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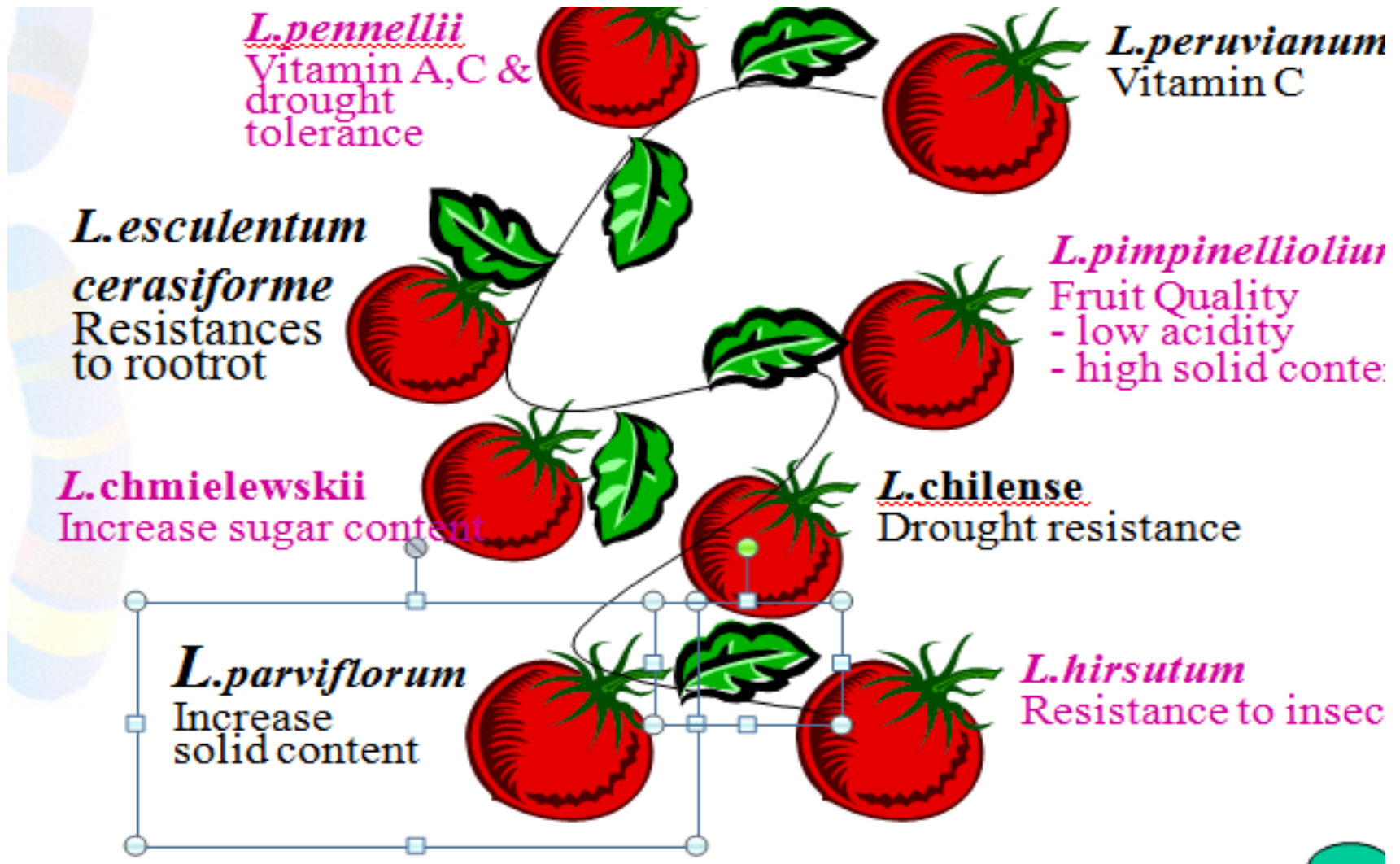
ACHIEVE INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Outline

1. Plant breeding
2. Biodiversity
3. Biopiracy
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5. Role of patents in biopiracy

Plant breeding

Engineering the modern tomato (*Lycopersicon esculentum*)



Plant breeding- source material

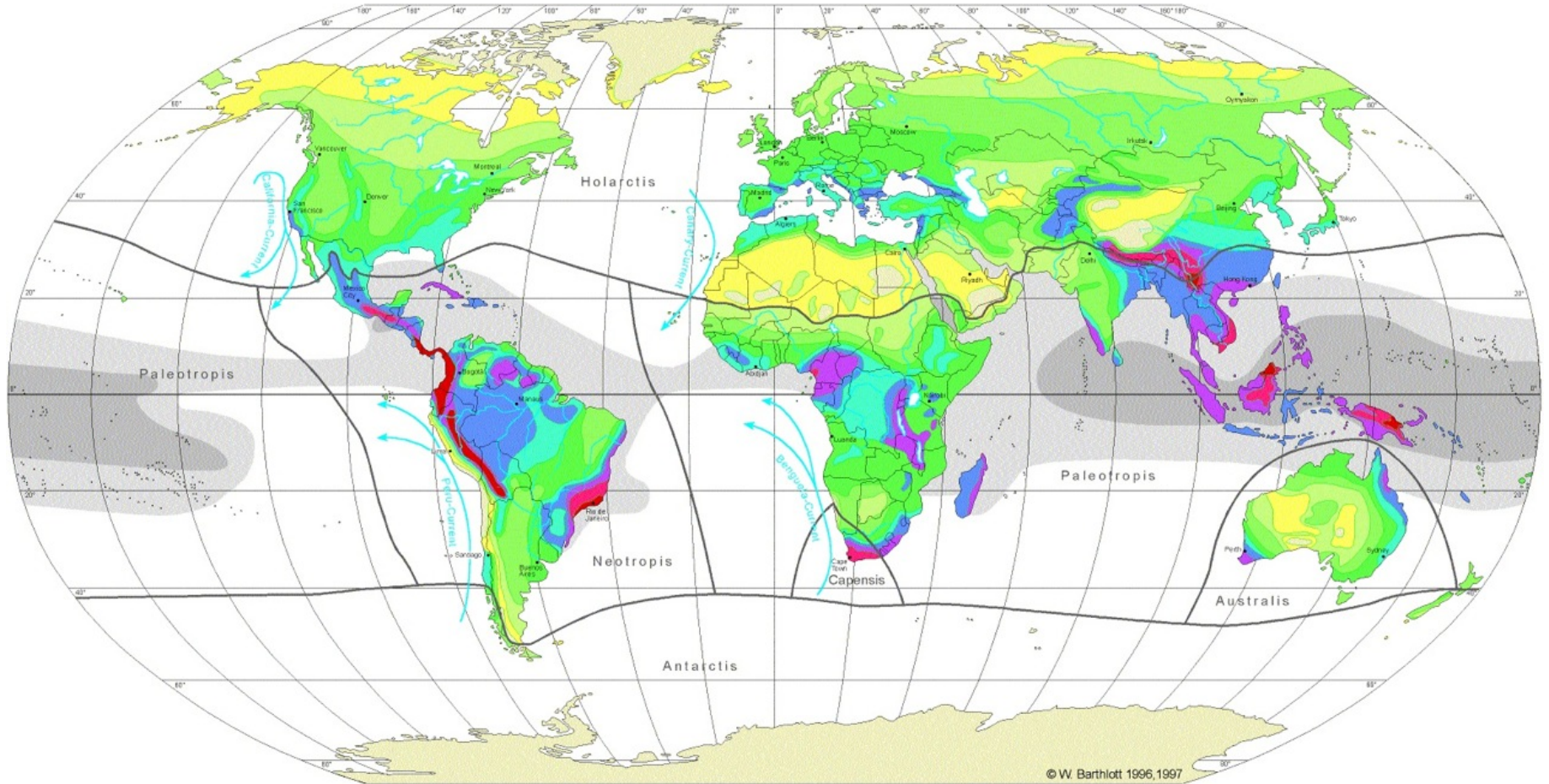
- *L. pennellii* - Ecuador
- *L. peruvianum* - Peru
- *L. esculentum* - Mexico
- *L. pimpinellifolium* – Ecuador and Peru
- *L. chmielewskii* - Peru
- *L. chilense* - Chile
- *L. parviflorum*- Peru
- *L. hirsutum* - Ecuador and Peru

Tomato Producers (2013)

Rank	Country	Production millions of tonnes ^{[38][41]}
1	 China	52.6
2	 India	18.7
3	 United States	14.5
4	 Turkey	11.9
5	 Egypt	8.3
6	 Iran	6.0
7	 Italy	5.6
8	 Spain	4.9
	World	170.8

Biodiversity

GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY: SPECIES NUMBERS OF VASCULAR PLANTS



