## Diet determination of wild Pygmy Hippopotamus (Choeropsis liberiensis)



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#### Abstract

Diet determination is an important factor for species conservation. It can give some insights into the physiology, behaviour, ecology and distribution of species that are useful for conservation management. In this study, for such an elusive, endangered and herbivorous species as the pygmy hippopotamus (Choeropsis liberiensis), we used a noninvasive faecal analysis method. This method consists of analyzing leave epidermis fragments of plants found in the faeces and compare these fragments with a reference database previously made up by epidermis of local plants. We analysed faecal samples from ten pygmy hippo's collected in an area of $49 \mathrm{~km}^{2}$ in the Taï National Park (TNP; Ivory Coast). From these faecal samples, 130 undigested leaves fragments could be described with five variables as well as 56 plants species collected in the TNP. Through Multiple Correspondence Analysis (MCA), we succeeded to target the type of epidermis consumed most frequently by these ten animals. Finally, a deeper analysis by pictures has been carried based on the results of the MCA.

We confirmed the hypothesis that pygmy hippopotamuses eat a wide range of species inside the three main groups of Monocotyledonae, Dicotyledonae and Ferns and hence we strongly support that this animal is an intermediate feeder. Through the detailed picture analysis we found that the hippos in our research area seem to have a favourite preference for Nephrolepis bisserata, Streptogyna crinita, Marantaceae species, Centhoteca lappaceae and Herritiera utilis.

This study provides an understanding of the food needs of wild pygmy hippopotamuses and this can be translated into advice to improve its conditions in captivity. Furthermore, a tropical plants image database is now available for 60 plants species of the TNP. Some recommendations on the method are given in the discussion part.

Key words: Choeropsis liberiensis, diet, fecal analysis, microscopy, conservation, Africa, Ivory Coast, MCA


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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The pygmy hippopotamus (Choeropsis liberiensis), hereafter referred to as pygmy hippo, is an endemic species to West Africa (Ivory Coast, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone; Prothero et al., 2007). Until 1945, pygmy hippos also occurred in Nigeria, but the subspecies (C. l. heslopi) is now considered extinct (Robinson, 2013). The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) classified the remaining West African pygmy hippopotamus as endangered (Ransom et al., 2015). The main threats to their survival are habitat loss, lack of adequate legal protection and poaching for bushmeat (Lewison \& Oliver, 2008; Mallon et al, 2011). An often-unstable political situation leads to insecurity of protected areas, unregulated logging and hunting and restricted conservation efforts (Mallon et al., 2011; Conway, 2013). In the wild, the current population size of pygmy hippos is estimated to be less than 2,500 individuals and the majority of those are believed to reside in the Taï National Park (TNP) in Ivory Coast (Roth et al. 2004; Ransom et al., 2015).

The TNP has been part of UNESCO's world heritage since 1982 and currently covers an area of $4,450 \mathrm{~km}^{2}$. Indeed, it is the largest tropical primary forest of West Africa (UNESCO World Heritage, 2018; OIPR, 2018; Lauginie, 2007). The vegetation of this park is rich with 1,365 documented species (Scouppe, 2011). Regular censuses of the TNP flora have been carried recently throughout the park in the North and East by Scouppe (2011); in the South by Adou Yao et al. (2000); in South-West by Menziès (2000) and by Adjanohoun \& Guillaumet (1961), Aké Assi \& Pfeffer (1975), Aké Assi (1984) and Adou Yao et al. (2005) and strong databases exist with the species listed "Flore du Parc National de Taï (Côte d'Ivoire)" from Sattler (2000).

In recent years, many studies have been initiated on pygmy hippos (Robinson, 1970; Eltringham, 1999; Roth et al., 2004; Conway, 2013; Bogui, 2016; Hillers et al., 2017). However, because of the species' cryptic behaviour, the most informative information gathered about them was obtained by the observation of captive animals (Flacke et al., $2015,2016)$. Here, health reports of captive individuals showed that many diseases, such as polycystic kidney disease or dental skin and foot problems, could be related to their monotonous captive diet (Steck, 2008; Flacke et al., 2017).

In the wild, pygmy hippos are known to eat a wide variety of ferns, roots, grasses, stems and leaves of young trees as well as crops (Robinson, 1970, 1999; Bülow, 1988; Hentschel, 1990), resulting in a list of 17 ferns, 26 dicotyledonae, 16 monocotyledonae and the fruits of 24 tree species (Bülow, 1988; Hentschel, 1990; Robinson et al., 2017). This list has been obtained through direct and indirect observations as well as feeding trials (Robinson et al., 2017). Robinson (1981) and Eltringham (1999) revealed that this species spends about 6 hours per day feeding. Other observations by camera traps suggest that feeding occurs throughout the night as camera picures show their presence throughout the night (Mallon et al., 2011).

The relationship between flora and fauna in the TNP has already been well studied (e.g., Chatelain et al., 2000). This helps to understand the spatial distribution of an animal as well as its habitat. Indeed, diet information mainly through the faeces gives (indirect) insight about the physiology, behaviour, ecology (Chame, 2003; Butet, 1985) and distribution (Garthey, 2013) of an animal. The classic method of diet determination in wild animals is by microscopy (Crocker, 1959; Storr, 1961; Chapuis, 1980; Butet, 1985), which generates easily reproducible and accurate qualitative data (Cuartas, 1996). It is based on the microscopic analysis of leaf fragments found in the faeces. This is widely
used for elusive animals in the wild (Butet, 1985, 1987) and for knowing the toxicity of plants consumed by captive animals (Rech, 2011).

Plant species identification via microscopy is different from the traditional Linnaean classification system, which is based on the reproductive features of the plants. However, recent botanical studies (Adedeji et al., 2007; Adedeji and Jewoola, 2008; Shah et al., 2018a, 2018b; Ullah et al., 2018a, 2018b) show that the microscopic foliar anatomical characters could be a method for plants species identification particularly at the family and group level (Metcalfe and Chalk, 1950, 1957).

In this study, we developed a new identification system for plant species eaten by free ranging pygmy hippos living in the TNP. This identification system is based on five qualitative variables (four microscopic and one macroscopic) used to target a plant epidermis type. Subsequently, a visual analysis of the targeted epidermis is carried out to identify the most common fragments found in the faeces. The main goal of this study is to determine the diet of wild pygmy hippos in our research area. Improving knowledge of the species' diet composition will help in conservation efforts not only in captivity (health problems) but also in the wild (e.g. protecting adequate and specific areas). The larger aim of the study is to assist in developing a determination key for any tropical plant species based on their microscopic features, which could be used for other diet studies.

This study was part of an on-going collaboration between the Institute for Breeding Rare and Endangered African Mammals (IBREAM) and the Centre Suisse de Recherches Scientifiques en Côte d'Ivoire (CSRS) that started the Pygmy Hippo conservation project « Таї Hippo Projet» (THP) in 2010.

## 2. MATERIAL AND METHODS

### 2.1 Study site

This study was conducted in the Taï National Park (TNP), Ivory Coast (West Africa) from July to November 2017. The research area was about $49 \mathrm{~km}^{2}$ of forest in the Taï sector (TNP; see Fig. 1), centred at Camp Noe research station situated near the Institute of Tropical Ecology (IET; McGraw et al. 2007). The entire research area was searched for hippopotamuses tracks and faeces.


Fig. 1: Taï National Park (TNP), research area. On the top is the map of the TNP. The Park is divided in 5 sectors (Taï, ADK-V6, Djouroutou, Soubré and Djapaji) defined by the Office of Parks and Reserves (OIPR). The black rectangle represents our research area. On the bottom, zoom in into our research area. The black circles represent the faeces collected during the fieldwork and the blue ones represent the ten faeces used for this study.

### 2.2 Data collection

### 2.2.1 Food items

In order to build a database for diet identification, we collected sixty plants in the Taï National Park (TNP). The choice of these plants was made on a non-exhaustive list of the favourite plants (twenty-seven in the TNP) eaten by pygmy hippopotamuses. This list is based on direct and indirect observations and by feeding trials of pygmy hippopotamuses in Ivory Coast, Liberia and Sierra Leone (Bülow, 1987; Hentschel, 1990). From this food preferences database, we found only two ferns (Nephrolepis biserrata, Pteris burtonii) of the eight favourite, four dicotyledonae (Desmodium adscendens, Geophila sp., Geophila afzelii, Dissotis rotundifolia) of the ten favourite, and five Monocotyledonae (Maschalocephalus dinklagei, Cercestis afzelii, Raphia sp., Streptogyna crinita, Marantochoa sp.) of the nine favourite in the TNP. In order to refine our research and increase the number of plants references, we collected the plants that seemed most abundant in our research area and that grew between zero and one meter high, as well as the plants on which hippopotamuses's territorial marking had been done (see Appendix 8.1).

A voucher of each plant was deposited at the CSRS herbarium as reference in Abidjan, and the assistant curator of the herbarium did the validation of identification. The botanical nomenclature follows the African Plant Database (APD, 2018).

