

INDIGENOUS TREES OF UGANDA ED. III

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The preparation of the 3rd edition of the "Indigenous Trees of Uganda" is being sponsored by the Forest Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of the Republic of Uganda. The writer of this report has been given responsibility for the preparation but is not able to carry out any taxonomic research and for the revision is relying on work already published (particularly F.T.E.A.), and the advice of as many taxonomists as he can contact who have some knowledge of the tree flora of Uganda.

In the new edition the form and scope of the book will not be drastically altered. Much of the detailed description of timber properties will be omitted as this information is now available in the book "Uganda Timbers" by C. H. TACK published by the Government Printer, Entebbe, Uganda in 1969. Descriptions of 'naturalised' exotics will be included and other important exotics will be added to the family keys. It is hoped to add to and improve the illustrations, particularly the figures.

Much of the basic information required for the revision has now been collected but the detailed redrafting has been delayed and the completed draft will not be ready for the printer by the end of 1970 as was once hoped. A more realistic target date now is the end of 1971 or mid 1972.

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The only collections since 1966 that have added to the knowledge of the tree flora of Uganda are those in the little known forests (Kasyoha—Kitomi, Maramagambo, and Impenetrable) of S. W. Uganda which have been made by T. J. SYNNOTT and J. B. BALL of the Forest Department, A. HAMILTON of Makerere University and J. M. LOCK of the Nuffield Unit of Tropical Animal Ecology in the Queen Elizabeth National Park.

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