© W. Barthlott 1996, 1997

Robinson Projection
Standard Parallels 38°N und 38°S
Scale 1: 130000000

Diversity Zones (DZ): Number of species per 10.000km²



sea surface temperature



cold currents

W. Barthlott, N. Biedinger, G. Braun
F. Feig, G. Kier, W. Lauer & J. Mutke 1997
modified after
W. Barthlott, W. Lauer & A. Placke 1996
Department of Botany and Geography
University of Bonn
German Aerospace Research Establishment, Cologne
Cartography: M. Gref
Department of Geography
University of Bonn

Mega diversity Countries: Plant Diversity and Endemism

Country	Area (km ²)	Total species	Endemics
Brazil	8,511,965	~50,000-56,000	16,500-18,500
Indonesia	1,916,600	~37,000	14,800-18,500
Colombia	1,141,748	45,000-51,000	15,000-17,000
Mexico	1,972,544	18,000-30,000	10,000-15,000
Australia	7,686,810	15,638	14,458
Madagascar	587,045	11,000-12,000	8,800-9,600
China	9,561,000	27,100-30,000	~10,000
Philippines	300,780	8,000-12,000	3,800-6,000
India	3,287,782	>17,000	5,356
Peru	1,285,210	18,000-20,000	4,000-5,000
Papua New Guinea	475,369	15,000-21,000	10,500-16,000
Ecuador	283,561	17,600-21,100	4,000-5,000
USA	9,372,143	18,956	4,036
Venezuela	912,050	15,000-21,070	5,000-8,000
Malaysia	329,749	15,000	6,500-8,000
South Africa	1,221,037	23,420	16,500
Dem. Rep. Congo/Zaire	2,344,000	11,000	3,200
Total	51,189,393		155,475-183,025

Source: Myers 2001

Biopiracy



What is biopiracy?

Biopiracy occurs when developing countries claim to be owners of traditional knowledge and biological resources and accuse MNEs and developed nations of theft.

Vandana Shiva

- Biopiracy refers to the use of intellectual property systems to legitimize the exclusive ownership and control over biological resources and biological products and processes that have been used over centuries in non-industrialized cultures.
- Patent claims over biodiversity and indigenous knowledge that are based on the innovation, creativity and genius of the people of the Third World are acts of ‘biopiracy’.
- V. SHIVA, *Protect or Plunder? Understanding Intellectual Property Rights*, London, Zed Books, 2001, 49.

Case Studies

WORLD TRADE
ORGANIZATION

WT/DS50/AB/R

19 December 1997

(97-5539)

Appellate Body

**INDIA - PATENT PROTECTION FOR PHARMACEUTICAL
AND AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL PRODUCTS**

USA v India

Appellate Body upheld the Panel's finding that India's filing system based on “administrative practice” for patent applications for pharmaceutical and agricultural chemical products was inconsistent with Art. 70.8 of the TRIPS Agreement.

Neem Tree (India)

The neem tree, *azadirachta indica*, is known in Sanskrit as "sarva-roga nivarini" or "curer of all ailments."

Neem-leaf juice is used to prevent psoriasis and other skin disorders and to control parasitic infections.

Neem extract is applied as an antidote to malaria.



US Patent 5,124,349, June 23, 1992

Storage stable pesticide compositions comprising neem seed extracts which contain azadirachtin as the active pesticidal ingredient

Inventors: **Carter; Charles G.** (Silver Spring, MD), **Hull, Jr.; Clifford J.** (Laurel, MD), **Luthra; Narender P.** (Columbia, MD), **Walter; James F.** (Ashton, MD)

Assignee: **W. R. Grace & Co.-Conn.** (New York, NY)

Challenges to US patent

- the W.R. Grace patent is illegal because did not recognize prior Indian knowledge and therefore was not novel.
- September 1995, a coalition of 225 agricultural, scientific, and trade groups as well as over 100,000 individual Indian farmers, led by the organization the Foundation on Economic Trends, filed a petition with the USPTO for revocation for lack of novelty, and immorality.

Result of challenge

- In the USA "prior existing knowledge" is only recognised if it is published in a journal - not if it has been passed down through generations of oral and folk traditions.
- Novelty objection accepted by the European Patent Office

Hoodia-Cactus

- growing in the Kalahari desert
- used as an appetite suppressant by the San tribe
- was patented in order to sell diet pills
- Benefit Sharing: Pfizer and Phytopharm will pay 6 % of all royalties (only 0.003% of net sales)



This plant keeps him alive. Now its secret is 'stolen' to make us thin

Pharmaceutical firms stand accused of once again plundering ancient remedies to make a fortune, writes **Antony Barnett**

FOR THOUSANDS of years, African tribesmen have eaten the Hoodia cactus to stave off hunger and thirst on long hunting trips. The Kung bushmen who live around the Kalahari desert in southern Africa used to cut off a stem of the cactus about the size of a cucumber and munch on it over a couple of days. They ate together so they brought back what they caught and did not eat while hunting.

Now the Hoodia, which grows to 6ft-taller than the bushmen themselves - is the centre of a bio-piracy row. Campaigners say the cactus has attracted the interest of the Western drug industry, which exploits developing countries through the international patent system.

In April, when pharmaceutical giants were being accused of failing to provide affordable Aids drugs in Africa, Phytopharm, a small firm in Cambridgeshire, said it had discovered a potential cure for obesity derived from an African cactus. It emerged that the company had patented P57, the appetite-suppressing ingredient in the Hoodia, hoping it would become a slimming miracle.

Phytopharm's scientists boasted it did have none of the side-effects



Kung tribesmen, left, have used the Hoodia cactus, above, for generations to stave off hunger on hunting trips into the Kalahari desert. Its essential ingredient has now been patented by a British pharmaceutical firm, Phytopharm, which says its new slimming aid will have none of the side-effects of traditional treatments. Photographs by Tony Stone, NHPA and Corbis

Dixey believed had disappeared are having their annual gathering at a farm 45 miles north of Cape Town. One of the top items on the agenda is to plan their strategy against Phytopharm and Pfizer. They are angry, saying their ancient knowledge has been stolen, and are about to launch a challenge and demand compensation.

Roger Chennells is the lawyer for the bushmen, who number 100,000 across South Africa, Botswana, Namibia and Angola. He argued their case in 1998

white-owned farmland on the edge of the Kalahari.

Speaking to *The Observer*, Chennells said: 'They are very concerned. It feels like somebody has stolen their family silver and cashed it in for a huge profit. The bushmen do not object to anybody using their knowledge to produce a medicine, but they would have liked the drug companies to have spoken to them first and come to an agreement. 'I believe there is grounds for a local

from medicines could transform their prospects.'

Dixey, who insisted he would now be happy to enter into talks with the bushmen community, said Phytopharm had been the first approached with the deal by the South African Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, which had been investigating the properties of the Hoodia cactus.

It was the CSIR,

appropriate to do so before the drug had passed on the clinical tests and been finally approved,' he said. 'We did not want to raise their expectations with promises that could not be met.' Horak said the CSIR was committed to sharing financial benefits and had a track record

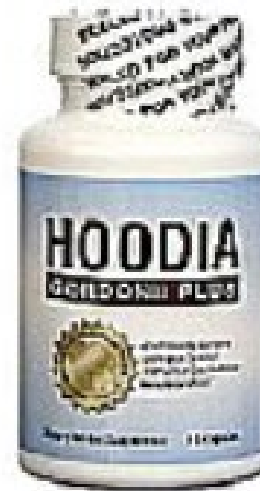
Rachel Wynberg of Biowatch says details of agreements are all confidential and we have no access to the Hoodia drug has the potential to be Africa's first blockbuster drug. It should have all been sorted out before patent was awarded and not after.

