



Kew

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Dear Sir,

Being at present engaged in the study
of the genus Chrozophora (Euphorbiaceae)
for the manuscript of the Flora of
Tropical Africa which is being pub-
lished at Kew, I find myself in
some difficulty with regard to
the precise plant which was pub-
lished in 1836 by the late
Professor R. de Visiani, under the
name Chrozophora Broccheana.

The plant was collected at Redi in
Berber by Dr Brocchia, it therefore
comes within the area of the
Flora and I am encouraged in
asking for your kind help in
the matter because of your
sympathy with all efforts to
render information accurate and



precise. Several distinctable
forms occurs in various herbaria
under the name C. Broeckiana
and I am anxious that the
name should in the Flora be
definitely associated with the
actual form intended by Professor
Visiani.

I should therefore esteem it a
very great favor if you will
kindly permit me to see the
actual type specimen of this
species.

There is another specimen which
I should equally wish to see. viz:-
the one which Professor Visiani
has treated as the type of his
Croton obliquifolius, also published
and figured in 1836. This has

been variously quoted by Dr J. Mueller
(DC. Prodr. xv. pars 2) and by Dr Schwein-
furth (Pl. Querc. Nilot.) and it would
be a satisfaction to be assured by
personal inspection as to its pre-
cise identity.

If, indeed, you could allow this to
be done I should be most grateful
to you if you could send over to
Kew the whole of the material of
the genus Chrozophora in the
herbarium at Padova, so that, as
some slight recompense of your
kindness I might attach slips
with my determinations to each
sheet.

I shall be able to return the
specimens within one week of
their arrival at Kew.

Thanking you in anticipation
for your kind help
Believe me to be
Yours very truly
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