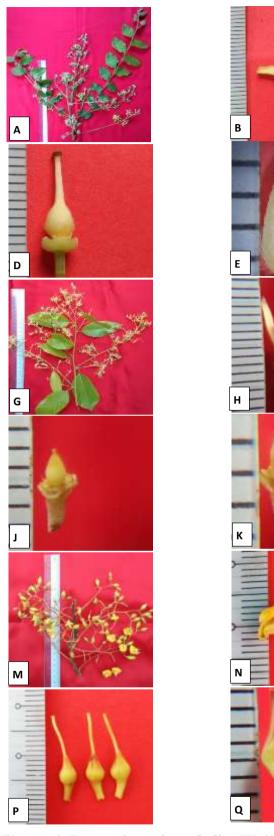


Figure 3 Chukrasia tabularis A. Juss., A. Inflorescence, B. L.S of flower, C. Stamens, D.Pistil, E. L.S of ovary, F. T.S of ovary; Shorea obtusa Wall., G. Inflorescence, H. L.S of flower, I. Stamens, J. Pistil, K. L.S of ovary, L. T.S of ovary; Shorea siamensis Miq., M. Inflorescence, N. L.S of flower, O. Stamens, P. Pistil, Q. L.S of ovary, R. T.S of ovary



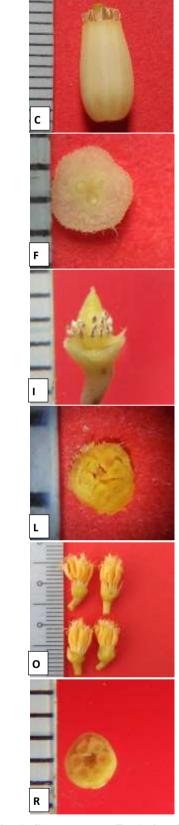
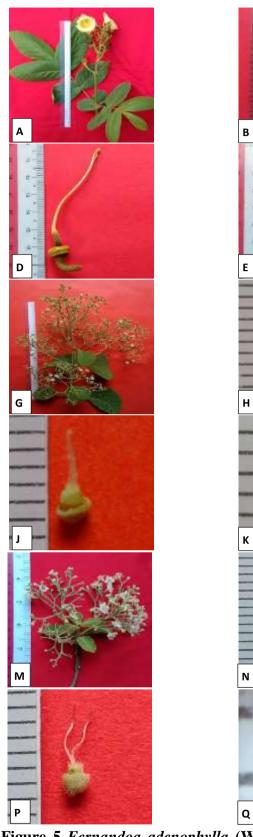


Figure 4 Fernandoa adenophylla (Wall.ex G. Don) Steenis, A. Inflorescence, B. L.S of flower, C. Stamens, D.Pistil, E. L.S of ovary, F. T.S of ovary; *Tectona grandis* L.f, G. Inflorescence, H. L.S of flower, I. Stamens, J. Pistil, K. L.S of ovary, L. T.S of ovary; *Tectona hamiltoniana* Wall., M. Inflorescence, N. L.S of flower, O. Stamens, P. Pistil, Q. L.S of ovary, R. T.S of ovary



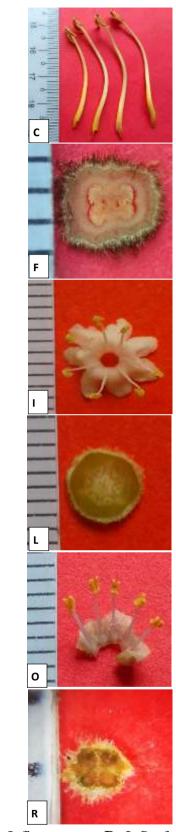


Figure 5 Fernandoa adenophylla (Wall.ex G. Don) Steenis, A. Inflorescence, B. L.S of flower, C. Stamens, D.Pistil, E. L.S of ovary, F. T.S of ovary; *Tectona grandis* L.f, G. Inflorescence, H. L.S of flower, I. Stamens, J. Pistil, K. L.S of ovary, L. T.S of ovary; *Tectona hamiltoniana* Wall., M. Inflorescence, N. L.S of flower, O. Stamens, P. Pistil, Q. L.S of ovary, R. T.S of ovary

