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EDUCATION

Schools and Universities

University of Missouri St. Louis, St. Louis Missouri, USA (2002 – 2008), Université de Yaoundé, Yaoundé, Cameroon (1990- 1995), Université de Yaoundé, Yaoundé, Cameroon (1984 –1988), College St. Laurent de Bafou, Dschang, Cameroon (1975-1984), Cameroon Ecole St. Thomas de Bafou, Dschang, Cameroon (1969-1975).

Degrees

	year
• PH.D. (Ecology, Evolution and Systematics), University of Missouri-St. Louis, USA	2008
• DOCTORAT 3 ^e CYCLE in Plant Systematics, University of Yaoundé I, Cameroon	1995
• MAITRISE ÈS SCIENCE, University of Yaoundé I, Cameroon	1988
• LICENCE in botany, University of Yaoundé I, Cameroon	1987

Specialized training

- 2002-2008: Graduate Certificate In Tropical Biology and conservation, University of Missouri-St. Louis, St. Louis, USA
- June 2005: Center for Tropical Forest Science Analytical Workshop V, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama City, Panama.
- September 2004: Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop. St. Louis, MO, USA.
- August 2004: Center for Tropical Forest Science Analytical Workshop IV, Fu-Shan Experimental Forest, I-Lan, Taiwan.
- June 2002: Center for Tropical Forest Science Analytical Workshop II, Gamboa, Republic of Panama
- July 2001: Center for Tropical Forest Science Analytical Workshop I, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India

PUBLICATIONS

In Preparation

- **Kenfack D.** & A. Coleman. Monophyly of *Carapa* Aubl. and major relationships in Swietenioideae based on DNA sequence data of the nuclear ribosomal ITS. *To be submitted to Taxon*.
- Kenfack D. Resurrection in *Carapa* (Meliaceae): A reassessment of morphological variation and species boundaries using multivariate methods. *To be submitted to the International Journal of Plant Science*.
- *Cassipourea atanganum*: another unusual new species of Rhizophoraceae from Korup National Park, Cameroon
- **Kenfack D.** & A.N. Muellner. 2008. Divergence times of the transatlantic tree genus *Carapa* (Meliaceae, Sapindales) confirm the importance of long-distance dispersal for the establishment of disjunct tropical distribution patterns. *Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution*.

Accepted/In press

- Gueye M., **Kenfack D.** & Forget P.M. (*In press*). Importance socioculturelle, potentialités économiques et thérapeutiques du *Carapa* (Meliaceae) au Sénégal. *Proceedings of the 18th congress of the Association pour l'Etude Taxonomique de la Flore d'Afrique Tropicale (AETFAT), Yaounde, Cameroon*.
- **Kenfack D.** & A. Perez (*accepted*). Two new species of *Carapa* (Meliaceae) from Western Ecuador. *Systematic Botany*.
- Forget P-M., O. Poncy, R.S. Thomas, D.S. Hammond & **D. Kenfack** (*accepted*). A cryptic new species of *Carapa* Aublet (Meliaceae) from Central Guyana. *Brittonia*

In review

- DeWalt S.J., S.A. Schnitzer, J. Chave, F. Bongers, R.J. Burnham, Z. Cai, G. Chuyong, D.B. Clark, C.E.N. Ewango, J.J. Gerwing, E. Gortaire, T. Hart, **D. Kenfack**, M.J. Macía, J.-R. Makana, G. Ibarra-Manríquez, M. Martínez-Ramos, M. Sainge, H.C. Muller-Landau, M.P.E. Parren, N. Parthasarathy, D.R. Pérez-Salicrup, F.E. Putz, H. Romero-Saltos & D. Thomas. 2009. Annual Rainfall and Seasonality Predict Pan-tropical Patterns of Liana Density and Basal Area. *Biotropica*

Peer-reviewed articles

- Morlon H., Chuyong G.B., Condit R., Hubell S., **Kenfack D.**, Thomas D.W., Valencia R., & Green J., **2008**. A general framework for the distance-decay of similarity in ecological communities. *Ecology Letters* 11: 904-917
- Sonké B., Neuba D., **Kenfack D.**, & De Block P., **2007**. An extraordinary new rheophyte in the genus *Leptactina* (Rubiaceae, Pavetteae) from Rio Muni (Equatorial Guinea). *Botanical Journal of the Linnean Society* 153: 109-113.
- **Kenfack D.**, Thomas D.W., Chuyong G.B., & Condit R., **2007**. Rarity and abundance in a diverse African forest: *Biodiversity Conservation* 16: 2045-2074.