Sandy Gall, the broadcaster and former ITN newsreader who is writing a book on the bushmen of southern Africa, described the situation

Pfizer made millions from Viagra Now



**Maritz Mayer Hoodia 2000
Time Release - 60 tabs**



**Pacific Naturals Hoodia
Gordonii Plus - 60 Caps**

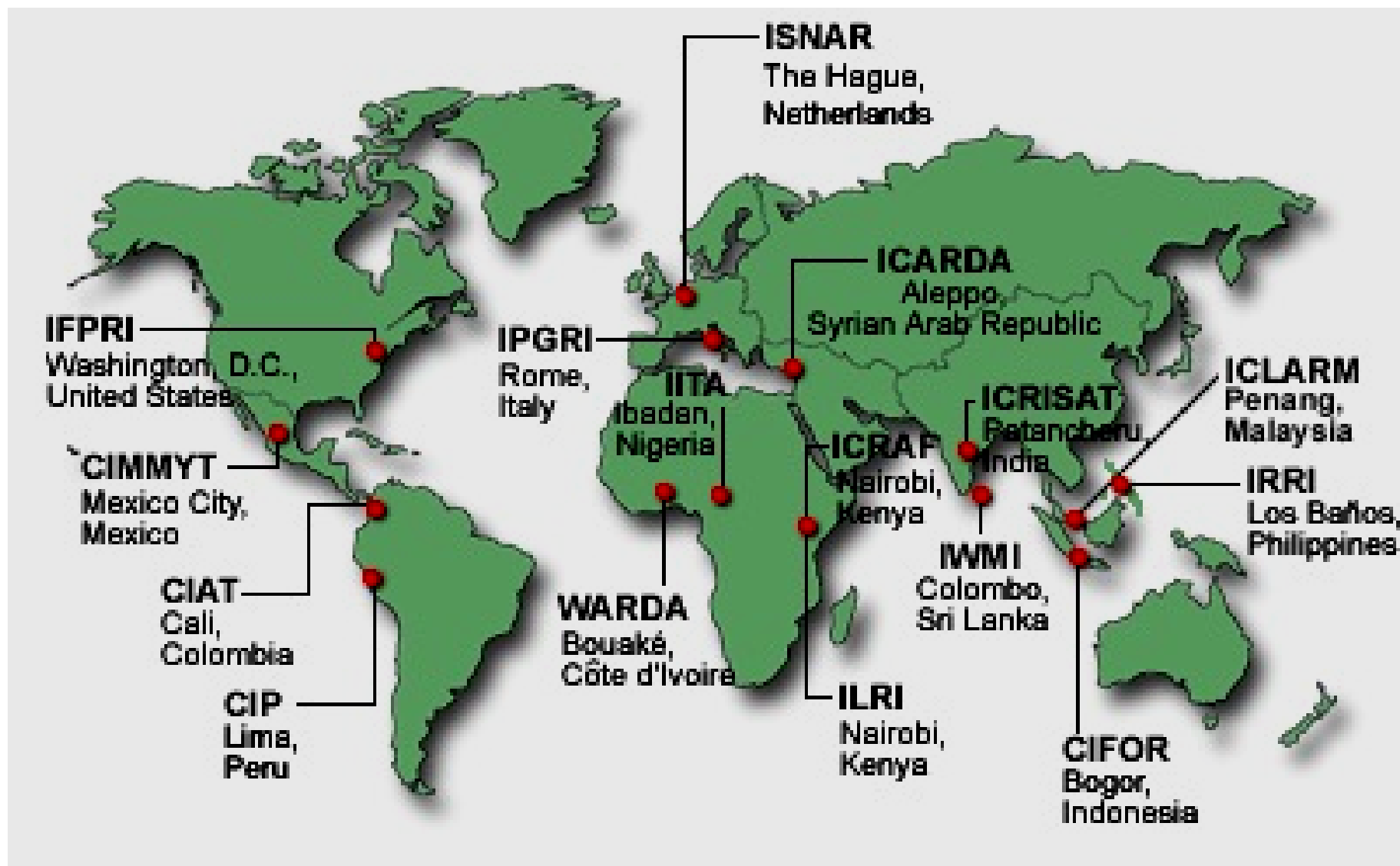


Bushman's Secret

Weight & Appetite
Management



Agricultural “Biopiracy”-Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR)



CG Centre Collections

- CIAT (Colombia)-beans, cassava
- CIMMYT (Mexico City)-maize, wheat
- CIP (Lima) -potato and other Andean tubers
- ICARDA (Aleppo)-legumes, wheat
- ICRISAT (Hyderabad)-pulses, groundnut
- IITA (Ibadan) -Bamberra groundnut, cassava, banana, cowpea
- ILRI (Nairobi) -forages
- IRRI (Los Banos)-rice
- ICRAF (Nairobi) -trees
- WARDA (Bouake)-rice

UC Davis Blight Resistant Rice

Blight resistant rice from Mali crossed by IRRI with high-yielding varieties

Patent obtained by UC Davis for “Nucleic acids, from *Oryza sativa*, which encode leucine-rich repeat polypeptides and enhance *Xanthomonas* resistance in plants. (U.S. patent 5,859,339 12 Jan 1999).

Enola Bean

US patent 5,894,079 (13 April 1999) for “a new field bean variety that produces distinctly colored yellow seed which remain relatively unchanged by season.”
(May 28, 1999, U.S. PVP Certificate)

CIAT patent challenge the yellow bean was 'misappropriated' from Mexico in breach of Mexico's sovereign rights over its genetic resources, as recognized by the CBD



Cupuaçu



- *Theobroma grandiflorum*, is a tropical rainforest tree related to cacao. It is widely cultivated in Brazil (Para and Amondzonas)
- The white pulp of the cupuaçu is uniquely fragrant, and it contains theacrine (1,3,7,9-tetramethyluric acid).
- [similar to cocoa, traditionally used for juice, ice-cream, marmalade and gateaus
- Asahi registered the name and applied for a patent for its use

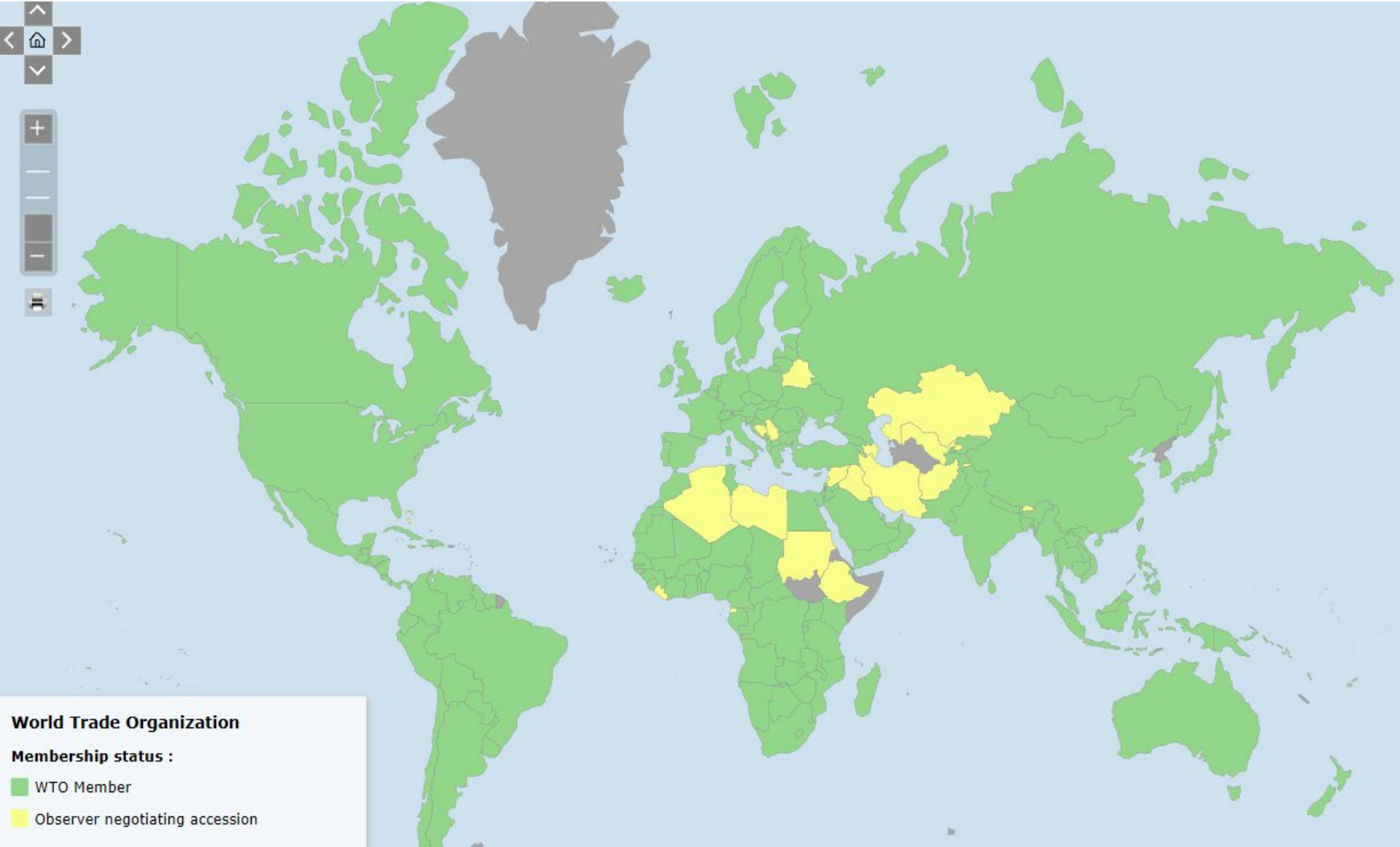
cupuaçu patents

PATENTS ON CUPUAÇU

Registered by	Registered where	Publication date	Title	Number (Click the number for more information from esp@cenet)
The Body Shop International Pic*	United Kingdom	05/08/1998	COSMETIC COMPOSITION COMPRISING CUPUAÇU EXTRACT	GB 2321644A
Asahi Foods Co., Ltd*	Japan	30/10/2001	LIPIDS ORIGINATING FROM CUPUAÇU, METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME AND USE THEREOF	JP 2001299278
Asahi Foods Co., Ltd*	Japan	18/12/2001	OIL AND FAT DERIVED FROM CUPUAÇU - THEOBROMA GRANDIFLORUM SEED, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND ITS USE	JP2001348593
Asahi Foods Co., Ltd*	European Union	03/07/2002	FAT ORIGINATING IN CUPUASSU SEED, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND USE THEREOF	EP 1219698A1
Asahi Foods Co., Ltd*	WIPO - worldwide	03/07/2002	FAT ORIGINATING IN CUPUASSU SEED, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND USE THEREOF	WO0125377
Cupuacu International Inc*	WIPO - worldwide	17/10/2002	CUPUA SEED-ORIGIN FAT, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND USE THEREOF	WO02081606

