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### MANGIFERA KEMANGA BLUME (ANACARDIACEAE) TAXONOMIC ASSESSMENT FOR GENETIC DIVERSITY BASED ON MOLECULAR SUBSTANTIATION

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#### SUMMARY

Mangifera kemanga Blume is a wild relative of mango (Mangifera indica) and a local fruit with various potential uses. The community uses its fruit and leaves for food and its wood as a building material. However, the genetic diversity and taxonomic status of *M. kemanga* species still need more exploration and have a dispute with M. caesia Jack. The presented study aimed to determine the taxonomic status of *M. kemanga* and its relationship with *M. caesia* through a molecular approach and to recognize the species' delimitation. The recorded data analysis used the *trnL-trnF* intergenic spacer sequence. Carrying out DNA isolation employed the Geneaid Genomic DNA Mini Kit (Plant) protocol, with the DNA sequences analyzed for kinship using Maximum Parsimony and Neighbor-Joining methods and genetic diversity analysis performed using DnaSP 6. A total of 27 trnL-trnF intergenic spacer sequence identification and authentication resulted from BLAST on NCBI as sequences derived from the genus *Manaifera*. The phylogenetic tree revealed that the accessions of *M. kemanga* and *M.* caesia are very similar, hence, considered not as independent species. Thus, based on the trnL-trnF intergenic spacer sequences, M. kemanga is a synonym of M. caesia with taxonomic status as a variety of M. caesia. This molecular-based taxonomic evidence is significant for determining the valid species status of M. kemanga so that it can provide basic information for further studies on biodiversity and germplasm conservation.

**Keywords:** *Mangifera caesia*, genetic diversity, molecular analysis, morphological traits, phylogenetic, *trnL-trnF* intergenic spacer marker

**Key findings:** Based on the accessions of *M. kemanga* and *M. caesia* collected from four islands in Indonesia, collecting molecular data used the *trnL-trnF* intergenic spacer marker, which provides several sequences that have yet to be published. The molecular analysis gave new taxonomic substantiation to determine the status of *M. kemanga*. Furthermore, the present data can be a basis for conservation strategies and optimizing its potential use as a genetic resource.

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#### INTRODUCTION

*Mangifera kemanga* Blume is a tropical fruit species and a wild relative of mango belonging

to the family Anacardiaceae, which distributes naturally in the Malay Peninsula, Sumatra, Kalimantan (rarely), and West Java (Kostermans and Bompard, 1993; Juliantari *et* 

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al., 2021). This species' common cultivation is in West Java, especially in Bogor (Tapsi et al., 2012). Locally, four cultivars, viz., Sabu, Lokal, Binglu, and Sugar originated from the species M. kemanga in Bogor (Mulyaningsih et al., 2022). In Sumatraisland, M. kemanga exists along the river basins of Central Sumatra (Riau and Jambi Provinces) and Southern Sumatra (Lampung, Bengkulu, and South Sumatra Provinces) (Resida et al., 2017). Based on the past botanical exploration of wild mangoes in Sumatra, a report stated M. kemanga to be one of the rare wild mango species (Fitmawati and Hayati, 2018). The use of M. kemanga is quite diverse in Indonesia, with its young leaves usually consumed as fresh vegetables called 'lalapan.'

In M. kemanga, fresh fruits are either consumed directly or processed into juice by adding coffee powder, sugar, and ice (Kostermans and Bompard, 1993). The Sundanese people in West Java processed grated seeds into sauce 'sambal' by adding chili and salt (Kostermans and Bompard, 1993). In addition, phytochemical screening and antioxidant profile of wild mangoes in Sumatra revealed that M. kemanaa has the potential as a source of antioxidants with higher quercetin content as compared with other wild species of mangoes (Fitmawati et al., 2018, 2020; Ho and Tu, 2019). Quercetin is a plant flavonol from the flavonoid group of polyphenols, found in fruits, vegetables, leaves, seeds, and grains; red onions and kale are common foods containing appreciable amounts of it. It has a bitter flavor and serves as an ingredient in dietary supplements, beverages, and food. The quercetin found in *M*. kemanga has various pharmacological benefits, including antidiabetic (Gondi and Rao, 2015), anti-influenza (Wu et al., 2016), anticancer (Zhao et al., 2016; Hashemzaei et al., 2017), antioxidant and anti-inflammatory (Lesjak et al., 2018), and antibacterial (Wang et al., 2018).

