



Volume 86/18 2011

Posted: August 29, 2011

[About TFBC](#)[Background](#)[Flora of Peninsular M'sia](#)[Contact Us](#)[Back to TFBC](#)

## In the spotlight

### *Crateva religiosa*



"Kulumbai", "Dalur", "Kepayang Air" or "Dala" are the local names given for *Crateva religiosa* (Capparaceae). This is the second species in the genus occurring in Peninsular Malaysia. The other species being *C. magna* (Lour.) DC. *Crateva religiosa* is very common and has a wide distribution, ranges from India, Burma, China, Indo-China, Sumatra, Java and Borneo.

Similar to *C. magna*, this species has showy flowers, in short racemes (3–5 cm long). It is commonly being planted worldwide as an ornamental. This trifoliate (with leaflets elliptic to ovate, 15–19 × 3.5–6.7 cm) species is a small to medium sized tree (4.5–15 m tall) with a widely, stout-branched crown. Its sister species, *C. magna* is weakly branched. *Crateva religiosa* also easily distinguish from the latter species in its leaf venation by having 6–7 pairs and widely spaced as opposed to 12–20 pairs and closely spaced.

It grows on evergreen forest, near river banks at low altitude below 700 m. In Malaysia Plant Red List, it was listed as Least Concern.

#### Reference:

Jacobs, M. 1960. Capparidaceae. Flora Malesiana 1, 6: 65.

By Julius, A. ([avelinah@frim.gov.my](mailto:avelinah@frim.gov.my))  
 Edited by Dr Saw Leng Guan


[Plant profile](#)
[Archives](#)

## New at FPM online

**:: UPDATED PHOTOS - Available NOW at Flora of Peninsular Malaysia Online**

- ▶ *Acrotrema costatum*
- ▶ *Actephila ovalis*
- ▶ *Antidesma orthogyne*
- ▶ *Acampe rigida*
- ▶ *Bulbophyllum minutulum*
- ▶ *Blechnum finlaysonianum*
- ▶ *Calciophilopteris alleniae*
- ▶ *Cyathea latebrosa*
- ▶ *Dipterocarpus costulatus*
- ▶ *Dipterocarpus concavus*
- ▶ *Peliosanthes teta*
- ▶ *Pentaphragma ellipticum*
- ▶ *Pentaphragma horsfieldii*
- ▶ *Dipterocarpus palembanicus*
- ▶ *Elaeocarpus mastersii*
- ▶ *Henckelia davisonii*
- ▶ *Henckelia densifolia*
- ▶ *Helicia attenuata*
- ▶ *Hopea ferruginea*
- ▶ *Leptochilus macrophyllus*
- ▶ *Lindsaea napaea*
- ▶ *Lygodium microphyllum*
- ▶ *Lygodium salicifolium*
- ▶ *Sonerila rudis*
- ▶ *Sphaerostephanos penniger*
- ▶ *Shorea singkawang*

- |                                  |                                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ▶ <i>Polygala venenosa</i>       | ▶ <i>Staurogyne griffithiana</i> |
| ▶ <i>Psychotria rostrata</i>     | ▶ <i>Thottea parviflora</i>      |
| ▶ <i>Pteris semipinnata</i>      | ▶ <i>Thottea tricomis</i>        |
| ▶ <i>Phyllanthus watsonii</i>    | ▶ <i>Thottea piperiformis</i>    |
| ▶ <i>Radermachera glandulosa</i> | ▶ <i>Utricularia minutissima</i> |
| ▶ <i>Rinorea anguifera</i>       | ▶ <i>Vatica mangachapoi</i>      |
| ▶ <i>Sonerila integrifolia</i>   | ▶ <i>Vatica venulosa</i>         |

## FPM at a glance



Membership: **1450**



Plant profiles: **8893**



Photo-illustrated taxa: **2830**

## Useful FPM features

- Full-sized, high-resolution formats of all photo-illustrations in Flora of Peninsular Malaysia Online may be licensed from the Tropical Forest Biodiversity Centre, Forest Research Institute Malaysia. Please contact us for details;
- Remember that you can save your hit list as a Microsoft Excel File;
- Upon registration, you will receive the Electronic FPM newsletter at your designated e-mail address.

To submit questions, comments or suggestions, e-mail: [floraonline@frim.gov.my](mailto:floraonline@frim.gov.my)

## TFBC

Tropical Forest Biodiversity Centre  
Forest Biodiversity Division, Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM)  
52109 Kepong, Selangor Darul Ehsan, MALAYSIA.

<http://www.tfbc.frim.gov.my>

Tel: +60-3-6279 7219 Fax: +60-3-6273 1041 E-mail: [floraonline@frim.gov.my](mailto:floraonline@frim.gov.my)

All rights reserved. Copyright©2004