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# Molecular Diversification and Phylogeny of *Mangifera* (Anacardiaceae) in Indonesia and Thailand

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**Abstract**— Phylogenetic relationships among 19 *Mangifera* L. species of Indonesia and Thailand were analyzed by comparing sequences of maturase-K gene of chloroplast genome. Phylogenetic analysis using parsimony method revealed that the gene could classify *Mangifera* into three major groups. Although this classification system is different with the previous system, it can provide a new information about *Mangifera* taxonomy. Results further exhibited that DNA sequences of the *matK* of two *Mangifera* species (*M. laurina* dan *M. macrocarpa*) are different between Indonesia and Thailand specimens.

**Keywords**— *Mangifera*, *matK* gene, Parsimony, Phylogenetic Analysis

## I. INTRODUCTION

Genus *Mangifera* L. is one of the largest genera in family Anacardiaceae to which approximately 69 species have already described. The genus is mostly distributed in the tropical parts of Asia (India, Burma, Sri Lanka, Thailand, South Tropical China, Malaysia, Indonesia, Papua New

Guinea, the Philippines, the Solomon Islands) but also extend to the Pacific Islands [1]. In spite of their economical importance, phylogenetic relationships among species within the genus have been poorly understood due to their extremely complicated vegetative and reproductive organs.

Previously, references [1], [2], [3], and [4] have revealed classification systems for the genus based upon

floral characters. However, these characters were extremely complicated in the genus and subjected to parallelism, suggesting many taxonomic and phylogenetic problems still remain unresolved.

Given the shortcomings of these characters, data obtained from nucleotide substitutions of appropriate molecules are preferable for clarifying phylogenetic relationships [5]. Many genes and DNA sequences have been employed in phylogenetic studies of plants. Among them, maturase-encoding gene (*matK*) of chloroplast DNA (cpDNA) are frequently chosen by plant systematists because the region are a single copy gene and have enough variable sites of nucleotide substitution. Recently, the *matK* gene has been widely used in phylogenetic inferences of various groups of plant (e.g. [6], [7], [8], [9], [10]). Using DNA sequences of the *matK* gene, we have carried out phylogenetic analysis to clarify phylogenetic relationships among member of genus *Mangifera*.

## II. MATERIALS AND METHOD

A total of 19 species of *Mangifera* were collected from Indonesia and Thailand, plus two species of *Bouea*. Genus *Bouea* was used as outgroup in phylogenetic analysis because based on previous research this genus was sister group to *Mangifera* [11]. Detail information about the plant can be seen in Table I.

DNA genome was extracted from fresh materials (young leaf or flower) or in the form of silica gel material using QIAGEN *Dneasy Mini Plant Kit* with slight modification. Amplification was conducted using four primers as seen in Fig. 1. Table II provides detail information about sequences of primer pairs.

For amplification, we used primer pairs A-D, whereas all primers were used once sequencing. Component PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) included buffer PCR (1x), MgCl<sub>2</sub> (2-3mM), primers (@ 0,5 mM), enzyme Taq polymerase (1 U/uL), dNTPs Mix (1,6 mM), and DNA template (100-150 ng/uL). PCR was conducted following the procedure developed by [10], which include: 1 cycle at 94°C (predenaturation) for 5 minutes; 30 cycles at 94°C (denaturation) for 30 second, 49°C (annealing) for 30 second, and 72°C (extension) for 2 minutes; and ended with 1 cycle at 72°C (final extension) for 8 minutes. All amplification products were cloned into pGEM-T Easy (Promega) before sending them to Macrogen (Korea) for sequencing.

DNA sequences obtained from the *matK* gene were aligned with Clustal X ([12], [20], [21]) and then adjusted manually. Phylogenetic analyses based on the maximum parsimony criterion was performed using PAUP\* version 4.0b10 [13]. All characters were equally weighted and unordered [14]. All the data sets were analysed by the heuristic search method with tree bisection-reconnection (TBR) branch swapping and the MULTREES option ON, ten replications of random addition sequences with the stepwise addition option, and all most parsimonious trees (MPTs) were saved. Evaluation of internal support of clades were conducted by the bootstrap analysis [15] utilizing 1,000 replicates with TBR branch swapping and the MULTREES option OFF. Number of steps, consistency indices (CI) and retention indices (RI) were calculated on one of the MPTs in each analysis with the TREE SCORES command in PAUP\*.