### 2.2.2 Faeces

Pygmy hippo faeces are dispersive and found in large quantities. Similar to the common hippopotamus, the pygmy hippopotamus makes two types of droppings: territorial droppings and litter droppings (see Appendix 8.2; Robinson et al., 2017). The consistency of these two droppings is different, one is tough whereas the other one is soft and shapeless but we collected both types for our study. In order to collect a representative sample, we followed the sampling method used by Scotcher et al. (1978) and Michez (2006) for the Hippopotamus amphibius L. (Common hippopotamus; see Appendix 8.3).

We collected $\mathrm{N}=15$ faecal samples during the dry season (August - September 2017) and $\mathrm{N}=55$ samples during the rainy season (October - November 2017). In addition, $\mathrm{N}=330$ GPS data points were recorded when a track (footprint or dropping) was found. These data points were linked with eight ecological data points (i.e. Date and Time, ID, GPD data (UTM), Canopy, Underwood, McGrew's strata, OIPR code) to characterize the location in which the track was found as well as additive information for any faeces sample (level of degradation; see Appendix 8.4 and Appendix 8.5).

### 2.3 Data analysis

### 2.3.1 Food items preparation

We chose two methods of preparation to enhance reliability. For the first method, we used a nailpolish method (Miller et al., 1968; Hilu and Randall, 1984), and for the second method we used a discoloration method (Rech, 2011) to remove the epidermis (see Appendix 8.6.1 and Appendix 8.6.2). The first method consists of applying a thin layer
of commercial, transparent nailpolish on the leave. Following drying, we removed the nailpolish layer and placed it on a slide in a water drop. The second method is the same method used for the faeces preparation (Rech protocol, see below). For both methods, we created semi-permanent slides with the two leaves sides and this for our sixty samples of plants.

Finally, the two sides (adaxial and abaxial) of each plant were photographed with inverted microscope Leica OMI 3000 B using software LAS V.4.0 with a magnification of $40 x, 100 x$ and 200x (see Appendix 8.6.3). In total, 720 microscopic pictures were taken for the analysis part. We took also macro photographs of each plant of reference under a binocular magnifying glass (see TNP PLANT IMAGE DATABASE).

We did not succeed to remove the two sides of the following species: Diospyros manii (species 40), Parinari excelsa (species 46), Massularia acuminata (species 56) and Gilbertiodendron preusti (species 57). This was because the quality of the dried material did not allow us to properly analyse these four plants. For this reason, we did not use these species for the analysis. From the 60 initial plants, we used only 56 for further analysis.

### 2.3.2 Faeces preparation

We used ten of the 55 pygmy hippopotamuses faeces collected during the rainy season over the entire range to be representative (i.e to avoid analysis of the same individuals). The droppings were selected according to their location after being projected on a map with ArcMap 10.6 programme (see Fig. 1). The OIPR gave to us the spatial coordinates for the TNP sectors, villages, research camps, roads and rivers. We then added our spatial coordinates for the faeces collected. Neighbouring samples were separated by a radius of two kilometres for all ten faeces chosen for analysis. This radius has been defined by taking into account the home range of pygmy hippopotamuses, which have been estimated $0.4-0.6 \mathrm{~km}^{2}$ for females and $>1.5 \mathrm{~km}^{2}$ for males (Bülow, 1988; Hentschel, 1990). It has been observed that sometimes a male's and female's home range can overlap, so it is possible to have different hippos for the same area (Roth et al., 2004). Through this estimation, we can therefore assume that the ten droppings used for the analysis could belong to ten animals.

After the selection of the ten faeces for the analysis, we took a subsample of two grams per faeces and we sorted it into four categories: leaves, roots and stems, seeds and unidentifiable material (see Appendix 8.6.4). This sorting allowed quantifying the material available for the analysis and for macroscopic identification (Michez, 2006).

Then, from this sorting, we randomly selected $\mathrm{N}=48$ leaf fragments per faeces. These fragments were placed in two 24 -well cell culture clusters (i.e., 48 wells) and photographed under a binocular magnifying glass at $7.5 \mathrm{x}, 25 \mathrm{x}$ and 60 x . After photographing, fragments were soaked in ethanol and sodium hypochlorite until they were transparent following the protocol of Rech (2011) for animal faeces studies. Finally, the discoloured fragments were placed between a slide and a lamella in a drop of glycerine (see Appendix 8.6.4). In order to keep the slides as long as possible, we added a layer of commercial nail polish around the lamella. This technique allows fixing the lamella and its content for at least few months (semi-permanent fixation) while taking pictures.

Finally, the slides were photographed with the same conditions as the food items references (i.e., in 40x, 100x and 200x; see Appendix 8.6.3). In total, 480 fragments with 2,880 pictures ( 1,440 microscopic and 1,440 macroscopic) were taken for the analysis part (see FAECES FRAGMENTS IMAGE DATABASE).

### 2.3.3 Variable selection for multivariate analysis (food items)

Based on Rech (2011) and other authors (Metcalfe and Chalk, 1950, 1957; Stoddard, 1965; Kok and van der Schijff, 1973; Chapuis 1980; Ullah et al., 2018a) we measured 15 qualitative variables (see Appendix 8.7). Among them, 14 were microscopic (cell width, cell length, cell layout, cell shape, wall shape, silica, scale, trichome cellularity, trichome insertion, stomata quantity, stomata direction, stomata width, stomata length, stomata type), and one (leaf vein shape) is macroscopic. These variables with their respective categories detailed in the Table 1 seemed to us to be the most relevant to describe the epidermis of our tropical plants. Thus, the 15 variables were measured first on a reference sampling, i.e., the food item data collection (named hereafter dataset $\mathrm{n}^{\circ} 1$ ).

Some important variables according to Rech (2011), such as oxalate crystals or the sensor and secretive trichome, were not used because they were not always visible in our fragments of plants. Furthermore, variables or individuals with missing data (i.e. stomata type) or variables that appeared to be non-informative (i.e. silica, scale, trichome) were finally not used in our analysis.

## Macroscopic criteria

1. Leaf vein shape * macro_veins (3): pinnate_leaf, reticulate_leaf, parrallel_leaf

Microscopic criteria
Epidermal cells
2. Width
3. Length *
width_epid_cells (2): ML_25_ep, More_25_ep
4. Layout *
length_epid_cells (3): small_ep, medium_ep, large_ep
5. Cell shape
layout_epid_cells (2): aligned, non_aligned
6. Wall shape *
shape_epid_cells (3): alongated, pentagonal, winding
7. Silica
shape_wall_cells (5): straight_wall, angular_wall, wavy_wall, slightly_wavy_wall, round_wall
7. Silica
silica (3): absence_silica, concave_parallel, concave_perpendicular
8. Scale scale (3): absence_scale, flat_thiny, flat_thick

Trichome
9. Trichome cellularity
10. Insertion

Stomata
11. Quantity *
12. Direction
13. Width
14. Length
15. Type
trichome (3): absence_trichome, uni, multi insertion_trichome (3): absence_insertion, flower, other_insertion
quantity_stomata (4): absence_quantity, large, medium, low direction_stomata (3): absence_direction, different, same width_stomata (3): absence_width, ML_25_stom, More_25_stom length_stomata (3): absence_length, ML_25_stomata, More_25_stomata
stomata_type (8): absence_type, actinocytic, anomocytic, anisocytic, diacytic, gramineous, paracytic, tetracytic

Table 1: List of 15 variables, which describe our reference epidermis with the code used in our dataframe (see Appendix 8.7 \& 8.8). In italic are the categories and in brackets is the number of categories used for each variable. The asterix represents the five most relevant variable selected at a later stage in the statistical analysis part.

### 2.3.4 Statistical analysis

We carried out multivariate analysis in the dataset $\mathrm{n}^{\circ} 1$, in order to explore the spatial structure of the variables and the individuals (Crawley, 2007). Since, we only have qualitative variables with different categories; the most appropriate analysis was the Multiple Correspondence Analysis (MCA) (Benzécri, 1973). This analysis allows representing directly individuals and variables in multidimensional geometric space. The interpretation of results needs the comparison between the individuals and variables projections on axes.

Firstly, a preliminary MCA was performed on the dataset $\mathrm{n}^{\circ} 1$ using the fifteen variables in order to assess the most closely related, which disrupt the interpretation of the MCA, and to get the most informative variables. It allows a selection of five variables highly informative (i.e. looking to the eigenvalues on the axes) for our further analyses and we performed de novo a MCA on a new dataset here named dataset $\mathrm{n}^{\circ} 1$.

In order to investigate the best clustering from the dataset $\mathrm{n}^{\circ} 1$, we performed a $k$-means analysis on the individuals coordinates on all the MCA axes. Different values of $k$ (from 2 to 7) were used with the Hartigan-Wong algorithm and the followings parameters: 50000 iterations and 50000 random sets. In parallel, we conducted an agglomerative Hierarchical Clustering analysis (HC) and we performed a tree using the ward method and based on the individuals coordinates on all the MCA axes.