Role of patents in biopiracy

World Trade Organization Membership



Requirements for Patentability

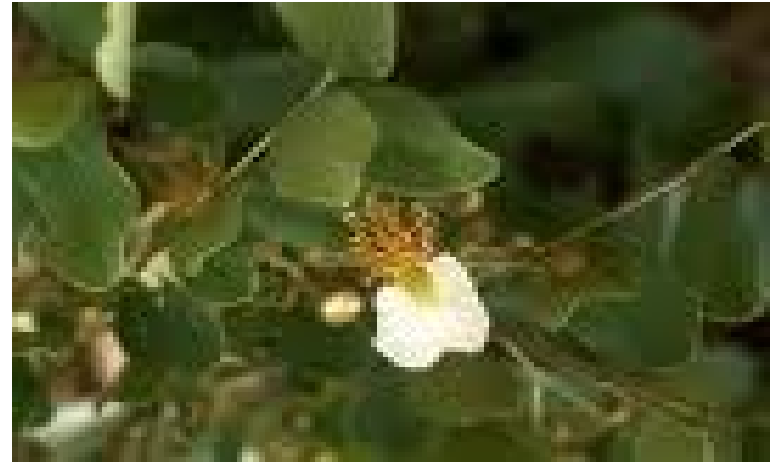
Article 27. 1 WTO Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights “ patents shall be available for any **inventions**, whether products or processes, **in all fields of technology**, provided that they are **new**, **involve an inventive step and are capable of industrial application.**”

Swartzia madagascariensis

US-patent 5,929,124 granted to
Prof Kurt Hostettmann,
University of Lausanne

The invention, an antimicrobial,
relied on TK from Zimbabwe
concerning the medical use of
root of Swartzia

Agreement - Phytera and the
University of Lausanne -
Phytera received exclusive
worldwide license for royalties
of 1.5% on net sales of any
product marketed



■ Biography - Prof Kurt Hostettmann



Prof. Kurt Hostettmann - University of Geneva

[54] **ANTIMICROBIAL DITERPENES**

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ANTIMICROBIAL DITERPENES

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The invention features diterpenoids having pharmaceutical activity. *Swartzia madagascariensis* Desv. (Leguminosae) is a tree found throughout tropical Africa. Traditional medicine describes the use of preparations including the root of the tree to treat leprosy and syphilis, and to kill termites. Saponins extracted from the fruit pods are molluscicidal, and can kill snails carrying vectors for schistosomiasis.

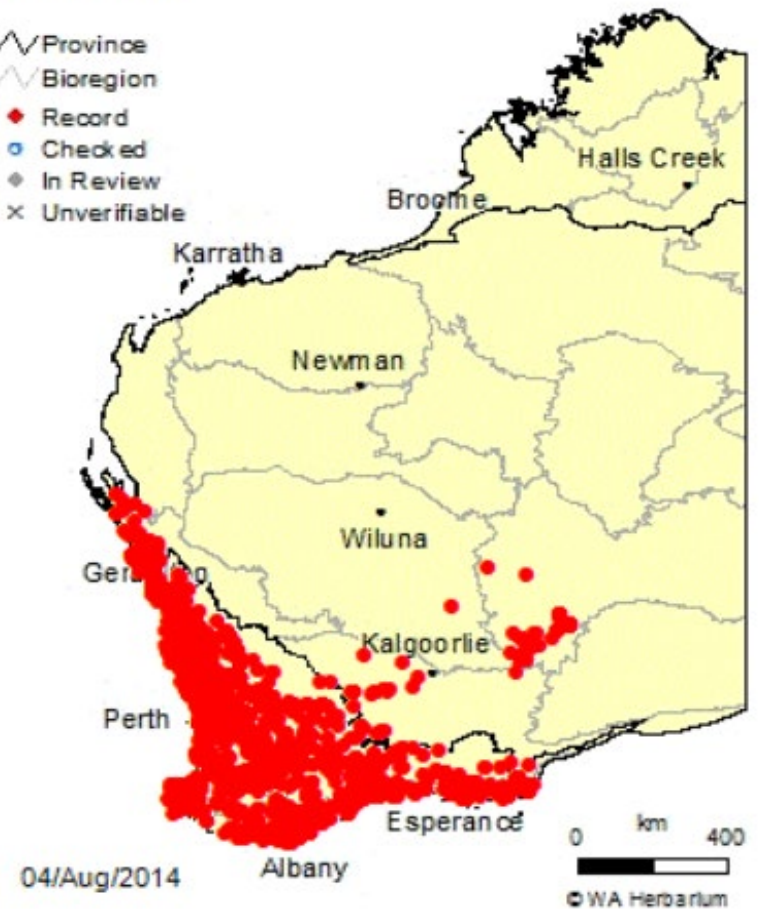
Smokebush

- ***Conospermum*** is a genus of 53 species in the family [Proteaceae](#) endemic to Australia. They grow as shrubs or small trees and are fairly widespread over the continent.



Conospermum

- Province
- Bioregion
- Record
- Checked
- In Review
- Unverifiable



US Patent, 5,672, 607, September 30, 1997

Antiviral naphthoquinone compounds, compositions and uses thereof

Invento

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Assigne
e:

The United States of America as represented by the Department of Health
(Washington, DC)

TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to antiviral compounds, in particular antiviral compounds obtained from plants of the genus *Conospermum*, specifically compounds referred to as naphthoquinones.

This invention also relates to methods of obtaining antiviral compounds, specifically naphthoquinones and derivatives thereof, in substantially pure form, from *Conospermum* plants.

Claims

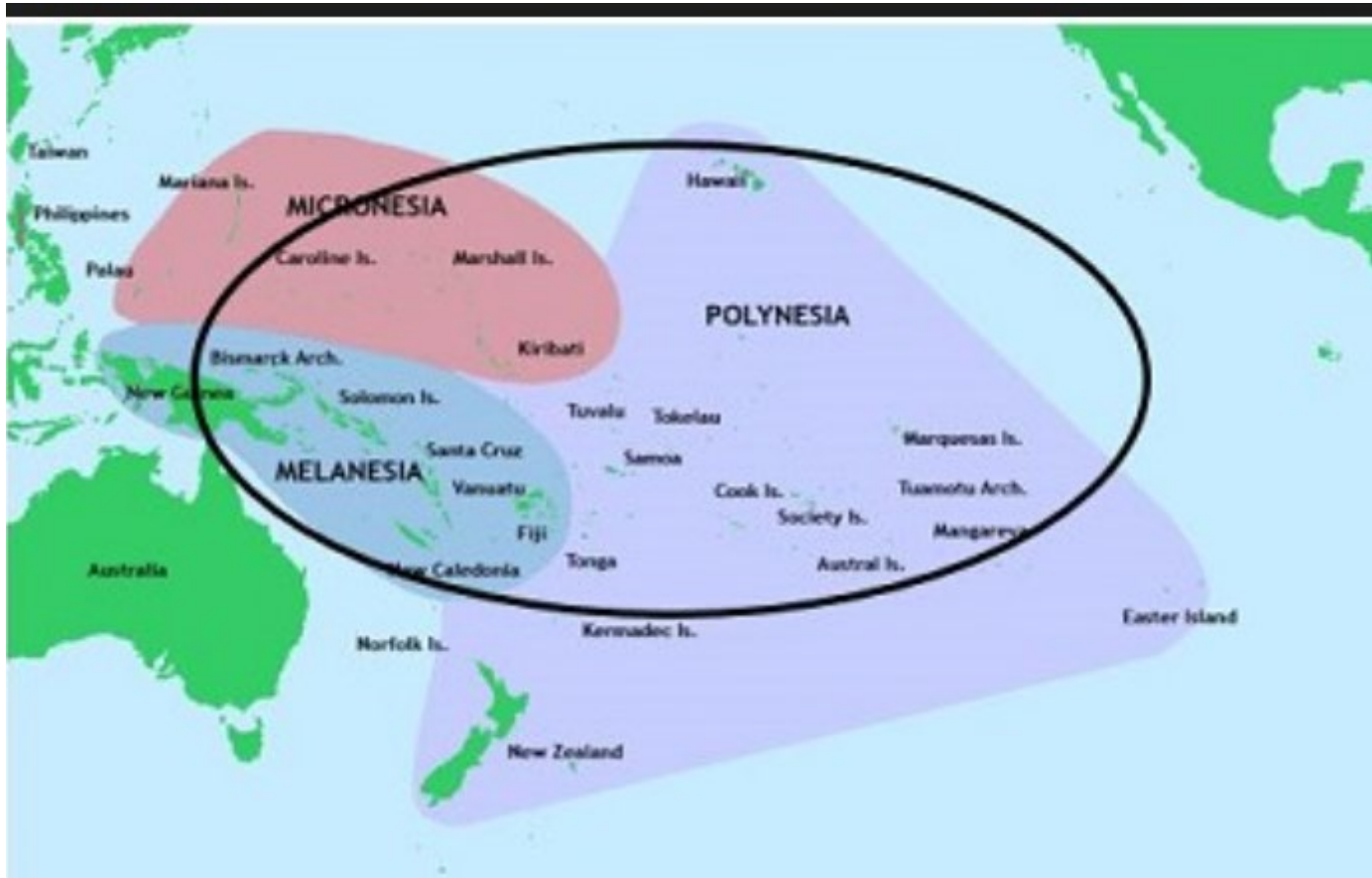
A method of preventing or treating a viral infection, which method comprises administering to a host an antiviral

