

***Macropodanthus tridentatus* Seidenf. (Orchidaceae): A new orchid record for Thailand**

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While working on my project on Orchidaceae (started in 1994) in Khao Ang Rue Nai Wildlife Sanctuary, a new record for Thailand of a very rare species i.e. *Macropodanthus tridentatus* Seidenf. was found. It was known so far only from Gunung Pantii, Johor, Malaysia. The living specimens were collected from Khao Takrub foot hill, Chachoengsao Province; they are now kept at Khao Hin Sorn Botanical Garden.

***Macropodanthus tridentatus* Seidenf. Opera Bot. 95: 265 Fig. 168, 1988.**

*Sarcochilus berkeleyi* auct. non. (Rchb. f.) Rchb. f. in Hook. f., Ann. Calc. 5: 44, pl. 66. 1896; Holttum, Fl. Malaya 1: 679. 1953.

Epiphytic orchid; stem to 4 cm or more long; leaves to 12 by 2 cm; narrowed gradually to base, apex unequally bilobed; scape to 4 cm long, rachis to 10 cm or more, bearing about 10 flowers or more; sepals and petals white, thickly spotted with orange-brown, lip white with purple spots with a pair of raised linear appendages in front of and nearly half as long as side lobes; midlobe purple.

**T h a i l a n d.**— SOUTH-EASTERN: Chachoengsao (Khao Ang Rue Nai Wildlife Sanctuary).

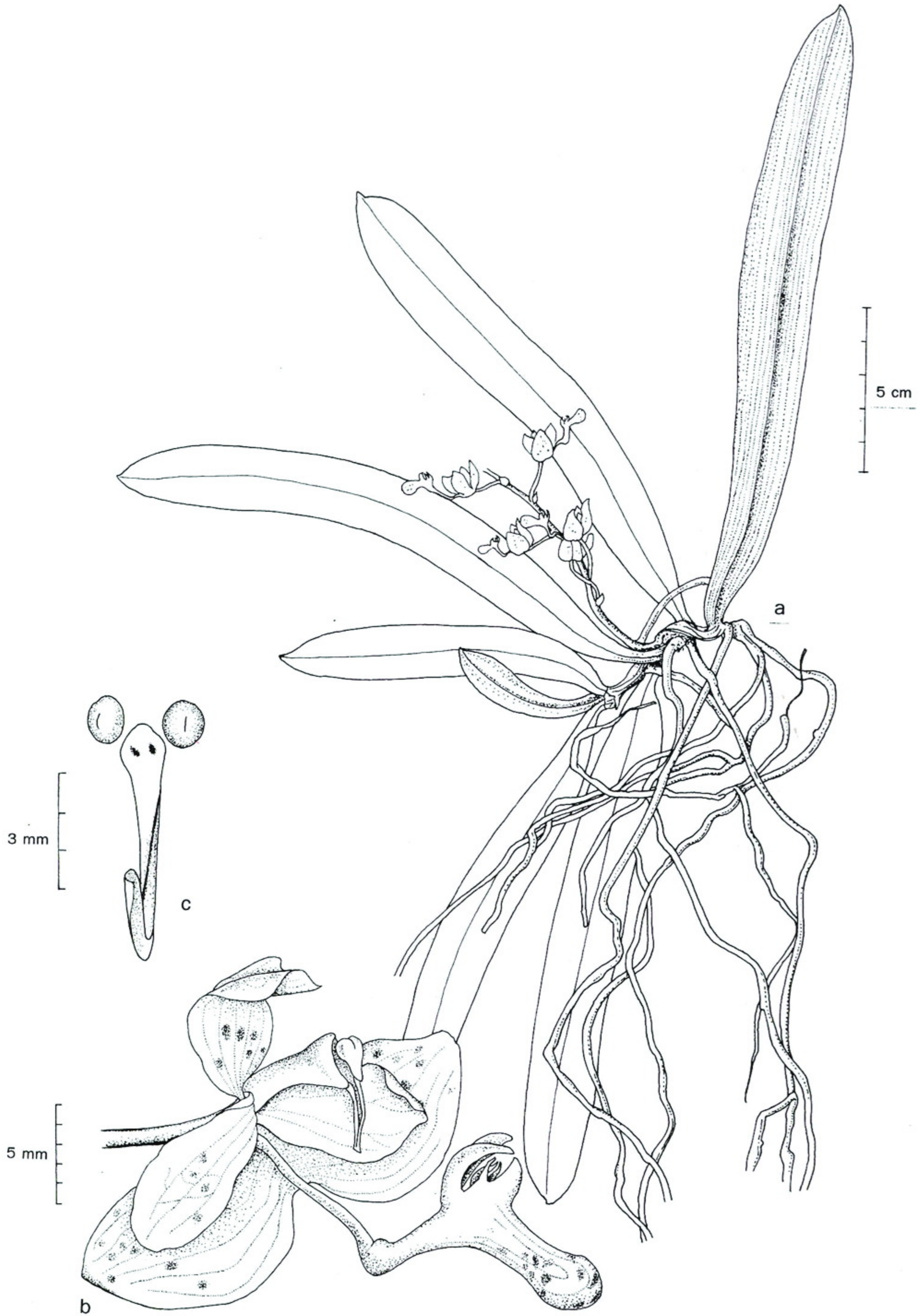
**D i s t r i b u t i o n.**— Malaysia: Gunung Pantii, Johor.

**E c o l o g y.**— In dry evergreen forest; altitude 100–200 m. Flowering April-May.

**N o t e.**— This is an endangered species as far as known found only two localities as mentioned above.

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*Macropodanthus tridentatus* Seidenf.: a. plant; b. flower; c. pollinarium.

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