Taxonomically, the problem of the M. kemanga species' status and the scientific names still needs resolution since М. Kemanga's first publication was a species of the family Anacardiaceae (Blume, 1850). However, disputes on its position as a species have occurred, as some researchers also defined *M. kemanga* as a variety of *M. caesia* (Kostermans, 1965; Hou, Jack 1978). According to Mukherjee (1949), both species have some differences in the leaves, panicles, flowers, and fruits. Hou (1978) also considered Blume's description of M. kemanga on the fruit color confusing. Kostermans and Bompard

(1993) finally delimited M. kemanga as a distinct species from *M. caesia* based on fruit character descriptions. Mangifera kemanga fruit is very distinctive with a pear-like shape. At a very early stage of the fruit, some are glossy white with dirty red spots, but when they ripen, the rind becomes brown, dull, and rough. These characteristics differ from M. caesia, e.g., the 'Wani' fruit found in Bali, Indonesia, a cultivar of *M. caesia*. The rind of 'wani' showed to be smooth, glossy, yellowishwhite, or yellowish-green when ripe (Kostermans and Bompard, 1993).

Classification based on morphological characteristics still causes the taxonomic status of М. *kemanga* to undergo debate. Furthermore, the discovery of a natural hybrid between M. kemanga and M. caesia also confirmed the taxonomic status of M. kemanga as a problematic species (Bompard, 1992). Therefore, the taxonomic status of *M. kemanga* needs reviewing using a molecular approach. The development of molecular data to resolve plant taxonomy problems is reliable by the available higher number of characteristics than morphological characteristics, especially for the lower taxon categories. Molecular characterization can use the chloroplast marker (cpDNA) trnL-trnF intergenic spacer. This noncoding regional sequence is easy to amplify and has a short sequence size, producing high variation and highly-frequent mutations (Small et al., 2004). Therefore, using this marker can best review the taxonomic status of M. kemanga and its relationship with M. caesia, as its close relative. The latest study aimed to assess the taxonomic status of M. kemanga and its relationship with M. caesia using morphological and molecular approaches.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

## Plant material

This study collected 27 samples of *M. kemanga* and *M. caesia* from the various distribution areas in Indonesia, including four islands, i.e., Java (Bogor), Kalimantan (East and South), Bali (Tabanan), and Sumatra (Riau, Jambi, South Sumatra, Aceh, and Bangka Belitung Islands) (Table 1). Seventeen accessions belonged to the *M. kemanga*, while 10 accessions originated from *M. caesia*. The analysis of coordinate data of *M. kemanga* and *M. caesia* used the Quantum Geographic Information System (QGIS 3.20.2) software (Figure 1).



**Figure 1.** *M. kemanga* and *M. caesia* sampling locations in Indonesia: (1) Aceh, (2) Riau, (3) Jambi, (4) South Sumatra, (5) Bangka Belitung Islands, (6) Bogor, (7) South Kalimantan, and (8) East Kalimantan.

## DNA extraction, amplification, and sequencing

DNA extraction employed the Geneaid Genomic DNA Mini Kit (Plant) protocol on M. kemanga and M. caesia accessions (Table 1). DNA extraction consisted of five steps: tissue dissociation, cell lysis, DNA binding, washing, and DNA elution. DNA amplification used the cpDNA trnL-trnF intergenic spacer sequence, as well as, a universal primer of trnL-trnF intergenic spacer (Taberlet et al., 1991). The total volume of PCR reactions followed the Thermo Scientific<sup>™</sup> protocol. Conducting the PCR reaction according to Fitmawati and Hartana (2010). PCR products examination electrophoresis used the method and documented with a Gel Doc (AlphaDigiDoc™ RT). The PCR product sequencing ensued in the Apical Scientific Laboratory, Malaysia.

# Genetic diversity and phylogenetic analysis

The analysis of genetic diversity used DnaSP 6 software (Rozas *et al.,* 2017). Aligning and constructing a phylogenetic tree analyzed the DNA sequences for kinship based on the Maximum Parsimony (MP) and Neighbor-Joining (NJ) methods using the MEGA 11 software: Molecular Evolutionary Genetics Analysis version 11.0.8 (Tamura et al., 2021). Carrying out online data mining BLAST, identified similar sequences based on the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) database. A total of five accessions of DNA sequences from NCBI served for outgroups, which were M. indica L. (two accessions), Bouea macrophylla Griffith (two accessions), and Bouea oppositifolia (Roxb.) Adelb. The cladogram strength test used bootstrap analysis of 1000 replicates (Felsenstein, 1985).

### RESULTS

# Sequence profiles of *trnL-trnF* intergenic spacer *M. kemanga* and *M. Caesia*

The DNA amplicons successfully sequenced ranged from 415–459 bp. Similar findings have also resulted in previous studies of *Mangifera* species (Fitmawati *et al.*, 2017b; 2021, Resida *et al.*, 2017). The sequence length used in the analysis of 36 taxa (including outgroups) was 411 bp. A total of 381 (92.70%) characters revealed conservative (constant) sites, 29 (7.05%) were variable sites, 17 (4.14%) were singleton variable sites, and 12 (2.92%) were parsimony-informative sites (Table 2).