Object of the invention

It is an object of the present invention to provide a novel composition, in particular a pharmaceutical composition, which prevents infection of an animal, in particular a human, with a virus, such as a retrovirus, in particular a human immunodeficiency virus, specifically HIV-1 or HIV-2.

A related object of the present invention is to provide a novel method of treating an animal, in particular a human, to prevent infection with a virus, such as a retrovirus, in particular a human immunodeficiency virus, specifically HIV-1 or HIV-2

Kava – South Pacific



Kava



US Patent 6,537,592 March 25, 2003

- **Abstract** This invention relates to a *kava-kava* lactone-containing product. Also disclosed is a method of preparing such a *kava-kava* lactone-containing product by extracting *kava-kava* lactones from crude *kava-kava* extracts with a solubilizing agent.
- **Inventors:** Ono; Mitsunori (Lexington, MA), Chen; Lan Bo (Lexington, MA)
- **Assignee:** *Kava* Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (DE)
Appl. No.: 09/962,514 Filed: September 24, 2001

BACKGROUND

- The plant *kava-kava* (*piper methysticum* Forst. Piperaceae) is native to Polynesia. An intoxicating beverage made from its crushed roots has been used in ceremonies since ancient times. *Kava-kava* has been found to have significant analgesic and anesthetic effects via non-opiate pathways.

US Patent 7,105,185 September 12, 2006

A method of producing a processed *kava* product.

- Inventors: **Gow; Robert** (Naples, FL), **Pierce; John** (Moreno Valley, CA), **Pierce; Brian** (Moreno Valley, CA), **Birdsall; William** (Naples, FL)
- Assignee: **HerbalScience, LLC** (Naples, FL)

US Patent 7,326,734 February 5, 2008

Treatment of bladder and urinary tract cancers

Abstract

Compositions of matter and methods wherein chalcone and flavone derivatives are administered to human or veterinary patients for the treatment of bladder or urinary tract cancer. Compounds of the invention include 2'-hydroxy-4,4',6'-trimethoxychalcone (Flavokawain A).

Inventors: Zi; Xiolin (Irvine, CA), Simoneau; Anne R. (Long Beach, CA)

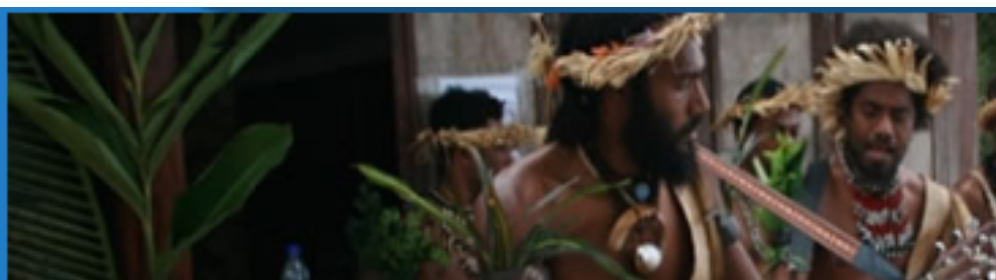
Assignee: The Regents of the University of California (Oakland, CA)

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Chalcones have been reported to be anti-inflammatory, analgesic and antipyretic, whereas flavones show many pharmacological properties. Some chalcones possess bactericidal, antifungal and insecticidal activity and some of their derivatives are reported to be antimutagenic. *Piper methysticum* Forst. f. (***Kava Kava***) belongs to the family Piperaceae, and grows as a perennial shrub in ***Fiji*** and other South Pacific islands.

Eighteen different kavalactones have been reported from the root extracts of ***Kava***.

EU Project to establish reciprocal protection between Melanesian countries to protect TK and EC



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MSG traditional Knowledge workshop

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Rima Ravusiro, MSG Director General (RIGHT)

The Director General of the Melanesian Spearhead Group officially opened on Tuesday a first-ever workshop that will enable culture experts from member countries and their legal technicians to study the feasibility of a reciprocal recognition and enforcement mechanism for Traditional Knowledge in Melanesia.

Rima Ravusiro welcomed participants from Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu at the four-day

meeting held at the Melanesian Spearhead Group Secretariat in Port Vila from 19 to 22 October.

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Traditional knowledge treaty

writer : Sera JANINE

9/4/2011

The Melanesian Spearhead Group Framework Treaty on Traditional Knowledge and Expressions of Culture will come into effect in three months.

This was revealed in the Special MSG Leaders' Summit communiqué last week at the Tanoa International Hotel in Nadi.

The treaty will ensure due recognition for owners and holders of traditional knowledge.

Prime Minister of Fiji, Commodore Voreqe Bainimarama and the Prime Minister of Solomon Islands Danny Philip signed the MSG Framework Treaty on TK and EC.

The Treaty was an initiative of the MSG Council of Arts and Culture and formulated in partnership with the EU TradeCom in 2010.

The MSG Leaders highlighted that the signing of the Treaty marked a symbolic and historical development for the MSG members as it attempts to protect traditional knowledge holders and owners against any infringement of their rights; and protect MSG expressions of culture against misappropriation, misuse and unlawful exploitation.

Kakadu Plum (*Terminalia ferdinandiana*)



- “billy goat plum” in the Northern Territory
- “gubinge” in Western Australia,
- A traditional high-energy food with medicinal and antiseptic properties
- The fruit has very high levels of Vitamin C

Bush fruit gains American celebrity endorsement

Wednesday, 5 February 2014


A US television celebrity and dermatologist who is CEO of an international **cosmetic company** recently travelled to Broome to film a documentary on the native fruit gubinge, also known as Kakadu plum, which will be a key ingredient in a new range of skin care products her company is developing



1. (WO2007084998) COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING KAKADU PLUM EXTRACT OR ACAI BERRY EXTRACT

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(54) Title: COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING KAKADU PLUM EXTRACT OR ACAI BERRY EXTRACT

(57) Abstract: A topical skin care composition comprising kakadu plum extract or acai berry extract, or a combination of both, is disclosed. The composition can include a high oxygen radical absorbance capacity (ORAC) value. The composition can improve the skin's visual appearance, physiological functions, clinical properties, and/or biophysical properties.

CLAIMS

The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows:

1. A method for preparing a dried powder from *Terminalia ferdinandiana* fruit comprising:
 - disintegrating *Terminalia ferdinandiana* fruit to form a slurry of flesh and dissolved solids in an aqueous phase, the slurry having a viscosity;
 - adding at least one enzyme to the slurry to reduce the viscosity of the slurry and increase the dissolved solids in the aqueous phase;
 - expressing the slurry to separate the dissolved solids from the flesh and form a juice;
 - concentrating the juice to produce a juice concentrate with ultrafiltration;
 - drying the juice concentrate to produce a *Terminalia ferdinandiana* powder.

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Why you want it

As the skin ages, cells begin to divide more slowly. Repeated free-radical damage, caused mainly by UV exposure but also occurring as the result of normal cell function, causes skin to become stressed. As a result, this supportive network of collagen and elastin becomes compromised. In the skin, vitamin C plays an essential part in decreasing the damage associated with free radicals, as well as aiding in the synthesis of collagen and in defending the supportive network that gives skin its definition and fullness.

How it works

TimeWise® Replenishing Serum+C contains ingredients known to help strengthen existing collagen and elastin*. This powerful antioxidant complex includes extract of pomegranate, which has been used for centuries to combat oxidative stress, and extract of Kakadu plum, reported to have the highest level of vitamin C of any fruit. The formula also contains argan seed extract, a botanical that has been shown effective in helping to support collagen and elastin.

