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Dear Mr. Spjut,

This is to thank you for both your letters of 9th May and 25th June respectively.

The first came when Samuel who was responsible for your collection was on safari so I had to wait to answer some of your queries. We were glad to receive the labels and they have now been incorporated; in future if possible it is better to have these before naming.

Samuel has so far failed to locate your Ximenia specimens. But from the photographs, you are right they are X. caffra as there is no apparent peduncle to the inflorescence. I find that when all other characters may fail this is a good one to separate the two species.

Ancylobothrys petersiana - at a quick look through the Herbarium material I notice there is another species with leaves which have close parallel veins and this is A. tayloris (Stapf) Pichon; we have specimens from Sokoke, Buda, Makadara and Kwale which match your 3939. In fact your 2614 should also be this species, we have also a sheet from T6 and Mozambique. Your 3937 is alright for A. petersiana.

Hypoxis - Your 3462, 3467, Perdue and Kibuwa 11469 and 11523 are all Hypoxis obtusa. I have not seen Perdue and Kibuwa 11523A so I cannot say much about it.

We were glad to receive the photographs which are a valuable addition to our collection.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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