Secondly, we added to the first MCA, which was performed on the dataset $\mathrm{n}^{\circ} 1$, the unknown individuals (faeces fragments; dataset $\mathrm{n}^{\circ} 2$ ) as additional individuals. Thus, the additional individuals were not taken into account into the calculations of the MCA's axes. This allows us to see the position of our faeces fragments in relation to our food items references. In order to interpret the results, we performed a HC tree based on the coordinates of individuals from the dataset $\mathrm{n}^{\circ} 1$ on all the MCA axes and including the additional individuals (dataset $\mathrm{n}^{\circ} 2$ ). A visual analysis (by pictures) was finally conducted to determine the most common faeces fragments targeted by the MCA analysis.

Finally, we conducted an independent MCA only with the additional individuals (dataset $\mathrm{n}^{\circ} 2$ ) to see the variability between the 10 droppings and their fragments analysed.

All statistical analyses were performed with the R software ( R Development Core Team 2018). We used the package "ade4" (Data Analysis functions to analyze Ecological and Environmental data in the framework of Euclidean Exploratory models) with the "dudiacm" function (Dray and Dufour, 2007). The interface "explor" (from explore package) was used to observe the results of MCA and edit the different graphs (https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=explor). The $k$-means analysis has been performed with the package cluster and kmeans function. And, for the HC analysis we used the "hclust" function.

We used Rstudio software version 1.1.463 ( R development core team, 2018).

## 3. RESULTS

### 3.1 Structure of the food items species

The structure of the 56 food items is shown in Figures 2 to 5 through the MCA with the dataset $n^{\circ} 1$ (five variables).

The individuals projected in the Figure 2 represent the adaxial and abaxial sides of the 56 plants of reference ( 112 known individuals). The total inertia is 2.4 , with the five main axes that explain $65.7 \%$ of the total variation. The first two axes F1 and F2 explain the major variation in our individuals with a cumulative projected inertia of $35.2 \%$ (see barplot of the Fig. 2). On this individual's projection (F1xF2 axes), we observe a light Guttman effect (horseshoe shape; see Fig.2). The variable macro veins and layout (in particular the categories aligned (23.11) and parallel leaf (20.27)) contribute a lot on the F1 axis, they can explain this effect. Despite this effect, we can observe three main groups of individual through the categories of our variables (see groups in Fig. 3). These groups are also found in the HC tree (see 1, 2,3 in Fig. 5).

The most influential variables for the first axe F1 are the layout (contribution of 0.80), macro veins (contribution of 0.78 ), and length (contribution of 0.57 ). For the second axes F2, there are the wall shape (contribution of 0.52 ), macro veins (contribution of 0.41 ) and stomata quantity (contribution of 0.38 ). And, for the third axes F3 there are wall shape (contribution of 0.66 ) and stomata quantity (contribution of 0.53 ) (see Appendix 8.9.1).

The $k$-means analysis from two to four factors allows seeing the groups predefined by our knowledge. However, after four factors it is difficult to distinguish any taxonomic rank. With two factors it allows to distinguish very clearly the Monocotyledona group to the Dicotyledonae one. With three factors, we find the three groups of individuals described above. Then, with four factors (see Fig. 4), the ferns are distinguished from Monocotyledonae and Dicotyledonae as well as the sides of the leaves (adaxial and abaxial sides). As already said, above four factors, the understanding of the structure is difficult. Indeed, we also made a $k$-means with the 32 families and the 56 species. The $k$-means results do not allow us to regroup the species inside the families and even less at the generic level.

In the HC tree (see Fig. 5), a similar structure is found when we cut the tree in four parts. The Monocotyledonae are in red, the two groups of Dicotyledonae in green and sky blue and the ferns between the Dicotyledonae are in dark blue. Here, we can distinguish inside the cutting groups some families as the Rapataceae, Marantaceae, Pteridaceae and Rubiaceae family (see Fig. 5; black arrows).

We notice that many species share the same comb of the tree. Indeed, N=34 combs are shared by more than two species (see red circles; Fig. 5), $\mathrm{N}=12$ by a single leave side (see green circles; Fig. 5), and five by the two leaves sides of species (see yellow circles; Fig. 5). So, only twelve of the 112 leave sides described have a singletree branch.

Detailed results can be found in Appendix 8.9.1.


Fig. 2: Projection of the dataset $\boldsymbol{n}^{\circ} 1$ (food items individuals) on $\boldsymbol{F 1 x F 2}$ axes. The circle represents the projection of the 112 sides (adaxial and abaxial) of our 56 species after the MCA. With $s p$ for species followed by the number and the side of the leaf (ada for adaxial and aba for abaxial).


Fig. 3: Projection of the dataset $\boldsymbol{n}^{\circ} 1$ (food items variables) on $\boldsymbol{F} 1 \boldsymbol{x F} 2$ axes. The colors represent each variable with their different categories. We added three elliptique circles to highlight three groups of individuals.


Fig. 4: Projection on MCA F1xF2 axes with the kmeans results (k=4). The circles represent the individuales position on the MCA, the labels correspond to our a priori group: $F$ four fern, $D$ for Dicotyledonae and $M$ for Monocotyledona, $a d a$ for adaxial and $a b a$ for abaxial which refer to the side of the leave analysed. The four colors (red, green, blue, orange) were given by the kmeans analysis with four factors and the Hartigan-Wong algorithm. The stars represent the four k-means cluster's barycentre.

Cluster Dendrogram


Fig. 5: HC tree (food items) with a cutting of four. The four colors (red, green, blue and sky blue) represent the cutting of the tree in the four main groups. At the bottom of the branches, we have the Latin names of the food items species. In total, 112 individuals are represented (each species is represent twice; for the adaxial side and for the abaxial side). The black arrows show the individuals that share the same families and that are close on the tree. The red, yellow and green circles give an estimate of the species that share the same branches in the tree.

### 3.2 Identification of the faeces fragments

### 3.2.1 First identification: Target of the epidermis types by MCA analysis

A first identification of the epidermis is done by the MCA; the results are diplayed in Figures 6 \& 7. In Figure 6, we can observe the projection of the food items references (dataset $\mathrm{n}^{\circ}$ ) in blue and the faeces fragments as supplementary individuals (dataset $\mathrm{n}^{\circ} 2$ ) in red with their respective names on $F 1 x F 2$ axes.

We notice that at least twenty-two times, the food items and faeces fragments share the same position on the spatial projection. This position is shared again in the HC tree representation on Figure 7 through the combs of the tree. We found that thirteen times more than two faeces fragments are shared (see red circles; Fig. 7), fifteen times two faeces fragments are shared (see yellow circles; Fig. 7) and twenty-four times one single fragment is shared on the combs (see green circles; Fig. 7). Finally, seventeen times some of the faeces fragments have no direct affinity with the food items references (see stars; Fig. 7).


Fig. 6: Projection of the unknown individuals (faeces fragments) in the food items on MCA F1xF2 axes. On blue, are represented the food items (112 leaves sides), and on red are the 130 faeces fragments (supplementary individual).


Fig. 7: HC tree for all the individuals (food items and Faeces fragments). On the comb of the tree are written the species names as well as the faeces fragments name (number; from 1 to 130 , and faeces number; from 1 to 10). The red circles represent the combs of the tree that are shared by more than two faeces fragments. The yellow circles represents the combs of the tree that are shared by two faeces fragments and the green circles represents a single faece fragment on a comb. Finally, the stars indicate the faeces fragments that have no direct affinity with the food items species.

### 3.2.2 Second identification: Visual analysis of targeted epidermis

A second identification of the faeces fragments is made based on the results of the Figure 7 and a visual analysis. The results are summurize in Table 2 (see the entire Table in Appendix 8.9.2).

| Groups/Families | Plants species | Faeces |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| FERNS |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Nephrolepidaceae | Nephrolepis biserrata | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |
| Pteridaceae | Pteris burtonii |  |  |  | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MONOCOTYLEDONAE |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Marantaceae specie |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |  | $\checkmark$ |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
|  | Marantocloa purpurea | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  |  | $\checkmark$ |  |  |
|  | Taumathococcus danielii | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poaceae species |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
|  | Centotheca lappaceae | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
|  | Streptogyna crinita | $\checkmark$ |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Other families |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| DICOTYLEDONAE |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Sterculiaceae | Heritiera utilis | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |  | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  |  | $\checkmark$ |
| Other families |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |

Table 2: Summary of the visual anaylsis based on the HC tree in figure 7. The first column represents the plants groups and families, the second one the plants species identified and finally their presence in the ten faeces.

We observe that almost all the faeces contain the three groups of plants species (Monocotyledonae, Dicotyledonae and Fern) except faece, three and six which does not contain any fern. The poaceae family is found in all the faeces, in particular Centhoteca lappaceae (see Fig. 9) and Streptogyna crinita (see Fig. 10). The Fern species identified were often Nephrolepis bisserata (see Fig. 11). And, half of the faeces contain Marantaceae species (see Fig. 12 \& 13; often Marantocloa purpurea) and Herritiera utilis (see Fig. 14).


Fig. 9: Comparison between Centhoteca lappaceae and a faeces fragment. On the top is represented the adaxial side of Centhoteca lappaceae and on the bottom is represented the faeces fragment. The first pictures on the left represent the macroscopic views of each fragment. The other pictures (right) represent the microscopic views with different magnifications (100x for the left and 200x for the right).