*Based on in vitro testing



The ingredients that make a difference

TimeWise® Replenishing Serum+C is the result of extensive research by scientists in the Mary Kay Research & Development laboratories working closely with botanical experts from around the world. In their search for the most effective natural sources of vitamin C, they made some important discoveries.

While TimeWise® Replenishing Serum+C contains ingredients known to help strengthen existing collagen and elastin,* it also contains ingredients that can help protect collagen from deteriorating. The formula is enriched with a potent blend of multiple botanical sources, known for their endogenous high levels of vitamin C, that help guard against the damaging effects of free radicals.

Pomegranate – Often referred to as a “superfruit” because of the large number of vitamins it contains, this fruit has a high level of vitamin C, along with other vitamins and antioxidants. It has been used for centuries to help reduce the effects of oxidative stress.

Kakadu Plum extract – Derived from the Kakadu plum, a fruit reported to have one of the highest concentrations of vitamin C. For example, the amount of vitamin C in 3 ½ ounces of Kakadu plum is 3000 mg, while the same amount of orange contains just 50 mg.

Camu Camu extract – The fruit of the camu camu tree is known to have the second highest level of vitamin C of any fruit. The tree grows in the rainforests of South America and is extremely tolerant of the extreme weather conditions found there.

Acerola Cherry extract – Especially rich in vitamins C and A, this fruit has been shown to have powerful antioxidant benefits.

Black Currant Berry extract – These berries contain high levels of vitamin C and other vitamins and minerals.

Argan seed extract – A botanical extract derived from the argan tree, which grows only in Africa. Groves of argan trees provide the last barrier against the desert.

How to use it

Used together with the TimeWise® Miracle Set, you have an age-fighting powerhouse. Apply three pumps to face and throat in the morning and evening after cleansing, toning and exfoliating and before moisturizer. Each vial is designed to last one week.

