

**New Record of Edible Chicken of the Wood Mushroom, *Laetiporus versisporus* (Lloyd) Imazeki (Fomitopsidaceae, Polyporales) from Sabah (Northern Borneo), Malaysia**

**ABSTRACT**

The genus *Laetiporus* has been previously reported from Mesilau in Sabah, Northern Borneo in 1964. To date, no further documentation of the *Laetiporus* genus has been reported in Sabah, Malaysia. This study provides an overview of recent literature on taxonomic updates, distribution and sequence data of *Laetiporus* in Malaysia. During the period March – June 2020, two *Laetiporus* specimens were collected in Maliau Basin Conservation Area and Sipitang. These two specimens were identified as *L. versisporus* based on morphological characteristics and molecular methods. Interestingly, no sequence data for this particular species have been documented for Malaysian Borneo. This study represents the initial documentation of *L. versisporus* in Sabah (Northern Borneo) that have potential applications in medicine and food industry and provide insights into its phylogenetic relationship within the genus *Laetiporus*.