TABLE I  
PLANT MATERIALS

No.	Species	Origin
1	<i>Mangifera altissima</i> Blanco var bingloe	Indonesia
2	<i>Mangifera applanata</i> Kosterm.	Indonesia
3	<i>Mangifera foetida</i> Lour.	Indonesia
4	<i>Mangifera gedebe</i> Miq.	Indonesia
5	<i>Mangifera indica</i> L.	Indonesia
6	<i>Mangifera laurina</i> Bl.	Indonesia
7	<i>Mangifera macrocarpa</i> Bl.	Indonesia
8	<i>Mangifera odorata</i> Griff.	Indonesia
9	<i>Mangifera spp</i>	Indonesia
10	<i>Mangifera rufocostata</i> Kosterm.	Indonesia
11	<i>Mangifera similis</i> Auct.	Indonesia
12	<i>Mangifera caesia</i> Jack ex Wall	Indonesia
13	<i>Mangifera casturi</i> Kosterm.	Indonesia
14	<i>Mangifera macrocarpa</i> Bl.	Thailand
15	<i>Mangifera conchinchinensis</i> Englar	Thailand
16	<i>Mangifera flava</i> Evrard	Thailand
17	<i>Mangifera gracilipes</i> Hook.f.	Thailand
18	<i>Mangifera caloneura</i> Auct.	Thailand
19	<i>Mangifera laurina</i> Bl.	Thailand
20	<i>Bouea oppositifolia</i> (Roxb.) Meiss *	Indonesia
21	<i>Bouea macrophylla</i> Griff. *	Indonesia

\*= Outgroup

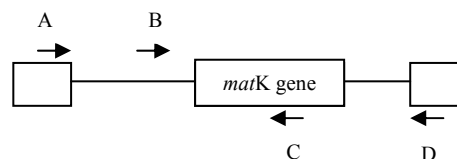


Fig. 1 Strategy of amplification and sequencing of the *matK* gene. A=*trnK*-5F, B=TAA-09F, C=TAA- 09R, dan D=*trnK*-2R. Two internal primers were designed for this study.

TABLE II  
PRIMERS USED IN THIS STUDY

Name	Sequences
<i>trnK</i> -5F	5' TGGGTTGCTAACTCATGG 3'
<i>trnK</i> -2R	5' AACTAGTCGGATGGAGTAG 3'
TAA-09F	5'GGTTTTCCCATGAGTAGATTATCG 3'
TAA-09R	5' CGAAGTAGACGAAGCTCTTGG 3'

## III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

DNA extraction can be done using various type of DNA sources such as leaf, stem, flower, and seed. In this research, young leaf was used as DNA sources to minimized contaminant that can inhibit amplification. DNA obtained here indicates high concentration (600 ng/uL in average) with good rasio ( $\pm 1.750$ ). Size and border of *matK* gene for *Mangifera* were determined through comparative analysis in Genebank (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>, [19]). The results indicated that size of *matK* gene in *Mangifera* is around 1500 bp.

The first step in phylogenetic analysis is performing multiple alignment using ClustalX. The aligned *matK*

comprised 1,601 characters. Of these, 1,429 were constant and 51 were potentially informative. Reconstruction of phylogenetic tree using PAUP resulted in 23 MPTs with a length of 121 steps, CI of 0.852, and RI of 0.739. The tree (Fig. 2) demonstrated that the genus is monophyletic and split into three major groups. Monophyletic nature of *Mangifera* is supported by character of stoma, anomositic [16].

The three major groups found in this study is not consistent with previous classification system by [17], [1], and even [11]. Number of plant materials used in this study is likely to be insufficient (only 19 from 69 recognized species). Further phylogenetic analysis therefore is desired using more extensive sampling.

