



NEW(S) FROM THE FIELD

FROM OUT TO INDOORS

New species!

At last! the new species found in the Monts de Cristal on the Mvé Lakené Plateau is now official! *Amphiblemma mvensis* Leal (Melastomataceae) number 65 in the series Novitates Gabonensis (novelties for Gabon). The Gabonese Army will be exercising in these hills and hopefully protect it for the future, and who knows ... one day this “harry” herb may become their insignia!

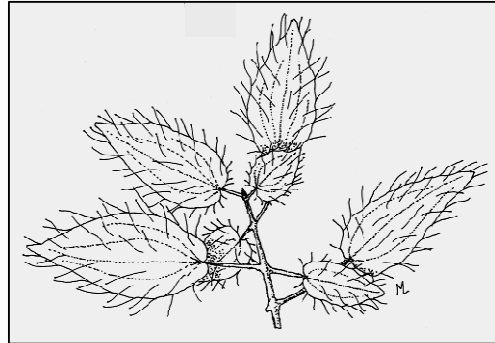


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Summer expeditions

PhD student Gilles Dauby from the ULB spent his summer in Gabon. He set off with the MBG team into the eastern hills of the Monts de Cristal to evaluate its misty forests. Then the tour continued west into the Fougamou Hills (also known as Koumounabwali), where there is unprotected climatically stable forest and as it turns out ... a new species!

A Hairy Monster

Once every so often botanists have a harry moment in the jungle, but this time it was not that unpleasant when the MBG team found themselves face to face with this hairy monster. It turned out to be new species of the African genus *Parastolochia* (Aristolochiaceae)! The revision of this family for the Flora of Gabon was virtually completed, but now MBG 's SB Miguel Leal will have to add a new member, ... *Parastolochia horribila*!



photo: MBG team

