

EPIDENDRUM BAHORUCENSE Hágster & L. Cerv.
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Type: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Montiada Nueva, Octubre 1969, **D. Dod 198**. Holotype: Herb. Dod! (illustration voucher). Isotypes Herb. Dod! x2.

Epidendro paranaënsi Barb. Rodr. simile sed labello trianguli, ovario longiore, petalis minoribus angustioribusque, capsula minore.

Hierba epífita, colgante, ramificada, ca. 200 cm de alto. Tallos teretes, con el tallo principal 75-200 x 0.5-0.6; los secundarios de 21.5-37 x 0.3-0.4 cm, los terciarios 5-18 x 0.4-0.6 cm. Hojas articuladas, semejantes en tamaño, las de los tallos secundarios y terciarios 7-12; vaina tubular finamente estriada en seco, escarioso fibrosa con el tiempo, 1.5-3.2 x 0.3-0.6 cm; lámina oblonga a oblongo lanceolada, irregularmente bilobada, coriácea, margen entero, 3-11.5 x 0.7-1.7 cm. Brácteas florales del mismo largo que el ovario, fuertemente imbricadas, conduplicadas, ovadas, agudas, 17-20 mm de largo. Espata ausente. Inflorescencia apical, sésil, racemosa, distílica, elipsoidal, 2.3-5 cm. Flores 4-6, simultáneas, entreabiertas, blancas, coriáceas, fragancia no registrada. Ovario terete, 17-20 mm de largo, ornamentado cerca del ápice. Sépalos algo cóncavos, mucronados, con una quilla en el dorso, nervaduras numerosas. Sépalo dorsal oblongo lanceolado, agudo, margen entero, 9-12 x 2-2.5 mm. Sépalos laterales oblicuamente lanceolados, agudos, margen entero, 9-12.5 x 3-4 mm. Pétalos oblongos, agudos, quillados dorsalmente, nervaduras numerosas, 9-11 x 1 mm. Labelo unido a la columna, entero, ampliamente ovado triangular, agudo, ápice truncado, margen ondulado, coriáceo, algo conduplicado en posición natural y parcialmente abrazando el ápice de la columna, 8 x 5-6 mm; callo en "Y", de 2 quillas que se unen y prolongan en una que se difumina en la parte media del disco. Columna corta y gruesa, recta, terete, engrosada hacia el ápice, 4 mm de largo. Clinandrio corto, entero. Antera subcuadrada, con una quilla basal, rugosa. Polinios no vistos. Rostelo subapical, hendido. Lóbulos laterales del estigma de la mitad del largo de la cavidad estigmática. Nectario profundo, penetrando casi hasta la mitad del ovario, liso. Cápsula elipsoidal, el cuerpo de 12 x 9 mm, casi sésil y con un cuello apical de ca. de 3 mm de largo.

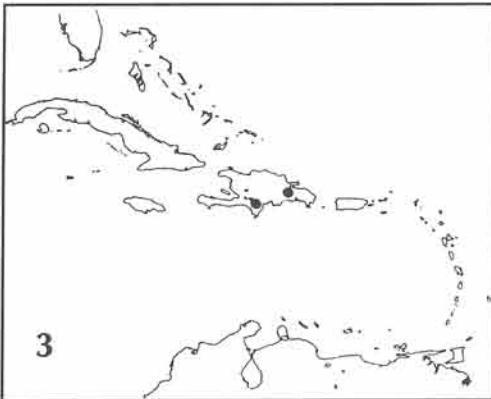
Epiphytic hanging, branching herb. Stems terete. Leaves articulate, similar, 7-12 leaves on the secondary and tertiary stems, oblong to oblong-lanceolate, unequally bilobed, coriaceous. Floral bracts imbricating, conduplicate, as long as the ovary. Inflorescence apical, sessile, racemose, distichous, ellipsoid. Flowers 4-6, white, coriaceous. Sepals concave, mucronate, with a dorsal keel; the dorsal oblong-lanceolate, acute; the laterals obliquely lanceolate, acute. Petals oblong, acute. Lip united to the column, entire, ovate-triangular, rounded, coriaceous, margin wavy, "Y"-shaped callus prolonged into a keel. Column straight, thick. Clinandrium reduced, entire. Nectary deep, penetrating half of the ovary, unornamented. Capsule ellipsoid.

DISTRIBUTION AND ECOLOGY: Known only from the Dominican Republic, epiphyte, from 1155 to 1600 m altitude.

OTHER SPECIMENS: REPUBLICA DOMINICANA: Barahona. Montiada Nueva, *Dod 182, 198* Herb. Dod x2! Montiada Nueva, Caña Brava, *Llogier 14277 AMES!*, NY!, P! Montiada Nueva, SE of Polo, *Howard & Howard 8536 AMES!* NY!, US! Cuatro Alas N of La Culata, Constanza, *Llogier 13109 AMES!* 19 km E de San José Ocoa, en El Manaclar, Mejía y Pimentel 18228 NY!

RECOGNITION: *Epidendrum bahorucense* belongs to the *paranaënsis* subgroup of the ramos group, characterized by the pendent branching plant with coriaceous leaves, distichous inflorescence, oblong to oblong-lanceolate leaves. This species can be recognized by its terete stems, ovate-triangular lip, truncate at the base, short column, reduced clinandrium, ellipsoid capsule, 12 x 9 mm. *Epidendrum morrisii* Hágster & L. Cerv. from Jamaica has laterally compressed stems, longer leaves, 5-19 cm long, and larger flowers, sepals 10-16 mm long, petals 14-15 mm long, and longer column, 6 mm long. *Epidendrum mora-retanae* Hágster from Nicaragua to Panama has a cordate lip, clinandrium as long as the column proper, and a pyriform capsule, 20-25 x 10-12 mm. The name *Epidendrum imbricatum* Lindl., which corresponds to a Brazilian plant, cannot be used due to the earlier homonym applied to *Lockhartia biserra* by Lamarck, and thus the later name, *E. paranaënsis* Barb. Rodr. must be used for that species, which had wider leaves, 2-3 cm wide, ovate to ovate-oblong lip, ovary 12-15 mm long, longer petals, 12-13 x 2-2.5 mm, and longer capsule, 20 x 12 mm.

ETYMOLOGY: In reference to the locality of "La Sierra de Bahoruco", in the province of Barahona, Dominican Republic, close to which the plants were collected.



REFERENCES: Fawcett W. & A.B. Rendle, 1982, *Flora de Jamaica* 1: 94, as *E. imbricatum*. Hágster, E., 1993. *E. mora-retanae* Hágster, in *Icones Orch.* 2: t. 160.