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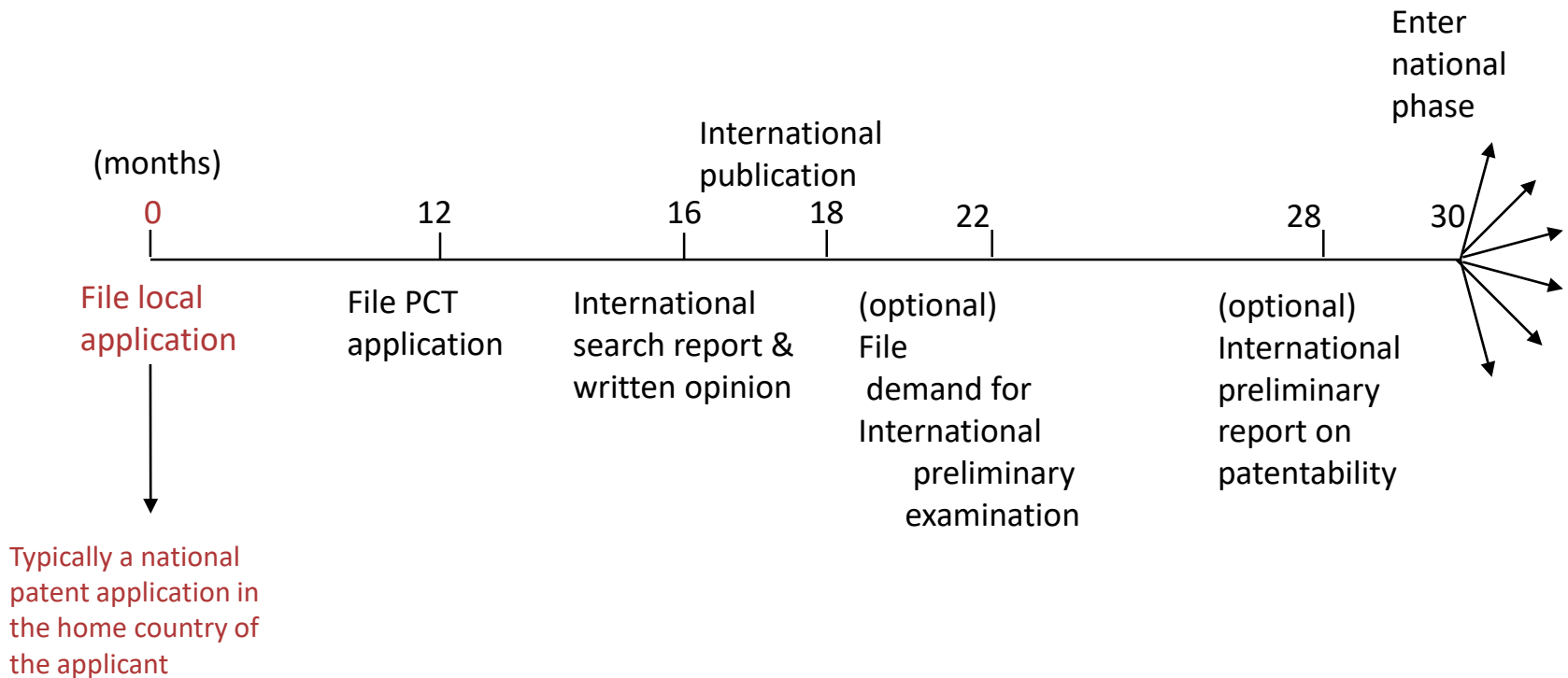
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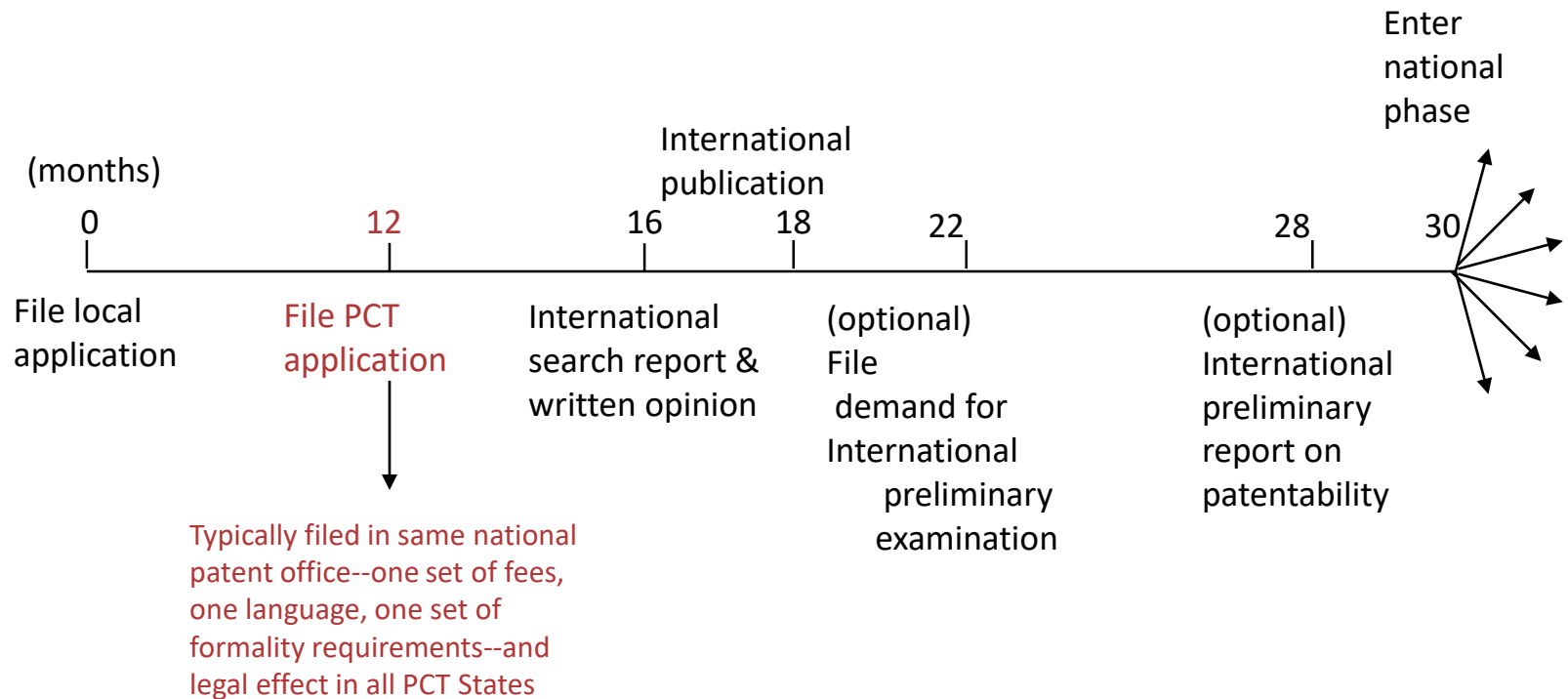
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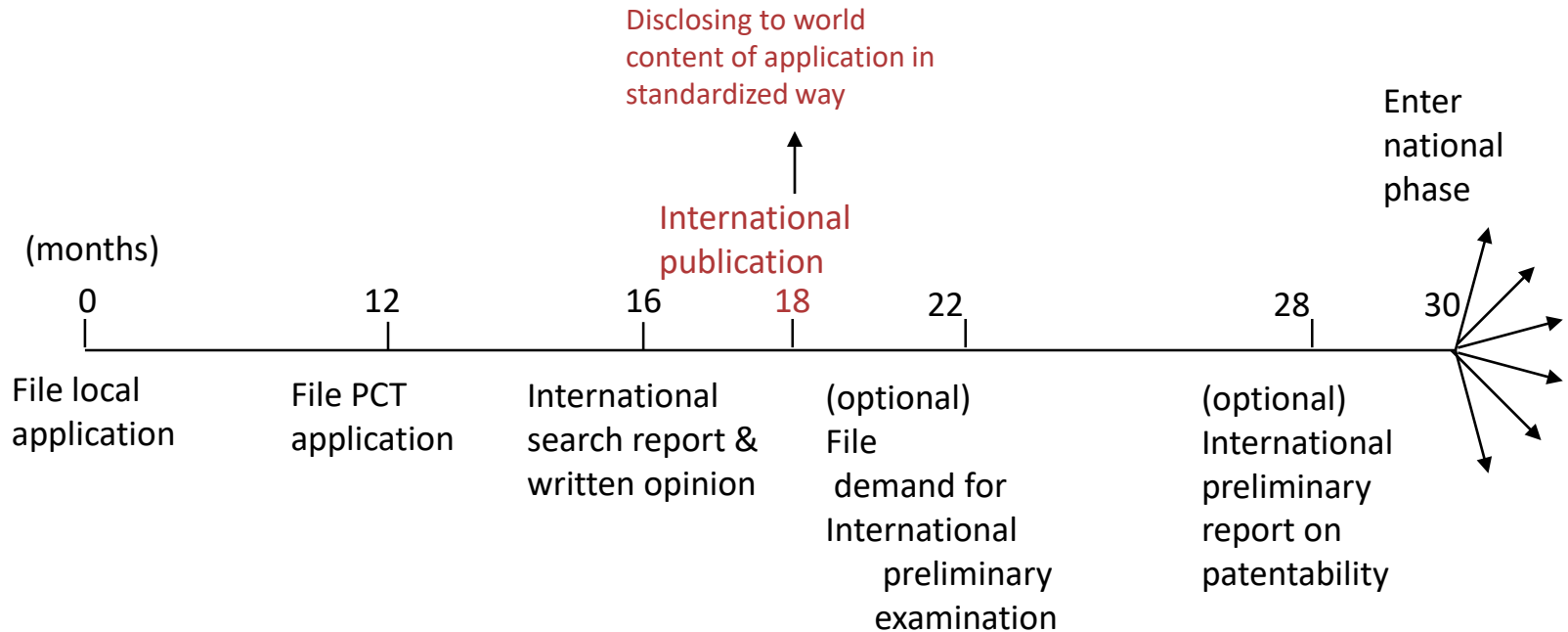
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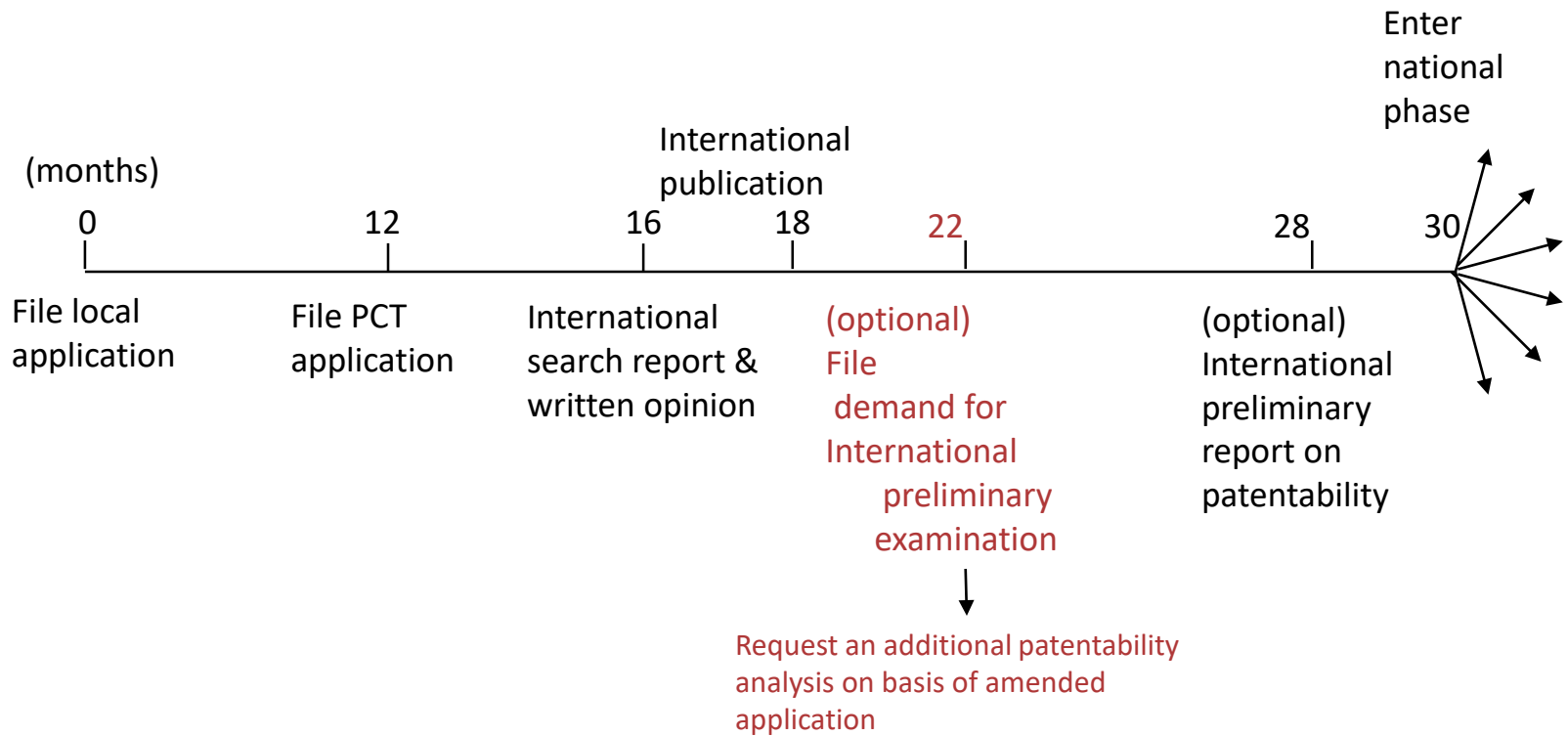
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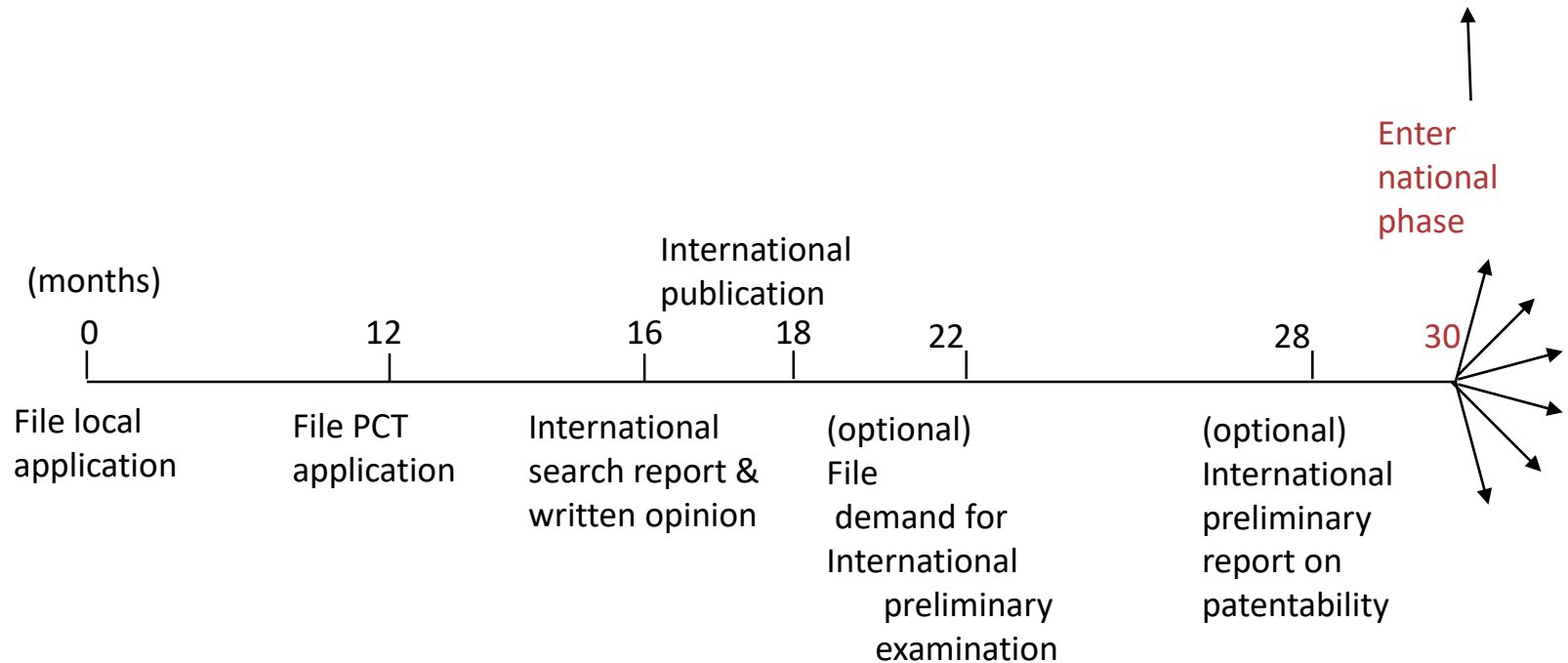
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Patent fight erupts over Kakadu plum