Fig. 10: Comparison between Streptogyna crinita and a faeces fragment. The picture at the top represented the epidermis adaxial side of Streptogyna crinita (species 14). The legend characterizes three specific criteria of this plant. The picture at the bottom, represent the leave fragment (number 120) found in the Faece 9 (Inc120_F9). The numbers represents the three criteria of the legend. The pictures represented have been taken with a 100x magnification. The slides have been prepared with the discoloration method (method 2).


Fig. 11: Comparison between Nephrolepis bisserata and a faeces fragment. On the lef (up and down) are the two sides of leaves photographed in the faeces fragment Inc120_10. On the right (up and down) are the two sides of Nephrolepis bisserata. The magnification is 100x for the adaxial side and 200x for the abaxial side. The slides have been prepared with the discoloration method (method 2).


Fig. 12: Comparison between Marantaceae species and faeces fragments (adaxial sides). On the top is represented the epidermal cells of the adaxial side of Marantochloa purpurea (right) and Hypselodeplphys violaceae (left). On the bottom left (Inc97_F8) and right (Inc40_F3) two faeces fragments with similar caracters in the HC tree. The slides have been prepared with the discoloration method (method 2) and were photographed with a magnification of 100x.


Fig. 13: Comparison between Marantochloa purpurea, Costus afer and faeces fragments (abaxial sides). On the top lef is the abaxial side of Marantochloa purpurea (Marantaceae) and on the right is the one of Costus afer (Zingiberaceae). On the bottom left (Inc107_F9) and right (Inc40_F3) are the faeces fragments. The pictures have been taken in 100x of magnification and the slides prepared with the discoloration method (method 2).


Fig. 14: Comparison between Herritiera utilis and an faeces fragment. On the top is represented the abaxial side of Herritiera utilis and on the bottom is represented the faeces fragment Inc123_F10. The firsts pictures on the left represent the macroscopic views of each fragment. The other pictures (right) represent the microscopic views with different magnifications (100x and 200x).

### 3.3 Variability of the 10 droppings

The variability within the ten droppings is shown in Figure 15 through the MCA with the faeces fragments (dataset $\mathrm{n}^{\circ} 2$ ).

The total inertia is 2.4, with the five main axes that explain $68.96 \%$ of the total variation. The first two axes F1 and F2 explain the major variation with a cumulative projected inertia of 39.96 \% (see Appendix 8.9.2). The most contributive variables are close to the ones in the MCA done with the dataset $n^{\circ} 1$ (i.e. for the F1 axis macro veins (0.82) and layout (0.77) and for the F2 axis wall shape (0.72) and stomata quantity (0.60)).

The MCA in Figure 15 shows that the barycenter of all the faeces are together in the center (junction of the F1 and F2 axes). This is also observable by the direction of the rays. The colours represent the frequency of the rays that share the same fragments. We defined three frequencies: red for high (more than two occurrences), yellow for medium (two occurrence), and green for low (less than two occurrence). We observe that the majority of faeces share at least ten common kinds of fragment (see Fig. 15; circles red). Two faeces (see Fig. 15; yellow circles) share nine kinds of fragments and in thirty-four cases; only one faeces has a specific fragment (see Fig. 15; green circles).

In the HC tree, we counted $\mathrm{N}=48$ nods for our 130 faeces fragments. Therefore, it means, forty-eight similar fragments independently of the plants side (see Appendix 8.9.2; HC tree).


Fig. 15: Projection of the faeces fragments and their correlated faeces on MCA F1xF2 axes. On the upper right corner is the barplot with the eigenvalues of the MCA (five main axes in black). On the upper left corner is the correlation circle for all the categories of our variables. In the middle stay all the barycenter of the ten faeces. Around the labels are projected the faeces individuals. We added three colors to higlight the different frequencies in wich the fragments occur in the faeces: green for high (more than two occurrence), orange for medium (two occurrence), and red for low (less than two occurrence).

## 4. DISCUSSION

From the results above three main conclusions can be drawn. Firstly, the pygmy hippopotamus has a very varied diet in the wild. Indeed, all plant groups are found in the faeces analysed. Secondly, among these plants, we were able to identify seven of them, but a certain number of faeces fragments epidermis are still under investigation (see limits of the study, below). Thirdly, we observed a low inter-faeces variability in our research area. This means that pygmy hippos in our research area seem to select the same plants to feed.

Hence, these results confirmed the fact that the pygmy hippopotamus has an herbivore generalist function (Hentschel, 1990; Robinson et al., 2017). This behaviour is described in the litterature as a feeding strategy (Pyke et al, 1977) but for generalists herbivores this strategy has a different basis (Hanley, 1982) and is mostly to acquire enough nutrients in different plants (Westoby, 1974) and at the same time to avoid an overingestion of plants toxins (Freeland and Janzen, 1974). This generalist function does not exclude the fact that herbivorous mammals may have a preference for plants species (Belovsky, 1978). Indeed, we explain the low variability between the different droppings by a food preferencies. The seven species described in our results are frequently found in almost all the faeces samples, particularly the plants from the Poaceae family (grasses).

Bülow (1987) and Hentschel (1990) already proposed a food items database with the favourite plants species eaten by hippos. From this database, we confirm that pygmy hippos in our research area seem to have a favourite preference for Nephrolepis bisserata, Pteris burtonii, Marantaceae species and Streptogyna crinita. However, we could not certify the presence of the following dicotyledonae in the samples analysed: Desmodium adscendens, Dissotis rotundifolia, Geophila afzelii, Geophila hirsuta and Cercestis afzelii. As we looked only at large fragments (large particles ingested) present in the faeces, an explanation could be that these dicotyledonae species have a thinner cell wall (Bodmer, 1990; Shipley, 1999) and possibly better absorbed by pygmy hippos, therefore not directly visualizable by our method. Indeed, diet studies on captive hippos explain the low digestibility of some particles by an ineffective mastication (Schwarm et. al, 2009). So, in analyzing smaller fragments we should probably find these species.

We would add to this food preferencies database two new species that we discovered very frequently in the droppings: Centoteca lappaceae (grass, found in all the samples) and Herritiera utilis (tree leaves, found in at least four of the ten samples). This new observation could be explained by the fact that previous studies (based on feeding trials, feeding signs and direct observation; Hentschel, 1990) did not have theses species in their area. In our case, we search all the plants of the initial list and we succeed to find only the half, some plants species classified as favourite were difficult to find or not present in our area as Staurogyne paludosa, Justicia tenella and Floscopa africana. This confirms again the herbivorous generalist function of this animal (Hentschel, 1990; Robinson et al., 2017). Furthermore, as pygmy hippos are very residential (small range), another explanation could be that the species found are very present in our area. Indeed, the species described in our study growth in swampy area and this confirms the hypothesis of the relationship between home range size and nutritional requirement of pygmy hippos (Robinson et al., 2017).

All these observations supports that Pygmy hippos are non-ruminant generalist intermediate feeders. An intermediate feeder or mixed feeder is an animal that eats grasses and forbs (containing higher proportions of cellulose; Demment and Van Soest, 1985) as well as shrubs and tree leaves (containing higher proportions of lignin; Bodmer, 1990; Van Soest, 1996). Furthermore, the intermediate feeder is able to adapt its diet according to the availability of resources and the seasons (Hofmann, 1989). The
gregarious and territorial pygmy hippos behaviour, dentition (Lang, 1975), and previous diet observations (Bülow, 1987; Hentschel, 1990) demonstrate again this intermediate feeding strategy.

Within zoos, Gabriella Flacke (Thesis, 2017), already highlighted that pygmy hippos would be classified in the wrong category being considered as non-ruminant generalist browser by the Nutritional Advisory Group (Lintzenich \& Ward, 1997) and reported in the Pygmy Hippo Husbandry Manual (von Houwald et al., 2007). Furthermore, when visiting different zoos' websites, it becomes clear that some of them do not always consider the fact that grasses are an integral part of the pygmy hippos' diet. As a result, captive pygmy hippos receive too high-energy intake that leads to obesity and disease related (Flacke et al., 2016; Flacke, 2017; Steck 2008). A study carried by the University of Zurich on captive hippos in 2013 showed that by reducing the amount of pellets given, and by increasing the amount of hay (ad libitum), pygmy hippos lose weight and have a similar body weight as wild pygmy hippos (Taylor, 2013). This again confirms that Pygmy hippos are not strict browsers but more certainly intermediate feeders and they need to incorporate into their diet slowly digestible plant fibers (Shipley, 1999).

To summarize, although the pygmy hippopotamus has a very varied diet, we can distinguish a preference for certain plants species. We can also notice that these preferences depend on the availability of resources and therefore on its home range. This high diversity of diet in the wild, support that pygmy hippopotamuses are intermediate feeders and therefore that a monotonous diet in captivity can reduce its life expectancy by promoting diseases.

### 4.1 Limits of the study

The results of this study are limited by the following factors, which would require additional analysis in order to be complete:

## 1. The number of food items references

The main limit of this study is at the level of the food items references. Indeed, less than $4 \%$ of the plants species of the TNP documented are represented in this work (only N=56 from the 1356 species documented; Scouppe, 2011). However, among these plants, only shrubs and herbaceous plants could be interesting for the determination of the pygmy hippos' diet, which represents only between $10 \%$ and $15 \%$ of the 1356 plants species of the TNP.

