

A Graphic tool for the identification of West African savannas trees

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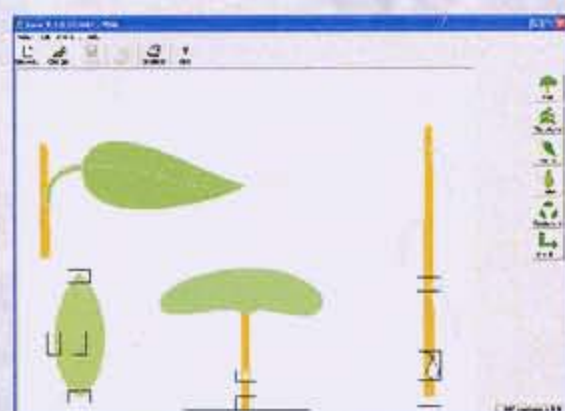


- Identification tool based on a **field guide** to West African savannas trees (Arbonnier, 2000).

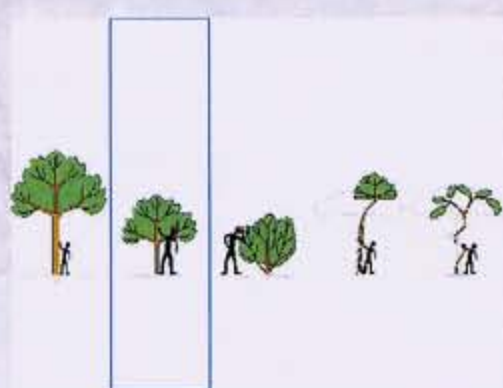
Objectives :

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

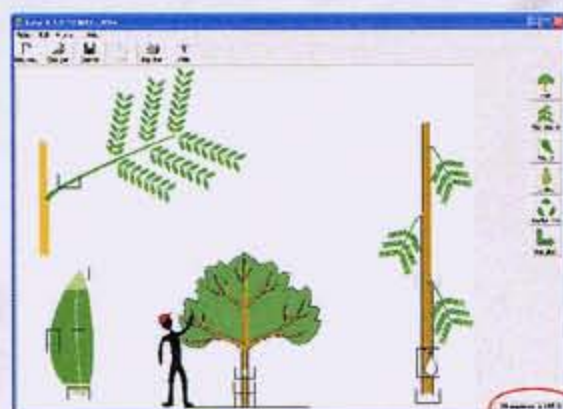
- Identification tool applied to **360 species**.



- **Graphic identification.**



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



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



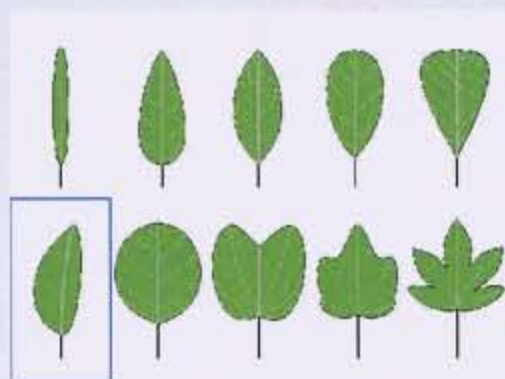
- Species illustrated by **2 000 photos**.



- Many **distribution maps**.

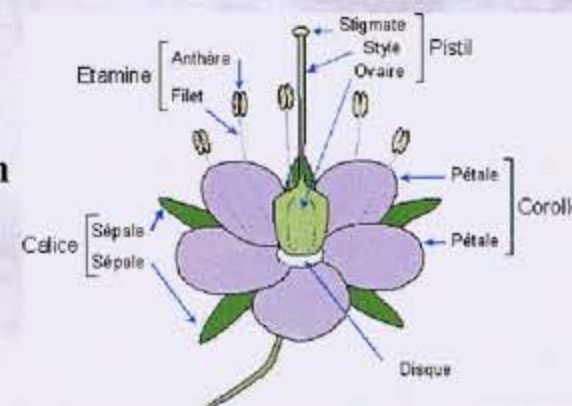


- Identification based on **vegetative and sexual characters**, and geographical position.



- **Missing information or data** are permitted.

- **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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