December 4, 2010



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The Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation, which represents the Mirarr, said people in the area had used the plum longer than

anyone could remember.

"The Kakadu plum has been an important source of food and medicine for the Mirarr," it said.

"It also features in oral histories and 'dreaming' stories."

Commissioner

**New Australian National Phase
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in the name of Mary Kay, Inc.
for COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING KAKADU PLUM EXTRACT OR ACAI BERRY
EXTRACT
Our Ref: 26023MAR/VPB:tap**

In respect of the above referenced application, we enclose the following:

1. Statement of intention to proceed with national phase;
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STUDIES

14 October 2009

Dear IP Australia Staff,

I am writing regarding patent application number 2007205838 for a composition containing Kakadu Plum or Acai extract. Particularly, I am a researcher who is concerned that the patent is obvious and therefore should not be approved by IP Australia. Therefore I request that you consider this letter to be a S27 submission.

RE: Application number **2007205838**
 in the name(s) of **Mary Kay, Inc.**

Your Ref: **260023MAR/VPB:tap**

Dear Sir/Madam

Material has been filed under the provisions of Section 27(1) of the Patents Act 1990, in relation to the above patent application. This material was received on 19 October 2009

In accordance with Section 27(2) of the Patents Act 1990, a copy of the material has been enclosed for your information. This material will be considered by the examiner within the prescribed period stated under Regulation 2.5 of the Patents Regulations 1991.

Examiner's first report on patent application no. 2007205838

by Mary Kay, Inc.

Last proposed amendment no. 3

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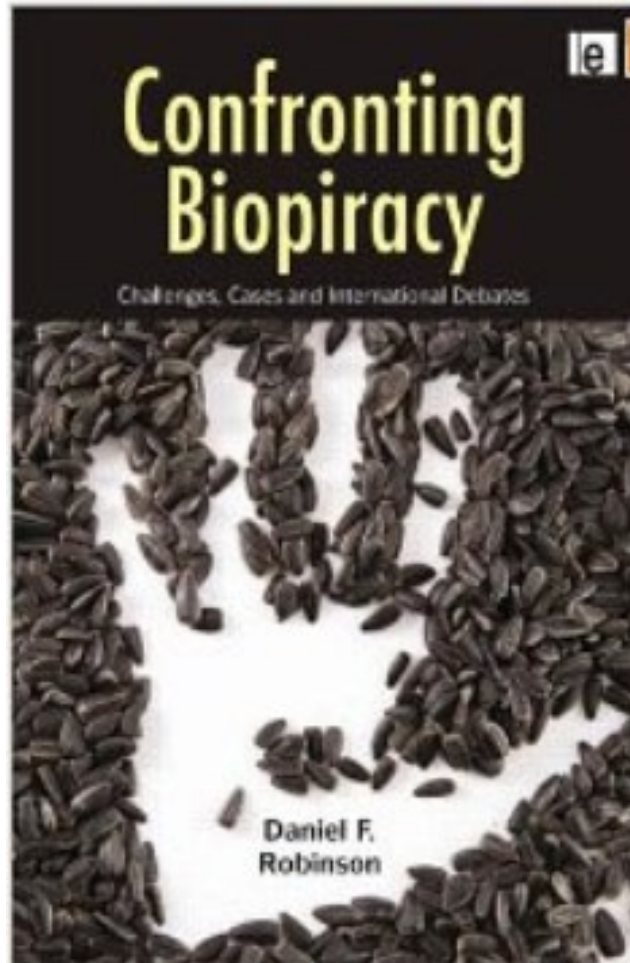
I am replying to the request for examination. I have based this report on the pamphlet and the statements of proposed amendments under S104 of 29 September 2008, 17 June 2009 and 25 October 2010. I have examined the application and I believe that there are lawful grounds of objection to the application. These grounds of objection are:

1. Under Subsection 50(1), the Commissioner may refuse acceptance of this application because the invention as defined in claims 1-13 is capable of being used as a food or medicine and is merely a mixture of known ingredients. Kakadu plum extract is known (see for example D6, D7, D9, D10 and D12-D16 cited below in objections 3 and 4). Acai berry extract is known (see for example D5, D8 and D17, cited below in objections 3 and 4).

IP Australia Examination Report, Dec 2010

Claims D12 and D13 disclose kakadu plum used in a Red Earth skin cleanser, moisturiser, toner and mask, which includes vitamin C, known to be required for processes including creation and maintenance of skin and muscle, healing of wounds and as an antioxidant. D12 discloses that Aborigines have been using the Kakadu plum extract for around 40,000 years as a food source and a healing agent.

Daniel Robinson, *Confronting Biopiracy: Challenges, Cases and International Debates*, Earthscan, London, 2010.



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11	7,678,393	Mixture composition and method useful for topical and internal application
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Endophytes and Improved Fescues -- *Out of Algeria and Morocco*

Three North African microbes that improve insect resistance and feed quality of tall fescue grass have been patented by AgResearch New Zealand, a state-owned business.

AgResearch's patent covers the endophytes themselves, as well as their introduction into commercial fescue cultivars sold in New Zealand (e.g., Grasslands Advance), the United States (e.g., Kentucky 31 and Georgia 5), and elsewhere. AgResearch additionally claims seed harvested from fescue plants inoculated with any combination of the endophytes.

The patent explains that the organisms are from Morocco and Algeria, and that they were deposited in a culture collection in 1998, but it does not state when the collections were made, who made them, and how they arrived at AgResearch.

United States Patent 6,111,170 Latch , et al.

August 29, 2000

Abstract Selected endophytes of the genus *Neotyphodium* (formerly *Acremonium*) form stable synthetic combinations with tall fescue hosts (*Festuca arundinacea*). The combinations have improved resistance to invertebrate pests as compared to tall fescue cultivars not containing such endophytes. The particular combinations of the invention have reduced toxicity to livestock as compared to naturally occurring endophyte/tall fescue combinations. The seven preferred endophytes are AR501, AR502, AR510, AR542, AR572, AR577 and AR584.

- **Inventors: Latch; Garrick Cecil Morland (Palmerston North, NZ), Christensen; Michael John (Ashurst, NZ), Tapper; Brian Anthony (Palmerston North, NZ), Easton; Herrick Sydney (Palmerston North, NZ), Hume; David Edward (Palmerston North, NZ), Fletcher; Lester Ronald (Christchurch, NZ)**
- **Assignee: New Zealand Pastoral Agriculture Research Institute Limited (Hamilton, NZ)**

Hagahai Patent US 5,397,696

- Papua New Guinea human T-lymphotropic virus
- The present invention relates to a human T-cell line (PNG-1) persistently infected with a Papua New Guinea (PNG) HTLV-I variant and to the infecting virus (PNG-1 variant). Cells of the present invention express viral antigens, type C particles and have a low level of reverse transcriptase activity.

Patenting and agriculture

- there are almost 1000 patents issued for genetically modified versions of the main staple crops: rice, wheat, maize, soybeans and sorghum.
- 70% of these patents belong to only six companies: Sanofi, Dow, DuPont, Mitsui, Monsanto and Syngenta.
- All these companies are based in the EU, the US or Japan and together they control 30% of the global seed market

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**TRENDS IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS RELATING TO
GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

by

Michael Blakeney¹

This document has been prepared at the request of the Secretariat of the FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, to provide an overview of recent developments in intellectual property rights relating to genetic resources for food and agriculture.