## 2. Variable choice

The second limit is in the variable choice for the MCA analysis. First, using a macroscopic variable, we are forced to analyze large faeces fragments. This variable is very helpful (contributed strongly; 0.78 ) in the analysis. However in order to complete the regime of the pygmy hippo, we should look to smaller fragments as well and this variable would therefore not be used. Secondly, many of the food items references share the same characteristics and sometimes it is difficult to distinguish the epidermis of different species. Indeed, the cell structure can be the same in many plants and they are not necessarily taxonomic criteria. This is the reason why we used the macroscopic variable: to have a control on the microscopic descriptions.
3. Fragments size and seeds

As already explained, this study analyzed only large plants fragments. In order to have the complete regime of the pygmy hippo, we should look to smaller fragments and to the seeds. Fruits and seeds are also part of the pygmy hippopotamus diet. During the sorting of the faeces we found several times the same seed in many samples of the rainy season (see Fig. 16); unfortunately none of the botanist contacted was able to identify it, nor in ivory coast, nor at international level. We did not carry a deep analysis on the seeds because their occurrence in the faeces was low. In one report (van Heukelum, 2010) pygmy hippopotamuses, seem to consume seeds in their entirety, suggesting that wooden remains in the faeces from the seeds or fruits they have eaten. As the majority of the seed and fruit were not preserved in their entirety, DNA barcoding analysis with specific markers would be required for further analyses (Bradley, 2007; Iwanowicz et al., 2016).


Fig 16: Seed found in many droppings. The pictures represent two different views of the seed in $25 x$ of magnification.

### 4.2 Recommendations

This study enabled us to build a large tropical plant image database containing 60 plants species (see TNP PLANT IMAGE DATABASE). We recommend that this first database will be developped to increase our knowledge of the hippos' diet and other endemic species of the TNP. Furthermore, we recommend to collect faeces in different TNP areas and across the seasons to have another view and comparison to improve our understanding on the flexible pygmy hippos diet and its preferences. Additional methods, as a chemical analysis on the plants eaten could be carried to understand the food needs of wild pygmy hippos (Freeland and Janzen, 1974).

Concerning the microscopic methods used, we worked with dry material (reference plants and droppings) however, it would be better to boil the material such as the preparation of Metcalfe and Chalk (1957). By this method the cells can be rehydrated and regain their shape. This would provide a better comparison and would allow us to look at more digested fragments.

For the variable choice, we recommend to add information on the stomata. Stomata are good indicators, especially the stomata type described by Metcalfe and Chalk (1957). The quality of our reference slides did not allow us to properly distinguish the different stomata. Thus, we had to abandon this variable. Rech (2011) recommends analysing only the abaxial side, because it is more characteristic to the plants species. Indeed, as there are fewer characters visible on the adaxial side, we are limited in the descriptions. We have encountered this several times with the adaxial sides of our reference species. The cells look very similar and it is difficult to distinguish one to another (i.e. adaxial side of Dialium aubrevillei and Napoleona leonensis). Unforunately, the side of the faeces fragments removed is not always an option.

Finally, we also tried an approach by camera traps to identify the plants eaten by pygmy hippos (182 videos taken over two years by Noémie Capelle from the Max Planck Institute (MPI)). However, it was almost impossible to carry plants identification based on the videos. First because there are not many of them in which it is eaten and second because the videos does not always allow to observe correctly the plants. However, the activity level (Rowcliffe et al., 2014) and density (Buckland et al., 2000; O'Connell et al., 2011; Trolliet et al., 2014) of pygmy hippos could be well studied using this material.

To summary, for pygmy hippos diet determination, we recommend to increase the number of references species, to increase sampling (i.e looking faeces across the whole TNP and across seasons) and to improve the MCA identification in describing stomata more accurately.

## 5. CONCLUSION

The objective of this study was to determine the diet of free ranging pygmy hippopotamuses in the TNP. We confirm by this study that the pygmy hippopotamus is a generalist herbivore with a wide range of plant species consumed: grasses as well as shrubs that leads to suggest that it is an intermediate feeder. Indeed, we observed similar fragments of Monocotyledonae (grasses), Dicotyledonae (shrubs, tree leaves) and Ferns in almost all the faeces analysed (i.e. from ten pygmy hippos). Moreover, refining our analysis with pictures, we suggest that pygmy hippos in our research area have a food preference for Nephrolepis bisserata (Fern), Streptogyna crinita (Monocotyledonae), Marantaceae species (Monocotyledonae, Centhoteca lappaceae (Monocotyledonae) and Herritiera utilis (Dicotyledonae). The latter two species were not considered part of the hippo's diet until now. In addition, Centhoteca lappaceae (grass) was found in all samples analysed and once again confirms the importance of grasses in the diet of pygmy hippos. Once again, the high diversity of plants in the diet seems to be important for pygmy hippos' survival in the wild and in captivity.

The microscopic method and MCA analysis used in this study helped us to target the type of epidermis consumed by pygmy hippopotamuses and seven species eaten have been identified. However, increasing the number of food items species would give more comparisons to identify more faeces fragments that remain unidentifiable.

This study gives new advices for captive pygmy hippos' conservation (i.e to adapt the food for an intermediate feeder instead of a browser feeder). In addition, this study gathered a huge tropical plants database concerning 60 species that could be useful for other fauna studies in the TNP and West African tropical forests. Further research could be carried on the plants chemical composition of the pygmy hippos' preferred food items database. This would help to improve feeding in the zoo and at a larger scale reduce the risk of contracting a disease due to poor feeding. For wild hippo, this would help to conserve the dynamics of the TNP plants species and provide another reason to protect their habitat from deforestation and plantation.

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## 8. APPENDIX

### 8.1 List of plants collected in TNP

| Family | Genus | Species | Nb id | Type |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nephrolepidaceae | Nephrolepis | biserrata | 1 | ref and mark |
| Pteridaceae | Pteris | burtonii | 2 | ref and mark |
| Pteridaceae | Pityrogramma | calomelanos | 3 | abun |
| Euphorbiaceae | Cleistanthus | libericus | 4 | abun |
| Fabaceae | Dalbergia | altissima | 5 | abun |
| Urticaceae | Urera | oblongifolia | 6 | abun |
| Asteraceae | Synedrella | nodiflora | 7 | abun |
| Asteraceae | Ageratum | conyzoides | 8 | abun |
| Lamiaceae | Vitex | micrantha | 9 | abun |
| Rapataceae | Maschalocephalus | dinklagei | 10 | ref |
| Araceae | Cercestis | afzelii | 11 | ref |
| Amaranthaceae | Cyathula | prostata | 12 | abun |
| Clusiaceae | Pentadesma | butyracea | 13 | abun |
| Poaceae | Streptogyna | crinita | 14 | ref |
| Marantaceae | Marantochloa | purpurea | 15 | ref and mark |
| Fabaceae | Desmodium | adsencdens | 16 | ref |
| Rubiaceae | Geophila | hirsuta | 17 | ref and mark |
| Rubiaceae | Geophila | afzelii | 18 | ref and mark |
| Sterculiaceae | Scaphopetalum | amoenum | 19 | abun |
| Melastomataceae | Tristemma | albiflorum | 20 | abun |
| Asteraceae | Chromolaena | odorata | 21 | abun |
| Combretaceae | Strephonema | pseudocola | 22 | abun |
| Melastomataceae | Dissotis | rotundifolia | 23 | ref |
| Vitaceae | Leea | guineensis | 24 | abun |
| Zingiberaceae | Costus | afer | 25 | abun |
| Euphorbiaceae | Manniophyton | fulvum | 26 | mark |
| Melastomataceae | Memecylon | lateriflorum | 27 | abun |
| Marantaceae | Hypselodelphys | violaceae | 28 | abun |
| Caesalpiniaceae | Plagiosiphon | emarginatus | 29 | mark |
| Rubiaceae | Corynanthe | pachyceras | 30 | abun |
| Commelinaceae | Palisota | hirsuta | 31 | mark |
| Sterculiaceae | Heritiera | utilis | 32 | mark |
| Caesalpiniaceae | Berlinia | occidentalis | 33 | mark |
| Humiriaceae | Sacoglottis | gabonensis | 34 | abun |
| Annonaceae | Xylopia | quintasii | 35 | mark |
| Moraceae | Streblus | usambarensis | 36 | abun |
| Olacaceae | Coula | eduils | 37 | mark |
| Fabaceae | Baphia | bancoensis | 38 | mark |
| Ochnaceae | Campylospermum | calomelanos | 39 | abun |
| Ebenaceae | Diospyros | manii | 40 | mark |
| Ebenaceae | Diospyros | sanza-minika | 41 | mark |


| Family | Genus | Species | Nb id | Type |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Ebenaceae | Diospyros | soubreana | 42 | mark |
| Caesalpiniaceae | Dialium | aubrevileii | 43 | mark |
| Clusiaceae | Garcinia | afzelii | 44 | mark |
| Cyperaceae | Scleria | boivinii | 45 | abun |
| Chrysobalanaceae | Parinari | excelsa | 46 | abun |
| Poaceae | Centotheca | lappacea | 47 | mark |
| Agavaceae | Dracaena | phyronides | 48 | abun |
| Euphorbiaceae | Maesobotrya | barterii | 49 | mark |
| Arecaceae | Raphia | hookerii | 50 | mark |
| Lecythidaceae | Napoleonaea | leonensis | 51 | mark |
| Rubiaceae | Cephaelis | yapoensis | 52 | mark |
| Euphorbiaceae | Uapaca | esculenta | 53 | abun |
| Olacaceae | Strombosia | glaucescens | 54 | mark |
| Convolvulaceae | Calycobolus | africanus | 55 | mark |
| Rubiaceae | Massularia | acuminata | 56 | mark |
| Caesalpiniaceae | Gilbertiodendron | preusti | 57 | mark |
| Marantaceae | Taumathococcus | daniellii | 58 | abun |
| Asparagaceae | Draceana | surculosa | 59 | mark |
| Arecaceae | Elaeis | guineensis | 60 | abun |