- Lafrankie J.V., Ashton P.S., Chuyong G.B., Co L., Condit R., Davies S.J., Foster R., Hubbell S.P., **Kenfack D.**, Lagunzad D., Losos E.C., Noor Supardi N.M.D., Tan S., Thomas D.W., Valencia R., & Villa G., **2006**. Contrasting structure and composition of the understory in species-rich tropical rain forests. *Ecology* 87: 2298-2305.
- **Kenfack D.**, Sainge N.M., & Thomas D.W., **2006**. A new species of *Cassipourea* (Rhizophoraceae) from western Cameroon. *Novon* 16: 61-64.
- Muller-Landau H.C., Condit R.S., Chave J., Thomas S.C., Bohlman S.A., Bunyavejchewin S., Davies S., Foster R., Gunatilleke S., Gunatilleke N., Harms K.E., Hart T., Hubbell S.P., Itoh A., Kassim A., LaFrankie J.V., Lee H.S., Losos E., Makana J-R., Ohkubo T., Sukumar R., Sun I-F., Supardi M.N.N., Tan S., Thompson J., Valencia R., Villa M.G., Wills C., Yamakura T., Chuyong G., Dattaraja H.S., Esufali S., Hall P., Hernandez C., **Kenfack D.**, Kiratiprayoon S., Suresh H.S., Thomas D., Vallejo M.I., & Ashton P., **2006**. Testing metabolic ecology theory for allometric scaling of tree size, growth, and mortality in tropical forests. *Ecology Letters* 9: 575 – 588.
- Muller-Landau H.C., Condit R.S., Harms K.E., Marks C.O., Thomas Sean C., Bunyavejchewin S., Chuyong G., Co L., Davies S., Foster R., Gunatilleke S., Gunatilleke N., Hart T., Hubbell S.P., Itoh A., Kassim A.R., **Kenfack D.**, LaFrankie J.V., Lagunzad D., Lee H.S., Losos E., Makana J-R., Ohkubo Tatsuhiro, Samper Cristian, Sukumar Raman, Sun I-Fang, Supardi M. N. Nur, Tan S., Thomas D.W., Thompson J., Valencia R., Vallejo M.I., Villa M.G., Yamakura T., Zimmerman J.K., Dattaraja H.S., Esufali S., Hall P., He F., Hernandez C., Kiratiprayoon S., Suresh H.S., Wills C., & Ashton P., **2006**. Comparing tropical forest tree size distributions with the predictions of metabolic ecology and equilibrium models *Ecology Letters* 9: 589 – 602.
- Gerwing J.J., Schnitzer S.A., Burnham R.J., Bongers., Chave J., DeWalt S.J., Ewango C.E.N., Foster R., **Kenfack D.**, Martínez-Ramos M., Parren M., Parthasarathy N., Pérez-Salicrup D.R., Francis E.P., Futz E.E.P., & Thomas D.W., **2006**. A Standard Protocol for Liana Censuses. *Biotropica* 38: 256 – 261.
- Condit R., Ashton P., Baslev H., Brokaw N., Bunyavejchewin S., Chuyong G., Co L., Dattaraja H.S. Davies S., Esufali S., Ewango C.E.N., Foster R., Gunatilleke N., Gunatilleke S., Hernandez C., Hubbell S., John R., **Kenfack D.**, Kiratiprayoon, S., Hall P., Hart T., Itoh A., Lafrankie J., Liengola I., Lagunzad D., Lao S., Losos E., Magard E., Makana J., Manokaran N., Navarette H., Mohammed Nur S., Ohkubo T., Pérez R., Samper C., Hua Seng L., Sukumar R., Svenning J.C., Tan S., Thomas D.W., Thomson J., Vallejo M., Villa Muñoz G., Valencia R., Yamakura T., & Zimmerman J., **2005**. Tropical tree α -diversity: Results from a worldwide network of large plots. *Biol. Skr.* 55:565-582
- **Kenfack D.**, Ewango C.E.N., & Thomas D.W., **2004**. *Manilkara lososiana*, a new species of Sapotaceae from Cameroon. *Kew Bulletin* 59: 609-612.
- **Kenfack D.**, Gosline G., Gereau R.E., & Schatz G., **2003**. The genus *Uvariopsis* (Annonaceae) in Tropical Africa, with a recombination and one new species from Cameroon. *Novon* 13: 443-449.
- Sonké B., **Kenfack D.**, & Robbrecht E., **2002**. A new species of the *Tricalysia atherura* group (Rubiaceae) from southwestern Cameroon. *Adansonia* 24: 173-177.