	Collection/		Geographical Location							
Origin of accession	accession number	Species	Latitude	Longitude	Altitude (masl)					
Riau (IHR)	ER05 P5	M. kemanga	0°22'48.2"S	103°05'01.4"E	7					
Riau (IHR)	ER08 P8	M. kemanga	0°22'51.0"S	103°05'07.7"E	5					
Riau (IHR)	ER09 P9	M. kemanga	0°22'56.8"S	103°05'16.8"E	8					
Riau (IHR)	ER14 P14	M. kemanga	0°23'00.7"S	103°05'17.6"E	7					
Riau (IHR)	ER15 P15	M. kemanga	0°22'59.5"S	103°05'16.5"E	7					
Riau (IHU)	ER18 RGT	M. kemanga	0°22'11.4"S	102°31'55.7"E	12					
Riau (KSG)	ER38 KG2	M. kemanga	0°26'28.0"S	101°40'27.3"E	44					
Riau (KSG)	ER39 KG3	M. kemanga	0°28'20.3"S	101°37'37.0"E	48					
Riau (KSG)	ER40 KG4	M. kemanga	0°29'28.4"S	101°39'35.9"E	50					
Jambi (SLR)	ER29 JM1	M. kemanga	2°07'53.8"S	102°49'30.2"E	33					
Jambi (SLR)	ER30 JM2	M. kemanga	2°11'58.1"S	102°47'36.7"E	38					
Aceh (ACU)	ER23 ACDS	M. kemanga	5°05'06.6"N	97°14'59.1"E	9					
West Java (BGR)	ER32 BG1	M. kemanga	6°34'51.5"S	106°43'19.8"E	191					
West Java (BGR)	ER33 BG2	M. kemanga	6°33'15.0"S	106°43'47.7"E	165					
West Java (BGR)	ER34 BG3	M. kemanga	6°33'48.0"S	106°43'21.7"E	171					
West Java (BGR)	ER35 BG4	M. kemanga	6°34'59.7"S	106°43'21.8"E	192					
West Java (BGR)	ER36 BG5	M. kemanga	6°34'34.1"S	106°43'40.0"E	185					
South Sumatra (OLR)	ER24 PM1	M. caesia	3°18'41.5"S	104°43'48.1"E	15					
South Sumatra (OLR)	ER25 PM2	M. caesia	3°19'07.5"S	104°44'15.7"E	12					
Bangka Belitung (PPG)	ER19 PP1	M. caesia	-	-	-					
Bangka Belitung (PPG)	ER20 PP2	M. caesia	-	-	-					
East Kalimantan (SMR)	ER01 SMR	M. caesia	0°26'06.0"S	117°10'42.1"E	9					
South Kalimantan (HST)	ER26 KSL1	M. caesia	2°41'55.7"S	115°18'39.6"E	13					
South Kalimantan (HSS)	ER43 KSL4	M. caesia	2°44'04.2"S	115°18'06.8"E	15					
South Kalimantan (HSS)	ER44 KSL5	M. caesia	2°44'44.9"S	115°21'17.5"E	109.4					
Bali (TBN)	ER27 BL1	M. caesia	8°27'56.3"S	115°09'09.3"E	281					
Bali (TBN)	ER28 BL2	M. caesia	8°27'57.0"S	115°09'09.2"E	280					
<i>GenBank</i> (RIA) <sup>*</sup>	MF919592	M. kemanga	00°28'10.1"S	101°37'57.4"E	-					
GenBank (STS) *	MF919593	M. kemanga	02°52'44.7"S	103°52'07.2"E	-					
GenBank (LPG) <sup>*</sup>	MF919594	M. kemanga	05°07'30.0"S	103°59'28.0"E	-					
GenBank (SMT)	KY392620	M. kemanga	-	-	-					
GenBank	MF997586	M. indica	-	-	-					
GenBank	KY392616	M. indica	-	-	-					
GenBank	AY594500	B. macrophylla	-	-	-					
GenBank	KY392617	B. macrophylla	-	-	-					
GenBank	KP055490	B. oppositifolia	-	-	-					

**Table 1.** Accessions of *M. kemanga*, *M. caesia*, and outgroups collected from the field and sequence data from Genbank.

IHR=Indragiri Hilir, IHU=Indragiri Hulu, KSG =Kuantan Singingi, SRL=Sarolangun, ACU=Aceh Utara, BGR=Bogor, OLR=Ogan Ilir, PPG=Pangkal Pinang, SMR=Samarinda, HST=Hulu Sungai Tengah, HSS=Hulu Sungai Selatan, TBN=Tabanan, RIA=Riau, STS=South Sumatra, LPG=Lampung dan, SMT= Central Sumatra. \*<sup>=</sup>Resida *et al.*, (2017).

**Table 2.** Characteristics and statistics of the *trnL-trnF* intergenic spacer *M. kemanga* and *M. caesia* in Indonesia.