Table 1: Plant species collected in the TNP. The first column represent the Family, the second one the genera, the third one the species and the fourth one the number we gave to simplify the identification. The last column represents the different reasons why these plants were collected. We noted ref for reference plants; plants already suggested by other authors to be eaten by hippos. Abun for plants that seemed abundant in our research area and mark for plants on which we found a hippo's territorial marking. In green are the 10 genera of the preferred food, known to be eaten by pygmy hippos (by feeding signs, feeding trials and direct observation in the TNP; Hentschel, 1990). In red are the four species deleted from the analysis because the two sides of the leaves epidermis removed were not workable. In total, 34 differents plants families have been collected and 60 species of plants.

### 8.2 Two kinds of faeces



Fig 1: Two Pygmy hippo's faeces. (A) Territorial faeces type, the faeces are widespread on the leaves and on the floow. The consistency is more liquid than B; (B) Littery faeces type, the faeces are lying on the ground. The consistency is tronger and we can distinguish some balls.

### 8.3 Collection, drying and storage of samples

### 8.3.1 Collection

To collect a representative sample, we did as Michez $(2006,2013)$ with the common hippopotamus. We imagined a circle around the whole excrement and we took around this circle small quantities of faeces (see Fig.2). All the faeces samples have been collected when the quantity and the level of degradation of the faeces make it possible (see Appendix 8.2).


Fig. 2: Collection of a Pygmy Hippo's faeces. Littery faeces type, collected on dead wood (TNP).

### 8.3.2 Drying

We used a method of solar drying. The faeces are spread out on a metal board and exposed to the sun. Depending on the season, we waited three days approximately until the faeces were completely dried. The food items collected have been pressed (Williamson et al., 1990).


Fig. 3: Droppings drying on a metal table.

### 8.3.2 Storage of the samples

When the droppings samples were dry, we kept them in sterile boxes (see Fig. 4). The number of the faece, date of collection and date of conservation is written on it.

During the fieldwork, the dried samples (faeces and food items) were stored in a large box with silicat gel inside to protect them from forest moisture. Back to Switzerland, the faeces were conserved in a fridge at 4 degrees Celsius and the food items were stored in newspaper and in a dry place.


Fig.4: Conservation of the faeces dried in small sterile boxes.

### 8.4 Table of field data collection

This Table include the eleven information we collected in the field for each pygmy hippos track found.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Date <br> and <br> time | ID | GPS <br> (UTM) | Canop <br> y | Underwo <br> od | Plants <br> present | MCGrew' <br> s strata |
| 8 |  | 9 | 10 | 11 |  |  |
| OIPR code | Level <br> degradation | of | Plants <br> faeces | Comments |  |  |

Fig. 5: Table of faeces data collection. 1. Date and Time; 2. The identity (ID), whether there was a dung (DG), or a footprint (FT); 3. The GPS data points (Longitud and Latitud in UTM); 4. The state of the canopy (Open (O), Intermediatee (I), Closed (C)); 5. The state of the underwood (Open (O), Intermediate (I), Closed (C)); 6. The presence and absence of the plants and tree fruits known to be eaten by pygmy hippos: Cephaelis yapoensis, Geophilia sp, Sacoglottis gabonensis, Parinari exelsa and Anthonota fragans; 7. McGrew's strata (McGraw et.al., 1998, 2007). There are four: ground level (vegetation of 0 meters), stratum 1 (vegetation of small trees), stratum 2 (vegetation between 5 and 15 meters) stratum 3- (vegetation between 15 and 25 meters), stratum 3+ (vegetation between 24 and 50 metes) and stratum 4 (vegetation higher than 40 meters); 8. The code of vegetation of the OIPR. There is several descriptions for the 7 different types of habitats. This method is also used for the monitoring studies in the TNP. Indeed, this methodology distinguish: primary forest (forêt primaire), mixed forest underwood open (forêt mixte Sous-Bois Ouvert; FMSO), mixed forest underwood closed (Forêt Mixte Sous-Bois Fermé; FMSF), forest on hydromorphic soils (Forêt sur sols hydromorphes; FSHD), forest of inselbergs or mountain (Forêt des inselbergs ou de montagne; FIMT), young secondary forest (Forêt Secondaire Jeune Fourrés; FSJF), bush or non-woody vegetation (Brousses ou Végétation non ligneuse (=herbacée); BVNL) and plantation or farm (Plantation ou Exploitation agricole; EXPA). 14.04.29_Guide de formation pour le projet Anti-Brconnage; 9. The dungs level of degradation. This level has been created with my field assistant to describe the aspect and quantity of the faeces found (see Appendix 8.5); 10. Plants faeces column gives the information about the origin of the faece whether there is a territorial dung or litter one. Whenever possible, we recorded the names of the plants on which the hippo had made its territorial marking; 11. A commentary list of observations.

### 8.5 Level of degradation of pygmy hippo's faeces

In order to describe the aspect of the faeces, we characterised the faeces from 1 (fresh) to $5+$ (very old). Those numbers indicate the level of degradation and give an idea about the whole quantity of it. This method is widely spread in Elephant studies and is based on White and Edwards (2000) protocol. The Office Ivoirien des Parcs et Réserves (OIPR) in Ivory Coast also use this method to track the elephants (N'goran et al. 2013). Unfortunatly, it do not exist yet a protocol for hippos. We noted the faeces from 1 to $5+$ to describe our personal observations.

- Level 1: Very fresh, smell, 1 or 2 days ago.
- Level 2: Fresh, less smell, 3 to 5 days ago.
- Level 3: A bite old, more than 1 week, no mushrooms, sometimes a little bite dry and color yellow, lack of odor.
- Level 4: Old, more than 2 weeks, mushrooms, but the quantity can stay high.
- Level 5: Very old, black residues and very dry.
- Level 5+: Almost disappeared, black/brown dry tracks, no residues anymore.


### 8.6 Protocols

### 8.6.1 Polishnail method (method 1)

The method consists to apply a film of clear polish nail on the leaf surface (Miller and Asby, 1968; Hilu and Randall, 1984). As the two sides of the leaves are distinct, the upper and lower side of the leaf are used for the analysis.

For the 60 plants sample, we used the same following treatment:

1. On $0,5 \mathrm{~cm}$ of diameter of each side of the leaves, we deposit a film of clear nail polish using the brush of the commercial product.
2. Then, when the product is dry, we removed the film with a lanceolate needle and tweezers.
3. In few drops of water, we put the film on a slide.
4. Finally, the slide content is recovered by a coverslip and ready for the observation under the microscope.

It is important to remaind that the film needs to be dry before the removal. A waiting of minimum fiteen minutes is required but two to four hours is recommended (Hilu and Randall, 1984). In order to conserv the slides, we added polish nail all around the coverslip. This allows to fix it and to have enough time for observation and for taking pictures after a while. With this method, the slides are semi-permanent. On each slide and for each plant specie, the upper (adaxial) and lower (abaxial) epidermis cells are represented.

### 8.6.2 Discoloration method (method 2)

Based on the book of Rech (2011) we discolored the fragments with some drops of Sodium hypochlorite solution and some drops of Ethanol $70 \%$. The fragments were placed on holes from Polystyrene Square Petri Dish separately and the two solutions were added on it.

When the little fragments become transparent (it can take two days), we washed them with running water.

We handled the discoloration step under the fume hood using appropriate precautions because of the toxicity of the solutions.

### 8.6.3 Picutres of the slides

The photographs have been taken with an inverted microscope Leica OMI 3000 B using the software LAS V.4.0. For the food items and the discolored faeces fragments, we took pictures in three different magnification. In 40x to have a general view, then in 100x and 200x.

We took in total, 720 microscopic pictures for the food items references and 1440 pictures for the droppings fragments.


Fig 6: Summary of the faeces preparation. From the sorting to the microscopic pictures.
Sorting: in order to identify the different fragments of plants inside the faeces, a selective sorting is done. We took a subsample of two grammes and we sorted it into four categorises: leaves, roots and stems, seeds and unidentifiable material (Michez, 2006, 2013). Then, we conserved the material sorted in three different petri dishes (for the leaves, roots and stems, and unidentifiable material). The petri dishes are finally closed with a parafilm. The seeds are conserved in a tube of one ml . We stored the sorted material in a cold room (four degrees Celsius) for further analysis.

