Statement of collaboration in the advancement of Natural Science in Taiwan

The Taiwan National Museum of Natural Science in Taichung (NMNS), can confirm that members of their Botanical Department's collecting team have been working alongside Bleddyn and Sue Wynn-Jones (B&SWJ) during the months of October and November 2015. We are satisfied the work has been carried out under the laws governing the collection of wild plant material in Taiwan. We are not signatories of The CBD or the Nagoya Protocol hence only our national laws apply to this activity.

I can confirm that we have been working in conjunction with B&SWJ since 1996 in the advancement and better understanding of the natural science of Taiwan. I am confidant that all collections gathered in conjunction with our institute within this period (1996 to 2015) were collected and exported within the national laws of Taiwan.

Plant material obtained from Taiwan through our joint activities may be reproduced/propagated and the progeny sold as ornamental or botanical specimens, up to a limit of 10,000 per annum. If hybridization is to be carried out and or a patent covering any of the plant genomes derived from any of the plant material gathered, permission from NMNS and B&SWJ must be obtained in the form of a written contract before protection covering the material is applied for.

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