Variables	M. kemanga + M. caesia	<i>M. kemanga + M. caesia +</i> outgroup
Number of ingroup taxa	31	31
Number of outgroup taxa	-	5
Sequence length (bp)	411	411
Number of constant sites (%)	96,10	92,70
Variable sites (%)	1,94	7,05
Number of parsimony-informative sites (%)	1,70	2,92
Singleton sites (%)	1,94	4,14
Tree length (steps)	21	39
Consistency Index (CI)	0,762	0,821
Retention Index (RI)	0,762	0,816

Based on sequence alignment using BLAST, sequences of M. kemanga and M. caesia identified as sequences belonging to the genus Mangifera and proved by the highest percentage of query cover and percent identity. The range of guery cover and percent identity values were 84%-100% and 97.93%-99.26%, respectively. Mangifera kemanga sequences also had a high query cover value with M. foetida. Morphologically, grouping the two species was into the same subgenus (Limus). The trnL-trnF intergenic spacer sequences of M. caesia were unavailable in the GenBank database. Hence, the trnL-trnF intergenic spacer sequences of M. caesia resulting in this study are new.

The results of the alignment of M. kemanga and M. caesia sequences showed that their sequences differed by 1.70% of the total length of the sequence examined (411 bp). Sequence alignment also revealed information on the average nucleotide composition with frequencies of Thymine/T (32.78%), Cytosine/C (22.07%), Adenine/A (28.98%), Guanine/G (16.17%), AT (61.76%), and GC (38.24%). The data confirmed that the most nucleotide compositions were adenine and thymine in the spacer region. Similar findings have also come from other studies using the *trnL-trnF* intergenic spacer sequence in the family Anacardiaceae (Fitmawati and Hartana, 2010; Harsono et al., 2017; Fitmawati et al., 2017a, b). In non-coding region chloroplast DNA. the most abundant nucleotide composition was adenine and thymine (Li, 1997).

## Nucleotide diversity analysis

In *M. kemanga* procured from West Java and *M. caesia* obtained from Bali, the analysis

results of the haplotype diversity were in the high category (0.9–1). However, in the populations of *M. kemanga* from Sumatra and M. caesia from Kalimantan, the haplotype diversitv was moderate (0.5 - 0.73).Furthermore, in M. caesia obtained from Sumatra, the haplotype diversity was lowest (0.00) (Table 3). Thus, the genetic variation (level of polymorphism) in the population of M. caesia from Sumatra is minimal. According to Nei (1987), the value of haplotype diversity (Hd) ranges from 0.8-1 in the high category, 0.5-0.7 in the moderate, and 0.1-0.4 in the low category. Interestingly, these results showed that the population with the highest genetic diversity comes from areas with high altitude (165-281 masl), namely, M. kemanga from West Java and M. caesia from Bali, Indonesia compared with other populations generally found in swampy areas (5–50 masl).

Nucleotide diversity plays a vital role in measuring the degree of polymorphism in a population (Nei and Li, 1979). The value of nucleotide diversity (Pi) categorizes as high, with a value of Pi > 0.1 (Jukes and Cantor, 1969). The nucleotide diversity of the entire populations of *M. kemanga* and *M. caesia* was low, with a value of Pi < 0.1 ranging from 0.001-0.009 (Table 3). The low nucleotide diversity was due to the *trnL-trnF* intergenic spacer marker in the chloroplast genome. The population of *M. caesia* from Bali has the highest nucleotide diversity (0.009). The results explain that *M. caesia* obtained from Bali was relatively genetically diverse than M. caesia accessions procured from other regions with the same also evidenced by recording the genetic variability in 22 M. caesia cultivars in Bali, Indonesia (Rai et al., 2008). Mutation events cause nucleotide diversity in the trnL*trnF* intergenic spacer sequence.

Spacias / Papulations	Genetic diversity								
Species / Populations	Ν	Hn	Hd	Pi					
M. kemanga	21	9	0.767	0.006					
Sumatra	16	6	0.733	0.006					
West Java	5	4	0.900	0.005					
M. caesia	10	3	0.511	0.003					
Sumatra	4	1	0.000	0.000					
Kalimantan	4	2	0.500	0.001					
Bali	2	2	1.000	0.009					
Total	31	10							

**Table 3.** Genetic diversity between species and populations of *M. kemanga* and *M. caesia* using 2-parameter Kimura model analysis.

N=number of sequences, Hn=number of haplotypes, Hd=haplotype diversity, and Pi=nucleotide diversity.



**Figure 2.** Phylogenetic tree using Neighbor-Joining analysis. Branching was analyzed by bootstrap 1000 replicates. Bootstrap values on nodes that are less than 50% are not shown. ER = accession code (Table 1).

## Phylogenetic analysis based on the Neighbor-Joining (NJ) method

Phylogenetic analysis based on the NJ method showed that M. kemanga and M. caesia form a monophyletic group with seven clades (Figure 2). Clades I, III, IV, and V contain the accessions of M. kemanga. However, the clades II and VI were combined clades of M. kemanga and M. caesia. Clade VII only has accessions of M. Caesia occupying it. In clade-I, the accession MF919594 of M. kemanga from Lampung, Indonesia evolved the last. The accession experienced the most nucleotide changes in the ingroup because it had the longest evolutionary process compared with other accessions. Therefore, accession from Lampung can be the most advanced accession than other accessions of *M. kemanga* and *M.* caesia found in Indonesia.