Selection: we took 48 fragments of plants species coming from the faeces sorting. We selected the fragments in a systematic way. After the sorting, the leaves are laying in a petri dish. We separated the petri dish with a marker in four and we selected the same number of fragments on each section. It means twelf fragments per section (see Fig. 6). The fragments of each section are placed in Polystrene Square Petri Dish. A polystrene Square Petri Dish contains 24 holes so we used two of them to put our 48 fragments.

Macroscopic photos: under the binocular magnifer, we photographed each fragment and we name them as for example Faece_1_Section_I_1a.

Discoloration: we proceed with the discoloration of the fragments by following Rech (2011) protocol (see Appendix 8.6.2).

Slides: the discoloured fragments are placed finally on slides. We put 6 fragments per slide, which corresponds to a row of the Petri dish (see Fig 6). The fragments are kept between the slide and the coverslip with drops of glycerin. After testing water and glycerin, we recommend keeping the discoloured fragments in glycerin. Indeed, it allows to keep the state of the fragment longer.

### 8.7 Variables we used before the variables selection

Before arriving at a simplified key (with five variables), we defined 15 variables with different categories to describe each fragments. Indeed, some character chosen from the list below cannot be used in our study because their values were not significant enough in the first MCA we conducted. Others, as the stomata type variable, many information was missing and we had to suppress these variables in the final key.

For the macroscopic varibale:

1. Vein Leaf: we described how the leaf veins are disposed. We characterized three types: when they are parallel (parrallel_leaf), when they are pinnate (pinnate_leaf) and when they are reticulate (reticulate_leaf).

For the microscopic variables:
2. Width: we defined whether the width of the cells is lower or equal to 25 micrometers (ML_25_ep), or whether it is bigger than 25 micrometer (More_25_ep).
3. Length: whether the length of the cells is lower or equal to 25 micrometers (small_ep), between 25 and 50 micrometers (medium_ep), or bigger than 50 micrometers (large_ep).
4. Layout: whether the cells are aligned (aligned) or non-aligned (non_aligned).
5. Cell shape: whether the cells are alongated, pentagonal, or winding.
6. Wall shape: straight (straight_wall), angular (angular_wall), wavy (wavy_wall), slightly_wavy (slightly wavy_wall), round (round_wall).
7. Silica: whether the silica are concave and perpendicular (concave_perpendicular) to the other cells, whether they are concave parallel (concave_parallel) to the other cells or whether they are absent (absence_silica).
8. Scale: some species had visible scales on the veins leaves or edge of the blade. So we created a variable to characterize them. We found two kinds of scales one flat and another one thick, we named three categorises: flat thiny (flat_thiny), flat thick (flat_thick) and absence of scale (absence_scale).
9. Cellularity: cellularity of the trichome, whether the trichome are unicellular (uni), multicellular (multi), or when there is no trichome (absence_trichome).
10. Trichome insertion: we defined only three types of insertion; a flower insertion «rosette» (flower), another insertion (other_insertion) or when there is no trichome (absence_insertion).
11. Quantity_stomata: quantity of the stomata, we qualified four quantities: low, medium, large and absence_quantity.
12. Direction_stomata: orientation of the stomata. We defined three categorises: same direction, different direction, and absence_direction.
13. Width_stomata: we estimated the width of the stomata to three categorize : less or equal to 25 micrometer noted as ML_25_stom, more than 25 micrometer noted as More_25_stom and when there is no stomata present noted as absence_width.
14. Length_stomata: we estimated the lengh of stomata to three categorise less or equal to 25 micrometer (ML_25_stomata), more than 25 micrometers (More_25_stomata) and no stomata (absence_length).
15. Type_stomata: as Metcalfe and Chalk (1950), we used the same descriptions of the seven kinds of stomata. We created eight categorises; anomocytic, diacytic, paracytic, anisocytic, actinocytic, gramineous, tetracytic, and absence_type when there were none.

When some characters were not possible to identify we wrote NA into the column.

### 8.8 Datasets

8.8.1 Dataset ${ }^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$

| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Species_nb | Family | Genus | Species | Genus_species | D_F_M | macro veins | length | layout | wall shape | Stomata quantity |
| sp1_aba | Nephrolepidaceae | Nephrolepis_aba | biserrata_aba | Nephrolepis biserrata | F | pinnate_leaf | large_ep | non_aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| sp1_ada | Nephrolepidaceae | Nephrolepis_ada | biserrata_ada | Nephrolepis biserrata | F | pinnate_leaf | large_ep | non_aligned | wavy_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp2_aba | Pteridaceae | Pteris_aba | burtonii_aba | Pteris burtonii | F | pinnate_leaf | large_ep | non_aligned | wavy_wall | large |
| sp2_ada | Pteridaceae | Pteris_ada | burtonii_ada | Pteris burtonii | F | pinnate_leaf | large_ep | non_aligned | wavy_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp3_aba | Pteridaceae | Pityrogramma_aba | calomelanos_aba | Pityrogramma calomelanos | F | pinnate_leaf | large_ep | aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| sp3_ada | Pteridaceae | Pityrogramma_ada | calomelanos_ada | Pityrogramma calomelanos | F | pinnate_leaf | large_ep | aligned | wavy_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp4_aba | Euphorbiaceae | Cleistanthus_aba | libericus_aba | Cleistanthus libericus | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | large |
| sp4_ada | Euphorbiaceae | Cleistanthus_ada | libericus_ada | Cleistanthus libericus | D | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | low |
| sp5_aba | Fabaceae | Dalbergia_aba | altissima_aba | Dalbergia altissima | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | wavy_wall | large |
| sp5_ada | Fabaceae | Dalbergia_ada | altissima_ada | Dalbergia altissima | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | wavy_wall | large |
| sp6_aba | Urticaceae | Urera_aba | oblongifolia_aba | Urera oblongifolia | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | large |
| sp6_ada | Urticaceae | Urera_ada | oblongifolia_ada | Urera oblongifolia | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp7_aba | Asteraceae | Synedrella_aba | nodiflora_aba | Synedrella nodiflora | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | large |
| sp7_ada | Asteraceae | Synedrella_ada | nodiflora_ada | Synedrella nodiflora | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| sp8_aba | Asteraceae | Ageratum_aba | conyzoides_aba | Ageratum conyzoides | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | medium |
| sp8_ada | Asteraceae | Ageratum_ada | conyzoides_ada | Ageratum conyzoides | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp9_aba | Lamiaceae | Vitex_aba | micrantha_aba | Vitex micrantha | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | medium |
| sp9_ada | Lamiaceae | Vitex_ada | micrantha_ada | Vitex micrantha | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp10_aba | Rapataceae | Maschalocephalus_aba | dinklagei_aba | Maschalocephalus dinklagei | M | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | $\begin{gathered} \text { slightly_wavy_w } \\ \text { all } \end{gathered}$ | medium |
| sp10_ada | Rapataceae | Maschalocephalus_ada | dinklagei_ada | Maschalocephalus dinklagei | M | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | $\underset{\text { all }}{\substack{\text { slightly_wavy_w }}}$ | absence_quantity |
| sp11_aba | Araceae | Cercestis_aba | afzelii_aba | Cercestis afzelii | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | wavy_wall | low |
| sp11_ada | Araceae | Cercestis_ada | afzelii_ada | Cercestis afzelii | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { slightly_wavy_w } \\ \text { all } \end{gathered}$ | low |