- Ndam N., Acworth J., **Kenfack D.**, Tchouto P., & Hall J.B., **2002**. Plant diversity assessment on Mount Cameroon: surveys from 1990 to 2000. *Systematics and Geography of Plants* 71: 1017 - 1022.
- Gereau E.R., & **Kenfack D.**, **2000**, Le genre *Uvariopsis* (Annonaceae) en Afrique tropicale, avec la description d'une espèce nouvelle du Cameroun. *Adansonia* 22: 39-43.
- Sonké B., **Kenfack D.**, & Tindo M., **2000**. Parasitisme de l'avocatier (*Persea americana*, Lauraceae) par les Loranthacées dans la région de Yaoundé (Cameroun). *Fruits* 55: 325-331.
- Klinger L.F., Greenberg J., Guenther A., Tyndall G., Zimmerman P., M'bangui M., Moutsambote J.M., & **Kenfack D.**, 1998, Patterns in volatile organic compound emission along a savanna-rainforest gradient in Central Africa. *Journal of Geophysical Research*, 103: 1443-1454.

Conference Proceedings and Invited Papers:

- Thomas D.W., **Kenfack D.**, Chuyong G.B., **2004**. Measuring the alpha diversity of trees: Is this a useful tool? *Inside CTFS*, Summer 2004. Center for Tropical Forest Science. Pp 6-7
- Chuyong G.B., **Kenfack D.**, Thomas D.W., **2003**. Species-habitat association and diversity at Korup, Cameroon. *Inside CTFS*, Summer 2003. Center for Tropical Forest Science.
- Wong J, Lysinge R., **Kenfack D.**, Healey J., Hall J., **2002**. Naming and recognition of species in participatory biodiversity inventory. ." in ETFRN: Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation of Biodiversity. Electronic conference:
- Wong J, Ambrose B., Hall J., Healey J., **Kenfack D.**, Lawrence A., Lysinge R., Ndam N., **2002**. "Generating an index of biodiversity value." in ETFRN: Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation of Biodiversity. Electronic conference.
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- **Kenfack D.**, Songwe C.T.N., Thomas D.W., **1998**. Local tree tag production for a large-scale forest census. *Inside CTFS*, summer 1998. Center for Tropical Forest Science, P 7.
- **Kenfack D.**, Musselman L.J. and Hoeyers H.J. **1996**. Hosts of eight *Striga* species (Scrophulariaceae) in Cameroon. In: M.T. Moreno and J.I. Cubero, eds. *Advances in Parasitic Plant Research. Proceedings of the Sixth International Symposium on Parasitic Plants. Cordoba, Spain*, 465-470.

Books and Book Sections:

- **Kenfack D.**, **2007**. Carapa. In B.E. Hammel, M.H. Grayum, C. Herrera & N. Zamora eds. *Manual de plantas de Costa Rica. Vol. VI. Dicotyledóneas (Haloraceae – Phytolacaceae)*. Missouri Botanical Garden Press.

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- Condit C, Leigh E.G.Jr, Loo de Lao, S., CTFS Working Group. **2004**. Species-Area relationships and diversity measures in the forest dynamics plots. *In* Losos E.C. and Leigh, E.G. Jr. eds. *Forest Diversity and Dynamism: Findings from a Large-Scale Plot Network*. 79-89. University of Chicago Press, Chicago.
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- Thomas, D.W., **Kenfack, D.**, Chuyong, G.B., Sainge N.M., Losos E.C., Condit R.S., Songwe N.C., **2003**. Tree Species of Southwestern Cameroon: Tree distribution maps, diameter tables and species documentation of the 50-ha Korup Forest Dynamics Plot. Center for Tropical Forest Science, Washington D.C.

Theses and technical reports

- **Kenfack D. 2008**. Systematic and evolution of *Carapa* (Meliaceae-Swietenioideae). Ph.D. Thesis, Univeristy of Missouri-St. Louis. 265 p.
- **Kenfack, D.**, G. Walters, M. Balinga. **2005**. Approches analytiques d'évaluation de la diversité et de la valeur en conservation des plantes. Lope, Gabon Workshop report for the Smithsonian Institution and USAID's Central African Regional Program for the Environment (CARPE)
- Walters, G, T. Sunderland, **D. Kenfack**, S. Asaha , M. A. Dione. **2004**. L'Utilisation de l'approche de landscape pour l'évaluation et la conservation de la biodiversité végétale dans le bassin du Congo. Limbe, Cameroon Workshop Report for the Smithsonian Institution and CARPE
- **Kenfack D. 1995** - *Striga* (Scrophulariaceae) du Cameroun: inventaire, biométrie florale et écologie. Doctorat 3e Cycle Thesis, University of Yaoundé I. 135p.
- **Kenfack D.** 1988 - Etude écologique et floristique du Mont Messa. Maitrise Thesis, University of Yaoundé, 70p.
- **Kenfack D. 2001** - Preliminary botanical survey of Mt Nlonako, Makombe, Ebo and Lake Ossa, with the review of plant records in 30 other important sites for conservation within the Cameroon Coastal Forest. Consultancy Report to the WWF-Coastal Forest Program. 83p. WWF-Cameroon.

