

The Lake Toba *Nepenthes*

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Lake Toba is situated in Central Sumatra. This lake is the largest in South East Asia, covering an area of over 800 sq km. Along part of the northern shore of Lake Toba runs the trans Sumatra highway. The town of Prapat is the principal lakeside resort. Lake Toba lies 900 m above sea level and is one of the major tourist attractions in Sumatra.

In 1928 Danser described and illustrated *Nepenthes tobaica* from specimens collected on the plateau around Lake Toba.

In April, 1983 this species was observed and photographed along the roadside both east and west of Prapat. Many plants were coming into flower although mature fruits had not yet developed. The vivid red colour of the lower side of the lid meant that plants which grew on embank-

ments were easily observed from the road. Danser, B.H. (1928) The Nepenthaceae of the Netherlands Indies. *Bulletin du Jardin Botanique*, Serie 3(9): 382-384.

A Note on pp. 17-22:

In response to a News and Views item by Dana Craig (CPN 9,4:89), one of our Japanese members, Yasuhiro Fukatsu (49, Ohkan-dori, Hacchocho, Okazaki-City, Aichi-Pref. 444, Japan) has translated into English the photo captions of several Japanese books.

Included in this issue are translations for *Insectivorous Plants* by I.P.S.J. and *Carnivorous Plants, Observation & Cultivation* by S. Komiya. (Non-Japanese-reading ICPS members who own these books will appreciate Mr. Fukatsu's contribution.)



The trans Sumatran highway skirting Lake Toba.



Vine and plantlet of *Nepenthes singalana*.



Lower pitchers of *Nepenthes tobaica*.

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