A Graphic tool for the identification of West African savannas trees

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Objectives:
- Capacity building in taxonomy
- Young scientist and natural resource managers training
- Species identification for biodiversity studies
- Information dissemination

• Identification tool based on a field guide to West African savannas trees (Arbonnier, 2000).

• Identification tool applied to 360 species.

• Identification based on vegetative and sexual characters, and geographical position.

• A multi-entry identification system: Identification characters can be chosen in any order by users.

• Missing information or data are permitted.

• Botanical description, different uses and bibliographic references for each species.

• Species illustrated by 2 000 photos.

• Many distribution maps.

• Illustrated definition of botanical terms.

Plans in development:

Biotik
Biodiversity Informatics and co-Operation in Taxonomy for Interactive shared Knowledge base.
(India, Lao PDR)

Oscar
Open Source Simple Computer for Agriculture in Rural Areas.
(India)

Oswald
Open Source for Weed Assessment in Lowland Paddy Fields.
(Lao PDR, Cambodia)

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