Clade II contains the most combination accessions of M. kemanga and M. caesia. However, occupying clade III was an M. kemanga accession from Bogor, Indonesia (ER36BG5) and separated from other Bogor accessions located in clades II and IV. Clade IV grouped three accessions obtained from Riau, Indonesia, and two from Bogor, Indonesia. The accession (ER32BG1) of *M. kemanga* obtained from Bogor evolved earlier than other accessions in clade IV. Furthermore, clade V contained accessions of M. kemanga from Jambi (ER29JM1) and Aceh (ER23ACDS), Indonesia. In addition to clade II, the two species also got clustered in clade VI, which consisted of two accessions of *M. kemanga* from Riau (ER18RGT and ER08P8) and two accessions of M. caesia obtained from East Kalimantan (ER01SMR) and Bali (ER28BL2). Meanwhile, the accession (ER27BL1) of M. caesia procured from Bali appeared to be the earliest in the NJ tree.

**Table 4.** Genetic distance matrix (pairwise distance) of *trnL-trnF* intergenic spacer in *M. kemanga* and *M. caesia* using NJ analysis with the 2-parameter Kimura evolution model.

	Collection/ Accession Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
1	ER05P5 M. caesia Jack																																			
2	ER08P8 M. caesia Jack	0,002																																		
3	ER09P9 M. caesia Jack	0,000	0,002																																	
4	ER14P14 M. caesia Jack	0,000	0,002	0,000																																
5	ER15P15 M. caesia Jack	0,000	0,002	0,000	0,000																															
6	ER26KSL1 M. caesia Jack	0,000	0,002	0,000	0,000	0,000																														
7	ER43KSL4 M. caesia Jack	0,000	0,002	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000																													
8	ER44KSL5 M. caesia Jack	0,000	0,002	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000																												
9	ER01SMR M. caesia Jack	0,002	0,000	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002																											
10	ER27BL1 M. caesia Jack	0,010	0,007	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,007																										
11	ER28BL2 M. caesia Jack	0,002	0,000	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,000	0,007																									
12	ER19PP1 M. caesia Jack	0,000	0,002	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,002	0,010	0,002																								
13	ER20PP2 M. caesia Jack	0,000	0,002	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,002	0,010	0,002	0,000																							
14	ER24PM1 M. kemanga Bhune	0,000	0,002	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,002	0,010	0,002	0,000	0,000																						
15	ER25PM2 M. kemanga Blume	0,000	0,002	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,002	0,010	0,002	0,000	0,000	0,000																					
16	ER29JM1 M. kemanga Blume	0,002	0,005	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,005	0,012	0,005	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002																				
17	ER30JM2 M. kemanga Blume	0,000	0,002	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,002	0,010	0,002	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,002																			
18	ER23ACDS M. kemanga Blume	0,005	0,002	0,005	0,005	0,005	0,005	0,005	0,005	0,002	0,010	0,002	0,005	0,005	0,005	0,005	0,002	0,005																		
19	ER38KG2 M. kemanga Bhune	0,010	0,012	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,012	0,017	0,012	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,007	0,010	0,010																	
20	ER39KG3 M. kemanga Blume	0,010	0,012	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,012	0,017	0,012	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,007	0,010	0,010	0,000																
21	ER40KG4 M. kemanga Bhune	0,007	0,010	0,007	0,007	0,007	0,007	0,007	0,007	0,010	0,015	0,010	0,007	0,007	0,007	0,007	0,005	0,007	0,007	0,002	0,002															
22	ER32BG1 M. kemanga Blume	0,002	0,005	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,005	0,010	0,005	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,005	0,002	0,007	0,007	0,007	0,005														
23	ER33BG2 M. kemanga Bhune	0,000	0,002	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,002	0,010	0,002	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,002	0,000	0,005	0,010	0,010	0,007	0,002													
24	ER34BG3 M. kemanga Blume	0,007	0,010	0,007	0,007	0,007	0,007	0,007	0,007	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,007	0,007	0,007	0,007	0,005	0,007	0,007	0,007	0,007	0,005	0,005	0,007												
25	ER35BG4 M. kemanga Blume	0,000	0,002	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,002	0,010	0,002	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,002	0,000	0,005	0,010	0,010	0,007	0,002	0,000	0,007											
26	ER36BG5 M. kemanga Blume	0,002	0,005	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,005	0,007	0,005	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,005	0,002	0,007	0,012	0,012	0,010	0,005	0,002	0,005	0,002										
27	ER18RGT M. kemanga Blume	0,002	0,000	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,000	0,007	0,000	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,002	0,005	0,002	0,002	0,012	0,012	0,010	0,005	0,002	0,010	0,002	0,005									
28	MF919594 M. kemanga Blume	0,018	0,020	0,018	0,018	0,018	0,018	0,018	0,018	0,020	0,028	0,020	0,018	0,018	0,018	0,018	0,020	0,018	0,023	0,020	0,020	0,020	0,020	0,018	0,025	0,018	0,020	0,020								
29	MF919593 M. kemanga Blume	0,008	0,010	0,008	0,008	0,008	0,008	0,008	0,008	0,010	0,018	0,010	0,008	0,008	0,008	0,008	0,010	0,008	0,013	0,015	0,015	0,015	0,010	0,008	0,015	0,008	0,010	0,010	0,020							
30	KP055490 B. oppositifolia (Roxb.) Adelb.	0,009	0,006	0,009	0,009	0,009	0,009	0,009	0,009	0,006	0,006	0,006	0,009	0,009	0,009	0,009	0,009	0,009	0,006	0,012	0,012	0,012	0,009	0,009	0,009	0,009	0,009	0,006	0,028	0,015						
31	MF919592 M. kemanga Blume	0,000	0,003	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,003	0,012	0,003	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,003	0,000	0,006	0,009	0,009	0,009	0,003	0,000	0,009	0,000	0,003	0,003	0,012	0,000	0,008					
32	KY392620 M. kemanga Blume	0,000	0,003	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,003	0,012	0,003	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,003	0,000	0,006	0,009	0,009	0,009	0,003	0,000	0,009	0,000	0,003	0,003	0,012	0,000	0,008	0,000				
33	MF997586 M. indica L.	0,038	0,035	0,038	0,038	0,038	0,038	0,038	0,038	0,035	0,043	0,035	0,038	0,038	0,038	0,038	0,040	0,038	0,038	0,045	0,045	0,045	0,040	0,038	0,045	0,038	0,040	0,035	0,033	0,025	0,033	0,015	0,015			
34	KY392616 M. indica L.	0,022	0,019	0,022	0,022	0,022	0,022	0,022	0,022	0,019	0,019	0,019	0,022	0,022	0,022	0,022	0,024	0,022	0,022	0,030	0,030	0,027	0,022	0,022	0,024	0,022	0,022	0,019	0,039	0,031	0,012	0,023	0,023	0,030		
35	AY 594500 B. macrophylla Griffith	0,008	0,005	0,008	0,008	0,008	0,008	0,008	0,008	0,005	0,013	0,005	0,008	0,008	0,008	0,008	0,010	0,008	0,008	0,018	0,018	0,016	0,010	0,008	0,016	0,008	0,010	0,005	0,027	0,016	0,003	0,009	0,009	0,031	0,014	
36	KY392617 B. macrophylla Griffith	0,010	0,008	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,008	0,015	0,008	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,010	0,013	0,010	0,010	0,018	0,018	0,018	0,013	0,010	0,018	0,010	0,013	0,008	0,028	0,018	0,003	0,009	0,009	0,023	0,017	0,003