TV documentary

- L'Arbre et la médecine: Un tour d'horizon des vertus thérapeutiques des figuiers d'Angkor, du Carapa du Guyana ou encore des ifs millénaires de Normandie. France 5, February 17th 2007.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jobs

- June 2008-present: Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor: My main focus here is developing microsatellites to study the spatial genetic structure of the widespread neotropical canopy tree, *Tetragastris panamensis*.
- October 2001 – July 2002: Botanist, WWF Coastal Forest Program. My job consisted of collecting baseline botanical information to guide decision-makers in choosing areas of high plant diversity for conservation.
- July 1999 – June 2001: Senior Botanist and Herbarium Curator, Mount Cameroon Project – Limbe Botanic Garden. - Here I was responsible for the development and integration of the ecological and socioeconomic monitoring unit (Global Environment Facility) of the Limbe Botanic Garden, also responsible for the continued development and management of the Southern Cameroon herbarium (SCA) and for the strengthening of the institutional and human resource capacity of the garden.
- August 1996-July 1999: Field Director, Korup Forest Dynamics Plot. - My job consisted in directing all field operations and supervising botanical identifications to establish a 50 ha permanent plot in the Korup national Park, SW Cameroon.

Teaching Experience

- Fall 2007. Teaching assistant in Biology, University of Missouri-St Louis
- August 2005 - Instructor in a Smithsonian Institution / Missouri Botanical Garden training course entitled “Analytical approach for evaluating plant diversity and conservation value”. Lopé Training Center, Gabon
- July 2004 – Instructor in a Smithsonian Institution / Missouri Botanical Garden training course entitled “A Landscape Approach to Measuring and Conserving Plant Diversity in the Congo Basin”, Limbe Botanic Garden, Cameroon.
- February 2000 – Instructor in the field component of the Smithsonian Institution and WWF-Cameroon training course entitled “A framework for Biodiversity Assessment and Monitoring”, Korup National Park, Cameroon.
- November 1999 – Instructor in a Central African Regional Program for Environment (CARPE) training course entitled “Programme de Formation en Botanique de Terrain”, Limbe Botanic Garden, Cameroon.
- 1996-1999 – Trained and supervised more than 30 field workers in field techniques such as topographic survey, plant enumeration and plant identification.
- 1992-1995 - Teaching Assistant in Botany, University of Yaounde I, Cameroon.

Professional service

Reviewer for the Journals *African Journal of Ecology*, *Annals of Botany*, *Cameroonian Journal of Experimental Biology*, *International Journal of Biological and Chemical Sciences*, and *Taxon*. Reviewer of proposals for the *Center for Tropical Forest Sciences* and the *National Geographic Society*.

Management and leadership experience

- 2001-2002 – Managed all field operations (research, finance and personnel) for the World Wide Fund for Nature Coastal Forest Program, Cameroon.
- 1999 – 2002 – Administered personnel and managed the funds of the Korup Forest Dynamics Plot Program, Cameroon.
- 1999-2001 – Managed Southern Cameroon herbarium team and the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) Environmental Monitoring Unit at the Limbe Botanical garden, Cameroon.
- 1997-1999 - Managed all field operations (research, finances and personnel) for the Center for Tropical Forest Science 50 ha plot, Korup National Park, Cameroon.

Field Experience

- Plant collection: over 2200 specimens collected from Cameroon, Ecuador, Gabon, Ghana, Guyana, Panama and Senegal.
- Other field experience in DR Congo, India, Singapore, Malaysia, Taiwan, and Thailand during visit of large-scale permanent plot in these countries.