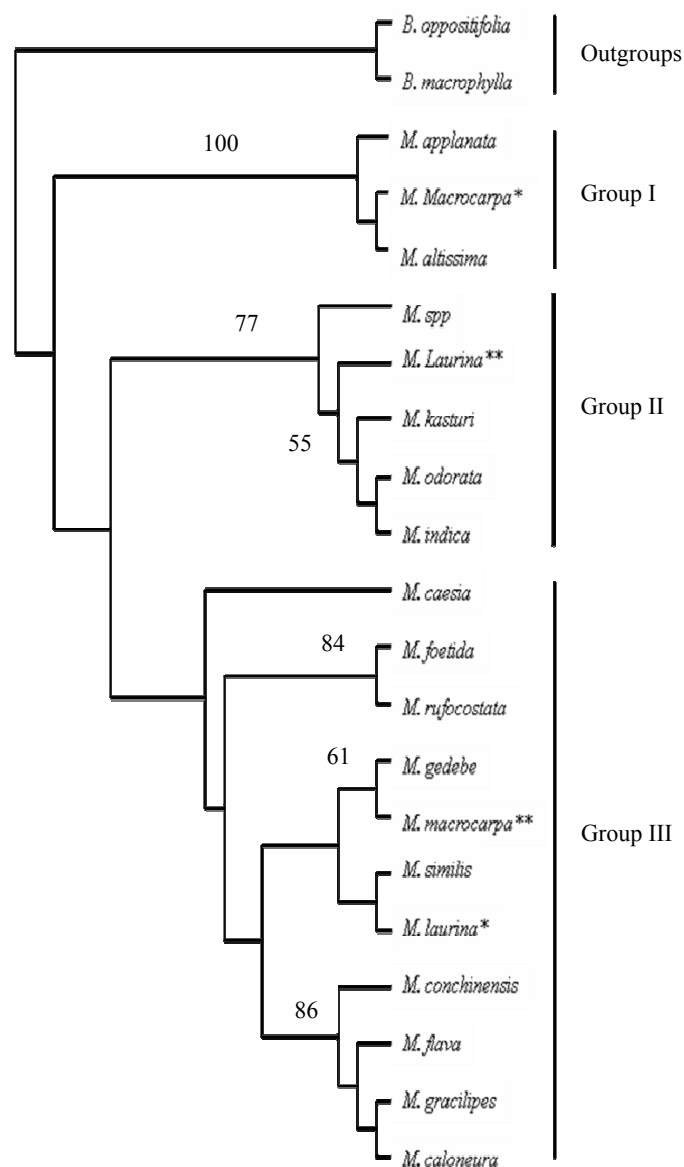


Fig. 2 One of the 23 MPTs of *Mangifera* based on *matK* gene. Bootstrap value of >50 are shown above each branch. \* = Indonesia specimen; \*\*= Thailand specimen

However, this study has provide new information about taxonomy of *Mangifera*. As depicted in Fig. 2 *M. appplanata*, *M. macrocarpa* (from Indonesia), and *M. altissima* are united (Group I), whereas *M. laurina* (form Thailand), *M. casturi*, *M. odorata*, and *M. indica* are closely related (Group II). Group III is housed by the rest of species. Unfortunately, no single synapomorphic character is found to support each group.

Moreover, this research has revealed that there are variation of *matK* in *M. laurina* and *M. macrocarpa* which come from Indonesia and Thailand. As seen in Fig. 2, *M. laurina* (from Thailand) is separated from that of Indonesia (Group III; Thailand specimen in Group II). Similar situation has been found in *M. macrocarpa*: Thailand in Group III and Indonesia in Group I. Different nature between these two countries has driven the mutation in *matK*, but this does not lead to shift the morphology. All of these, of course, are related with the ability of plant to adapt to the environment change [18].

As mentioned, *matK* gene is highly conserved. Mutation rate in this kind of gene is very slow. This is reflected by the small number of informative characters (only 51 from a total 1,601 characters) to build the tree. As consequence, bootstrap value in most branches of the tree are less than 50. Similar condition are found in other angiospermae (e.g. [8], [9], [10]). A further analysis based on the phylogenetic scheme presented here will shed more light on overlooked characters.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

This study demonstrated that the *matK* can classify the *Mangifera* into three major groups. This classification system are quite different with previous system. The *matK* gene in two species, namely *M. laurina* and *M. macrocarpa*, are different between Indonesia and Thailand specimens. Due to we found limited utility of *matK* in *Mangifera*, it is suggested for employing another DNA region with more extensive sampling in the future.

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