Table 5. The genetic divergence within the	e group means distance at the spe	ecies level using a 2-paramet	er Kimura model
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Species	D	SE
M. kemanga	0.006	0.002
M.caesia	0.003	0.001
<i>M. caesia</i> and <i>M. kemanga</i>	0.005	0.002

D=genetic distance, SE=standard deviation.

		SE										
Population		M. k	emanga		M. caesia							
		Sk	К	В	Sc	J						
	<i>M. kemanga</i> (Sumatra/Sk)	**	0.002	0.003	0.001	0.002						
	M. caesia (Kalimantan/K)	0.004	**	0.003	0.001	0.002						
d	M. caesia (Bali/B)	0.009	0.006	**	0.003	0.004						
	<i>M. caesia</i> (Sumatra/Sc)	0.004	0.001	0.006	**	0.001						
	M. kemanga (West Java/J)	0.006	0.003	0.007	0.002	**						

**Table 6.** The genetic divergence between groups means distance at the species level using a 2-parameter Kimura model.

d=genetic distance (below diagonal), SE=standard deviation (above diagonal), Sk=*M. kemanga* population of Sumatra, Sc=*M. caesia* population of Sumatra, J=*M. kemanga* population of West Java, K=*M. caesia* population of Kalimantan, B=*M. caesia* population of Bali.

The genetic distance matrix also revealed the close relationship among the accessions (Table 4). The genetic distance within the M. kemanga population was greater than that in the M. caesia population, i.e., 0.006 and 0.003, respectively (Table 5). However, the genetic distance between the two species was smaller than the distance within the M. kemanga population (0.005). Thus, the distance values revealed that M. kemanga and M. caesia appeared very closely related because the genetic distance between the species was higher than the distance between the two species. These findings further strengthen the recommendation of the taxonomic status of the two species as synonymous.

distance Genetic between the populations (between group distance) presents that *M. caesia* from Sumatra is very closely related to M. caesia from Kalimantan (Table 6). However, the M. caesia population from Bali and M. kemanga from Sumatra have the most distant relationship ( $0.009 \pm 0.003$ ). Although the collection of both populations was from two different regions. The M. caesia population obtained from Bali grows at an altitude ranging 280-281 while the *M.* masl, kemanga population from Sumatra grows at an altitude of 5-50 masl. Moreover, the M. caesia has 22 cultivars in Bali, allowing this species to have a higher genetic range (Rai et al., 2008).

