
STUDY ON MORPHOLOGY AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE GENUS *PARIS* L. IN VIETNAM

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Résumé

Paris L. is a small genus distributed in evergreen broad-leaved forests in some mountainous areas from the North to the Central highlands of Vietnam. In traditional medicine, rhizomes of *Paris* are valuable, being used to treat many diseases. Due to over-exploitation as well as habitat loss, populations of some *Paris* species are seriously declining. *Paris polyphylla* Sm. has been listed in the Vietnam Red data book as endangered (EN A1c,d, 2007). However, *Paris* has not been well-studied in Vietnam. Thus, the aims of this study were to define morphological characteristics and update the distributions and status of *Paris* in Vietnam for conservation. As a result, a dichotomous key for identification, distributions and conservation status of 8 species and 2 varieties of the *Paris* in Vietnam are reported.

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