

VALIDATION OF THE SECTION *MABA* OF *DIOSPYROS* L. (EBENACEAE)

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Singh (2005) in monographic studies on Indian *Diospyros* L., supports Bakhuizen (1936 – 1941) and White (1980) in treating the genus *Maba* J. R. & G. Forst. (1775) as congeneric with *Diospyros* (1753). However, Singh differs by relegating *Maba* to sectional rank rather than considering it as subgenus and made a new combination without citing the basionym. The combination *Diospyros* L. sect. *Maba* (J. R. & G. Forst.) V. Singh is invalid, as Art. 33.4 of the Vienna code (ICBN, 2006) states that the basionym has to be indicated when a new combination is made on or after 1st January 1953. Therefore, the sectional name is validated here accordingly.

Diospyros* L. sect. *Maba* (J. R. & G. Forst.) V. Singh & V. S. Kumar comb. et stat. nov. *Maba* J. R. & G. Forst., Char. Gen. Pl. 121. 1775. *Diospyros* L. subgen. *Maba* (J. R. & G. Forst.) Bakh., Bull. Jard. Bot. Buitenzorg Ser. 3, 15: 7, 50. 1937. (Type species: *Maba elliptica* J. R. & G. Forst. l.c. 122, t. 61. = ***Diospyros elliptica (J. R. & G. Forst.) P. S. Green, Kew Bull. 23: 340. 1969).**

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