Based on the genetic distance between accessions (pairwise distance), *M. kemanga* from Lampung (MF919594) and *M. caesia* from Bali (ER27BL1) were the most distantly related *Mangifera* species, with the highest genetic distance matrix value of 2.8% (0.028) (Table 4). However, several other ingroup accessions had genetic distances ranging from 0.0% to 1.7%. *M. caesia* accession (ER26KSL1) from Kalimantan and *M. kemanga* accessions (ER30JM2, ER33BG2, and ER35BG4) from Sumatra and West Java have the least genetic distance or no genetic distance (0%), thus, considered identical species as were very closely related.

#### Phylogenetic analysis based on Maximum Parsimony (MP) method

Based on MP analysis, classifying 31 accessions of *M. kemanga* and *M. caesia* into two main clades was successful and separated from five outgroup accessions, the genus Bouea and Mangifera. The resulting phylogenetic tree had a consistency index (CI) of 0.821, a retention index (RI) of 0.816, and a homoplasy index (HI) of 0.179 (Table 2, Figure 3). The consistency index (CI) and retention index (RI) were close to unity, indicating that the relatively phylogenetic tree was stable (Klingenberg and Gidaszewski, 2010; Fitmawati et al., 2017a).

Clade I contains 26 accessions of M. kemanga and M. Caesia with a high bootstrap value of 90%. This clade also divided all accessions into two subclades. Subclade IA comprised 19 accessions of M. kemanga (procured from Bogor, Jambi, South Sumatra, and Riau, Indonesia) and seven accessions of M. caesia (originating from South Sumatra, South Kalimantan, and Bangka Belitung Islands, Indonesia). However, *M. kemanga* accession (ER08P8) from Riau separated from other accessions due to a change in the nucleotide 243 (T-G) site in subclade IB. In the second clade, there were five accessions, three from M. Caesia, i.e., ER01SMR obtained from Samarinda (East Kalimantan), ER27BL1 and ER28BL2 from Tabanan (Bali), and two from M. kemanga accession ER18RGT from Indragiri Hulu (Riau), and ER23ACDS procured from North Aceh, Indonesia. In all the clades, the accessions of the two species can not form a separate group but instead clustered together.



**Figure 3.** Phylogenetic tree using Maximum Parsimony analysis. Branching was analyzed by bootstrap 1000 replicates. Bootstrap values on nodes that are less than 50% are not shown. ER = accession code (Table 1).

The clustering presented using MP analysis also showed similar results compared with the NJ grouping. Thus, the different accessions of *M. kemanga* and *M. caesia* cannot be strictly delimited as independent species.

### DISCUSSION

In the genus Mangifera, some species have high plasticity and continuity of morphological characteristics, and it is difficult to identify (Fitmawati and Hartana, 2010). As a result, species complexity and misidentification may occur in this genus (Fitmawati et al., 2021, 2022). The species complexity may occur because the identification of morphological characters has flaws. Environmental factors often influence the morphological appearance and may show inconsistently due to human subjectivity (Bani et al., 2017; Elly et al., 2018). In addition, morphological characteristics come from both parents, so these characteristics have limitations in tracing intra- and interspecific relationships and natural evolutionary traces through maternal lineage. Therefore, the appropriate molecular evidence will better assist in addressing these limitations.

Employing the *trnL-trnF* intergenic sequence of chloroplasts in the spacer phylogenetic analysis of *M. kemanga* helps to find new evidence. Widely using of chloroplast DNA continues in studying plant phylogenetics. This genome is haploid with a simple and stable genetic structure, generally, uniparental transmission, none or very rare recombination, tracing only the maternal lineage, and using universal primers (Dong et al., 2012; Jiang et al., 2020; Kim et al., 2020). As a non-coding region of cpDNA, the *trnL-trnF* intergenic spacer marker also has a high mutation rate so that this region can change more rapidly than other coding regions in the chloroplast genome (Hocaoglu-Ozyigit et al., 2020).

In the *trnL-trnF* intergenic spacer sequence of *M. kemanga* and *M. caesia, the* sequence alignment showed a high percentage of homology (1.70%) (Table 2) and low nucleotide diversity values (Pi < 0.1) (Table 3). These results indicate the close relationship between the two species and confirm that the cpDNA sequence was more conservative than nuclear DNA. Therefore, in the *trnL-trnF* intergenic spacer cpDNA, the base changes occur in a very small number compared with the nuclear genome. However, this data is still important in providing some information to

explain the evolutionary process. The sequence variation in the *trnL-trnF* intergenic spacer sequence was due to a single nucleotide mutation that occurred over a very long time (Fitmawati and Hartana, 2010). The mutation rate of cpDNA loci was very low, ranging from  $3.2 \times 10^{-5}$  to  $7.9 \times 10^{-5}$  (Provan *et al.*, 1999).

