

## Review of: "An Ecological Study of Alstonia Venenata R.Br. (Apocynaceae: Rauvolfioideae) and Cryptolepis Buchanani R.Br. Ex Roem. & Schult. (Apocynaceae: Periplocoideae)"

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The results and conclusions obtained are very interesting for the study of these poorly studied species. The work is well written and understandable, and its results provide novel information useful in future investigations of the same species and its relatives.

Nevertheless, the introduction section can be reinforced with more information about the biotic interactions of both species, especially in the case of C. buchanani; if this is not available, then the authors can include information about relative species.

To reinforce these final results and conclusions, the authors could incorporate quantitative information or percentages about the number of individuals, pollinators, visitors, flowers, and fruits observed and their repetitions. Maybe they could integrate climatic information like temperature and humidity in each location where both species and their visitors or pollinators were observed to determine if the environmental conditions affect pollinators, especially in C. buchanani.

The figures are appropriate since they allow observation of the habit and flowers of both species; if the authors could include images of visitors of A. venenata or images-diagrams of the floral structure in both species, they would complement their results and enforce their conclusions.

The work doesn't mention the characteristics of the seeds of A. venenata. Also, the work does not mention what kind of investigations will be developed in the future with these results.

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