

THE GENUS *MURICOCOCCUM* CHUN & How (Euphorb.).

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The monotypical genus *Muricococcum* was published in 1956 (in *Acta Phytotaxonomica Sinica* 5: 14) with a latin and Chinese diagnosis.

The authors compared it with *Chaetocarpus*, to which it is certainly only remotely related and with *Coelodepas*, to which it is closely related.

The specific description of *Muricococcum sinense* Chun & How (l.c. 15) is accompanied by an excellent drawing, which, together with the ample description, enable me to refer it to its proper genus, although the type specimen is inaccessible for the time being.

I fail to find any differences with the genus *Cephalomappa* and the species resembles *Cephalomappa mallotricarpa* J. J. S.

I venture to reduce *Muricococcum* to *Cephalomappa* and to rename the species: ***Cephalomappa sinense*** (Chun & How) Kostermans, comb. nov. (basonym: *Muricococcum sinense* Chun & How).

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