Furthermore, the differences in the genetic distance describe each accession's evolutionary rate. The rate of evolution can be faster or slower, depending on the adaptation mechanism and the state of the habitat environment (Fitmawati et al. 2017b, 2018). Based on genetic distance, accessions of M. caesia from Bali and M. kemanga from Sumatra were the most distantly related accessions. The populations from Bali also presented a high value of genetic diversity (Hd and Pi values). Mangifera caesia is a native species from Sumatra, Indonesia, with a natural habitat in the form of lowlands. This species is usually found on the banks of flooded rivers and swamps periodically, whose altitude is below 400 masl (and rarely up to 800 masl) (Fitmawati and Hayati, 2018). Introducing this species in the Bali region encouraged these plants to adapt to an environment with higher altitudes than their habitat in Sumatra. Thus, accessions from Bali record higher genetic diversity. However, the highest genetic distance was only 2.8% in the *trnL-trnF* intergenic spacer sequence (Table 4). The genetic distance further indicates an increase in the development of adaptation strategies of a species through genetic variations formed to survive in nature. Meanwhile, that genetic variation has implications for creating a diversity of characters that play a vital role in supporting the adaptation process and the sustainability of the existence of a species.

The results of Neighbor-Joining and Maximum Parsimony analyses were congruent with each other. The basis for grouping accessions in both phylogenetic trees was not on geographic distribution and morphological delimitations, as earlier reported (Kostermans, 1965; Kostermans and Bompard, 1993). The *trnL-trnF* intergenic spacer sequence has yet to be able to separate the accessions into two independent species. All the accessions were divided into seven clades in the Neighbor-Joining analysis, while in two clades with Maximum Parsimony analysis. However, all the accessions of M. kemanga and M. caesia appeared scattered throughout those clades. Using the same marker for Bouea, another genus in the family of Anacardiaceae, the

marker was able to explicitly separate *Bouea macrophylla* Griffith and *Bouea oppositifolia* (Roxb.) Adelb. (Harsono *et al.*, 2017).

In addition, the proportion of homology between M. kemanga and M. caesia also authenticated that both populations were closely related. Thus, based on the trnL-trnF intergenic spacer marker, presumably, M. kemanga and M. caesia were identical species. The use of *trnL-trnF* intergenic spacer sequence of chloroplast DNA analyzed the phylogenetic relationships of closely related species, but could not separate infraspecific (within species) groupings (Taberlet et al., 1991). The inability of this sequence to separate the groupings of the two species examined indicates that the two taxa are under species level (infraspecific). Mangifera kemanga may also be a variety (intra-species) of *M. Caesia*, the accepted species.

The present findings also got support from Kosterman (1965), who described the status of M. kemanga as a variety of M. caesia (Mangifera caesia var. kemanga Blume) based on its morphological characteristics. The present results also recommend reinstating M. kemanga as a variety of M. caesia Jack. sensu (s.l.). This species circumscription lato becomes wider based on molecular data. According to Kosterman's (1965) records, M. kemanga in Indonesia only grows in West Java and South Sumatra regions. Furthermore, Kostermans and Bompard (1993) also recorded that the distribution of *M. kemanga* in Indonesia includes West Java (main distribution), Sumatra, and Kalimantan (very rare). In the latest study, M. kemanga collections came from West Java and Sumatra, but none from Kalimantan.

In conclusion, the present results provide new evidence for the species limitation of M. caesia (M. caesia Jack. s.l.), whose current population is decreasing in nature. The provisional IUCN Conservation Status Assessment for M. caesia Jack is "Near Threatened (NT)" under criterion B1b (iii). This species has experienced a decline in its natural population due to the losses that occur in its plantation natural habitat caused bv development and forest logging (Ganesan, 2021). A decrease in population numbers can have an impact on the genetic diversity of this species. Genetic diversity is the key to sustaining populations in the face of various environmental changes that occur naturally, as well human activities. Accurate as, classification at the molecular level is vital for optimizing the use of species for various breeding purposes and adopting effective conservation strategies to preserve the genetic diversity of this species.

#### CONCLUSIONS

research assessed The completed the taxonomic status and relationship of M. kemanga and M. caesia using molecular markers. Reconstruction of the phylogenetic tree using molecular characteristics showed that separating accessions of M. kemanga and M. caesia cannot complete on the cladogram. Therefore, based on the *trnL-trnF* intergenic spacer sequences, the study reclassified M. kemanga as a variety of M. caesia (Mangifera caesia var. kemanga Blume). The present results provide new evidence for the limitation of the species M. caesia (M. caesia Jack. s.l.).

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