

Special Pre-Biennial Teaser Edition

As many of us prepare for the IPS Biennial meeting in Vietnam, we have a few photos compiled by guest editor, Dr. Scott Zona. Let these photos whet your appetite for some of the spectacular palms we'll see.

The next Newsletter will have a report from Vietnam along with news from the Society.



Caryota obtusa juveniles near Cai Lao. Gavin White CC BY-NC-ND 2.0



Sunrise behind palmyra palms (*Borassus flabellifer*) along rice paddies. An Bui CC BY 2.0.



Throughout Vietnam and other parts of Southeast Asia, *Borassus flabellifer* fruits are harvested for their edible pulp, which is processed into sweets and desserts. P.L. Tandon CC BY-NC-SA 2.0.



Nypa fruticans is an important mangrove palm, whose leaves are harvested for thatch and other purposes. Anthony Tong Lee CC BY-ND 2.0.

Calamus species are supremely useful palms throughout Southeast Asia. Vietnam is no exception. This basket is woven from rattan strips. The species is unknown. Note the palm-thatched wall in the background. McKay Savage CC BY 2.0.





These brooms, photographed in Ha Noi, appear to be made from *Licuala* leaves. Gavin White CC BY-NC-ND 2.0.

Areca triandra is a common species throughout Vietnam. It's a species we expect to see in some of the national parks on our itinerary. This plant was photographed by Tony Rodd CC BY-NC-SA 2.0.





These palms look like betel nut palms (*Areca catechu*) en route to a new home. Georg Staebner CC BY-NC-SA 2.0.