1.	Leaves compound						
1.	Leav	Leaves simple6					
	2.	Flower actinomorphic; calyx capsular 10. <i>Chukrasia tabularis</i>					
	2.	Flower zygomorphic; calyx campanulate	3				
3.	Stan	nens 4, free	13. Fernandoa adenophylla				
3.	Stan	Stamens 10, united4					
	4.	Flower purple; stigma capitate	2. Millettia peguensis				
	4.	Flower bright yellow or white; stigma simple	5				
5.	Stipules linear, persistent; leaf blades oblong-lanceolate 1. <i>Millettia leucanth</i>						
5.		ules lanceolate, caduceus; leaf blade ovate					
	6.	Plant monoecious, flower unisexual	4.Castanopsis indica				
	6.	Plant diecious, flower bisexual	7				
7.	Carp	Carpel 6;8					
7.	Carpel 1-2 to 3 or 59						
	8.	Inflorescences axillary, dichotomous cymes; flowers v 7. <i>Lagerstroemia villosa</i>	white				
	8.	Inflorescences terminal, paniculate cymes; flower pur 6. <i>Lagerstroemia speciosa</i>	ple				
9.	Stan	tamens 5 to 7; 10					
9.	Stamens 10 or numerous,						
	10.	6.0 m high; leafblades 15.5-18.5 cm by 8.0-12.0 cm 15. <i>Tectona hamiltoniana</i>					
	10.	20 m high; leaf blades 20-45 cm by 15-30 cm 14. <i>Tectona grandis</i>					
11.	Plac	Placentation axile 12					
11.	Placentation basal or pendulous 13						
	12.	Stipules present; flower hypogynous	12. Shorea siamensis				
	12.	Stipules absent; flower epigynous	8. Syzygium grande				
13.	Antl	Anther dorsifixed; stigma truncate9.Buchanania latifoli					
13.	Antl	Anther basifixed; stigma simple					
	14.	Flower colour creamy; ovary superior	11. Shorea obtuse				
	14.	Flower colour greenish white; ovary inferior 5. <i>Terminalia chebula</i>					

Discussion and Conclusion

The present research deals with the taxonomic study on fifteen species of trees in Tamu District of Sagaing Region. The types of vegetation found in the study area are Indaing Forest and mixed deciduous Forest (Nyi Nyi Kyaw 2015). Tamu District area in Myanmar is one of the valuable interesting area for floristic studies.

All together 15 species belonging to 11 genera of 10 families were recorded. The member of 15 species were dominant distributed in the study area. In the 15 species, simple leaves are 9 species as well as compound leaves are 6 species. The actinomorphic flowers are found in 11 species and zygomorphic flowers are in 4 species. 12 species of superior ovaries and 3 species of inferior ovaries were studied.

The fruit types are variable in the studied species. The capsules are found in *Lagerstromea* speciosa (L.), *L. villosa* Kurz., *Chukrasia tabularis* A. Juss. *Fernandoa adenophylla* (Wall.ex G. Don). The deupaceous are *Castanopsis indica* A.DC., *Terminalia chebula* Retz., *Buchanania latifolia* Roxb., *Shorea obtusa* Wall., *Tactona grandis* L.f, *T. hamiltoniana* Wall. and pod in the species of genus *Mellettia*. The baccate is found in *Syzygium grande* (Wight) Walp. and *Shorea siamensis* Miq. is nutlets. *Pterocarpus macrocarpus* Kurz is samaroid fruit.

In the study area, *Mellettia leucantha* Kurz, *Pterocarpus macrocarpus* Kurz, *Terminalia chebula* Retz., *Lagerstromea specisa* (L.), *L. villosa* Kurz., *Shorea obtusa* Wall., *S. siamensis* Miq., *Tectona grandis* L.f and *T. hamiltoniana* Wall. were commonly found.

Among the 15 studies species, *Pterocarpus macrocarpus* Kurz, *Lagerstroema speciose* (L.), *Shorea obtusa* Wall., *Tactona grandis* L.f and *T. hamiltoniana* Wall. are economically important timber plants. *Terminalia chebula* Retz. is valuable medicinal plant of Myanmar.

In the research studied, many valuable timbers species not only can be recorded but also various forest products can be found. It is hope that the valuable timber trees are distributed as wild type in Tamu District and the natural plant resources will also be useful for further studies.

Therefore, the valuable economically timber species should be conserved as the programme of natural vegetation of Tamu District, Sagaing Region.

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