Countries visited

Belgium, Chad, Congo, DR Congo, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Guyana, India, Kenya, Malaysia, Nigeria, Panama, Senegal, Singapore, Thailand, Taiwan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America (visits for workshops, conferences and research)

Invited speaker

- 2006. Pontifica Universidad Católica de Ecuador, Quito, Ecuador
- 2006. University of Guyana, George Town, Guyana
- 1998. Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon, USA

Workshops and Conferences

- February 2008: First IUCN Species Survival Committee Specialist Group Chairs' Meeting. Al-Ain, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- February 2007: 18th congress of the Association pour l'Etude Taxonomique de la Flore d'Afrique Tropicale (AETFAT), Yaounde, Cameroon
- September 2007 : Center for Tropical Forest Science PI meeting, Santa Barbara, CA, USA
- May 2006: Center for Tropical Forest Science Strategic Planning meeting, Panama City, Republic of Panama

- June 2005: Center for Tropical Forest Science Symposium: Forest Dynamics around the globe, Panama City, Republic of Panama
- September 2003: 17th congress of the Association pour l'Etude Taxonomique de la Flore d'Afrique Tropicale (AETFAT), Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia
- July-August 2002: Association for Tropical Biology Annual Meeting: “Tropical Forests: Past, Present, Future”, Panama City, Republic of Panama
- July 2001: Association for Tropical Biology Annual Meeting: Tropical Ecosystems: “Structure, Diversity and Human Welfare”, Bangalore, India
- August 2000: 16th congress of the Association pour l'Etude Taxonomique de la Flore d'Afrique Tropicale (AETFAT), Meise, Belgium
- May-June 2000: Center for Tropical Forest Science Symposium: “A future for tropical forests Policy and Science in the decade ahead”. Singapore.
- December 1993: International Foundation of Science grant writing workshop: “Comment rédiger une demande de financement pour un programme de recherche. Yaoundé, Cameroun
- July 1998: Center for Tropical Forest Science Symposium, Washington DC., USA

Organization of workshops

- August 2005: Organization of a workshop entitled “Analytical approach for evaluating plant diversity and value for conservation”, Lopé Training Center, Gabon, in collaboration with the Central African Botanist Network (REBAC), the Missouri Botanical Garden and the Smithsonian Institution.
- July 2004: Organization of a workshop entitled “A Landscape Approach to Measuring and Conserving Plant Diversity in the Congo Basin”, Limbe Botanic Garden, Cameroon, in collaboration with the Central African Botanist Network (REBAC), the Missouri Botanical Garden and the Smithsonian Institution.

Grants and fellowships

- November 2005: *National Geographic Society* award grant for scientific field research and exploration
- November 2005: *Antoinette McGrath Memorial Scholarship*
- October 2005: *Center For Tropical Forest Science Research grant*
- April 2005: *Jane Harris Scholarship* in Tropical Botany, and *Jorie Butler Kent Scholarship* in Tropical Ecology
- September 2004: *Idea Wild grant* for field equipment
- May 2004: *International Center For Tropical Ecology* travel award for Conference in Cameroon
- May 2004: *Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Travel Award* from a grant administered by the Missouri Botanical Garden.
- September 2003: *ICTE travel award* to attend AETFAT meeting in Addis-Abeba, Ethiopia
- May 2003: *MBG Bovard Fellowship* to collect preliminary data for my thesis in Cameroon.

- March 2003: Christensen fund in Plant Conservation scholarship
- August 2002: Christensen Fund Fellowship in Plant Conservation
- June 1998: Smithsonian Short-term traveling grant, to visit the 50-ha Plot at BCI, Panama.

Honorific distinction

- 2005 Raju Mehra Award: Outstanding International Graduate Student of the Department of Biology, University of Missouri St Louis

Computer skills:

- Word processing
- Statistical analyses: Excel, SPSS
- Multivariate analyses: SPSS, NTSYSpc, PCord, Rgui
- Processing and analysis of molecular data: PAUP, Maclade, TNT, SeqMan, Mesquite, Clustalx
- Analysis of geographic data: ArcView GIS, Maxent

Language skills

- Yemba – native language
- French – speak, fluently and read/write with high proficiency
- English – speak fluently and read/write with high proficiency
- Spanish – speak, read, and write with basic competence
- West African Pidgin English – Speak fluently.

Professional affiliation

- Center for Tropical Forest Science (CTFS) [link](#)
- Association pour l'Etude Taxonomique de la Flore de l'Afrique Tropicale (AETFAT)
- Executive Secretary of the Central African Botanist Network (REBAC) [link](#)
- Focal Point of the Central African Plant Red List Authority (CARLA)
- The American Society for Plant Taxonomists (ASPT) [link](#)
- Society for conservation Biology (SBC)

Research Interests

- Plant ecology, evolution and systematics
- Forest dynamics
- Plant conservation

Current Research

- Population genetics and ecology of widespread species
- Long-term forest dynamics in a large census plot, Korup National Park, Cameroon

Websites

I develop the following websites for educational purposes:

- Central African Botanist Network (REBAC): <http://www.rebac-botanists.com/>
- Website dedicated to trees of the genus *Carapa*: <http://www.carapa.org/en/>

REFEREES

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