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| sp12_aba | Amaranthaceae | Cyathula_aba | prostata_aba | Cyathula prostata | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | large |
| sp12_ada | Amaranthaceae | Cyathula_ada | prostata_ada | Cyathula prostata | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | medium |
| sp13_aba | Clusiaceae | Pentadesma_aba | butyracea_aba | Pentadesma butyracea | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | medium |
| sp13_ada | Clusiaceae | Pentadesma_ada | butyracea_ada | Pentadesma butyracea | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp14_aba | Poaceae | Streptogyna_aba | crinita_aba | Streptogyna crinita | M | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| sp14_ada | Poaceae | Streptogyna_ada | crinita_ada | Streptogyna crinita | M | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| sp15_aba | Marantaceae | Marantochloa_aba | purpurea_aba | Marantochloa purpurea | M | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | straight_wall | medium |
| sp15_ada | Marantaceae | Marantochloa_ada | purpurea_ada | Marantochloa purpurea | M | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp16_aba | Fabaceae | Desmodium_aba | adsencdens_aba | Desmodium adsencdens | D | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | large |
| sp16_ada | Fabaceae | Desmodium_ada | adsencdens_ada | Desmodium adsencdens | D | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp17_aba | Rubiaceae | Geophila_aba | hirsuta_aba | Geophila hirsuta | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | round_wall | medium |
| sp17_ada | Rubiaceae | Geophila_ada | hirsuta_ada | Geophila hirsuta | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp18_aba | Rubiaceae | Geophila_aba | afzelii_aba | Geophila afzelii | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | round_wall | medium |
| sp18_ada | Rubiaceae | Geophila_ada | afzelii_ada | Geophila afzelii | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp19_aba | Sterculiaceae | Scaphopetalum_aba | amoenum_aba | Scaphopetalum amoenum | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | slightly_wavy_w all | medium |
| sp19_ada | Sterculiaceae | Scaphopetalum_ada | amoenum_ada | Scaphopetalum amoenum | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | $\underset{\substack{\text { slightly_wavy_w } \\ \text { all }}}{\substack{\text { all } \\ \text { ald }}}$ | absence_quantity |
| sp20_aba | Melastomataceae | Tristemma_aba | albiflorum_aba | Tristemma albiflorum | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | medium |
| sp20_ada | Melastomataceae | Tristemma_ada | albiflorum_ada | Tristemma albiflorum | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp21_aba | Asteraceae | Chromolaena_aba | odorata_aba | Chromolaena odorata | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | medium |
| sp21_ada | Asteraceae | Chromolaena_ada | odorata_ada | Chromolaena odorata | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | medium |
| sp22_aba | Combretaceae | Strephonema_aba | pseudocola_aba | Stephonema pseudocola | D | parrallel_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | $\underset{\text { ally_w_w_w }}{\text { slightly_wavy_w }}$ | medium |
| sp22_ada | Combretaceae | Strephonema_ada | pseudocola_ada | Stephonema pseudocola | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned |  | absence_quantity |
| sp23_aba | Melastomataceae | Dissotis_aba | rotundifolia_aba | Dissotis rotundifolia | D | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | medium |
| sp23_ada | Melastomataceae | Dissotis_ada | rotundifolia_ada | Dissotis rotundifolia | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp24_aba | Vitaceae | Leea_aba | guineensis_aba | Leea guineensis | D | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | large |
| sp24_ada | Vitaceae | Leea_ada | guineensis_ada | Leea guineensis | D | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | $\underset{\text { all }}{\substack{\text { slightly_wavy_w } \\ \text { all }}}$ | absence_quantity |
| sp25_aba | Zingiberaceae | Costus_aba | afer_aba | Costus afer | M | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | straight_wall | medium |
| sp25_ada | Zingiberaceae | Costus_ada | afer_ada | Costus afer | M | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |


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| sp26_aba | Euphorbiaceae | Manniophyton_aba | fulvum_aba | Manniophyton fulvum | D | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | $\begin{gathered} \text { slightly_wavy_w } \\ \text { all } \end{gathered}$ | medium |
| sp26_ada | Euphorbiaceae | Manniophyton_ada | fulvum_ada | Manniophyton fulvum | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | $\underset{\text { all }}{\text { slightly_wavy_w }}$ | absence_quantity |
| sp27_aba | Melastomataceae | Memecylon_aba | lateriflorum_aba | Memecylon lateriflorum | D | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | large |
| sp27_ada | Melastomataceae | Memecylon_ada | lateriflorum_ada | Memecylon lateriflorum | D | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp28_aba | Marantaceae | Hypselodelphys_aba | violaceae_aba | Hypselodelphys violaceae | M | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | medium |
| sp28_ada | Marantaceae | Hypselodelphys_ada | violaceae_ada | Hypselodelphys violaceae | M | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp29_aba | Caesalpiniaceae | Plagiosiphon_aba | emarginatus_aba | Plagiosiphon emarginatus | D | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | large |
| sp29_ada | Caesalpiniaceae | Plagiosiphon_ada | emarginatus_ada | Plagiosiphon emarginatus | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp30_aba | Rubiaceae | Corynanthe_aba | pachyceras_aba | Corynanthe pachyceras | D | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | $\begin{gathered} \text { slightly_wavy_w } \\ \text { all } \end{gathered}$ | large |
| sp30_ada | Rubiaceae | Corynanthe_ada | pachyceras_ada | Corynanthe pachyceras | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp31_aba | Commelinaceae | Palisota_aba | hirsuta_aba | Palisota hirsuta | M | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | round_wall | medium |
| sp31_ada | Commelinaceae | Palisota_ada | hirsuta_ada | Palisota hirsuta | M | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp32_aba | Sterculiaceae | Heritiera_aba | utilis_aba | Heritiera utilis | D | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | large |
| sp32_ada | Sterculiaceae | Heritiera_ada | utilis_ada | Heritiera utilis | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp33_aba | Caesalpiniaceae | Berlinia_aba | occidentalis_aba | Berlinia occidentalis | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | large |
| sp33_ada | Caesalpiniaceae | Berlinia_ada | occidentalis_ada | Berlinia occidentalis | D | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { slightly_wavy_w } \\ \text { all } \end{gathered}$ | low |
| sp34_aba | Humiriaceae | Sacoglottis_aba | gabonensis_aba | Sacoglottis gabonensis | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | large |
| sp34_ada | Humiriaceae | Sacoglottis_ada | gabonensis_ada | Sacoglottis gabonensis | D | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp35_aba | Annonaceae | Xylopia_aba | quintasii_aba | Xylopia quintasii | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | medium |
| sp35_ada | Annonaceae | Xylopia_ada | quintasii_ada | Xylopia quintasii | D | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp36_aba | Moraceae | Streblus_aba | usambarensis_aba | Streblus usambarensis | D | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | $\underset{\text { slightly_wavy_w }}{\text { sll }}$ | large |
| sp36_ada | Moraceae | Streblus_ada | usambarensis_ada | Streblus usambarensis | D | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp37_aba | Olacaceae | Coula_aba | eduils_aba | Coula eduils | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | $\underset{\text { all }}{\text { slightly_wavy_w }}$ | large |
| sp37_ada | Olacaceae | Coula_ada | eduils_ada | Coula eduils | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | $\underset{\text { all }}{\substack{\text { slightly_wavy_w }}}$ | absence_quantity |
| sp38_aba | Fabaceae | Baphia_aba | bancoensis_aba | Baphia bancoensis | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | $\begin{gathered} \text { slightly_wavy_w } \\ \text { all } \end{gathered}$ | medium |
| sp38_ada | Fabaceae | Baphia_ada | bancoensis_ada | Baphia bancoensis | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | $\underset{\text { all }}{\text { slightly_wavy_w }}$ | low |
| sp39_aba | Ochnaceae | Campylospermum_aba | calomelanos_aba | Campylospermum calomelanos | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | $\underset{\text { all }}{\substack{\text { slightly_wavy_w }}}$ | large |
| sp39_ada | Ochnaceae | Campylospermum_ada | calomelanos_ada | Campylospermum calomelanos | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |


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| sp41_aba | Ebenaceae | Diospyros_aba | sanza-minika_aba | Diospyros sanza-minika | D | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | large |
| sp41_ada | Ebenaceae | Diospyros_ada | sanza-minika_ada | Diospyros sanza-minika | D | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp42_aba | Ebenaceae | Diospyros_aba | soubreana_aba | Diospyros soubreana | D | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | $\underset{\text { all }}{\text { slightly_wavy_w }}$ | large |
| sp42_ada | Ebenaceae | Diospyros_ada | soubreana_ada | Diospyros soubreana | D | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | $\underset{\text { all }}{\substack{\text { slightly_wavy_w } \\ \hline}}$ | absence_quantity |
| sp43_aba | Caesalpiniaceae | Dialium_aba | aubrevileii_aba | Dialium aubrevileii | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | large |
| sp43_ada | Caesalpiniaceae | Dialium_ada | aubrevileii_ada | Dialium aubrevileii | D | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | $\underset{\text { all }}{\substack{\text { slightly_wavy_w } \\ \text { all }}}$ | absence_quantity |
| sp44_aba | Clusiaceae | Garcinia_aba | afzelii_aba | Garcinia afzelii | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | large |
| sp44_ada | Clusiaceae | Garcinia_ada | afzelii_ada | Garcinia afzelii | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp45_aba | Cyperaceae | Scleria_aba | boivinii_aba | Scleria boivinii | M | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { slightly_wavy_w } \\ \text { all } \end{gathered}$ | low |
| sp45_ada | Cyperaceae | Scleria_ada | boivinii_ada | Scleria boivinii | M | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | $\underset{\text { all }}{\substack{\text { slightly_wavy_w }}}$ | absence_quantity |
| sp47_aba | Poaceae | Centotheca_aba | lappacea_aba | Centotheca lappacea | M | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | wavy_wall | low |
| sp47_ada | Poaceae | Centotheca_ada | lappacea_ada | Centotheca lappacea | M | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp48_aba | Agavaceae | Dracaena_aba | phyronides_aba | Dracaena phyronides | M | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | straight_wall | medium |
| sp48_ada | Agavaceae | Dracaena_ada | phyronides_ada | Dracaena phyronides | M | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp49_aba | Euphorbiaceae | Maesobotrya_aba | barterii_aba | Maesobotrya barterii | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | medium |
| sp49_ada | Euphorbiaceae | Maesobotrya_ada | barterii_ada | Maesobotrya barterii | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp50_aba | Arecaceae | Raphia_aba | hookerii_aba | Raphia hookerii | M | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | wavy_wall | large |
| sp50_ada | Arecaceae | Raphia_ada | hookerii_ada | Raphia hookerii | M | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| sp51_aba | Lecythidaceae | Napoleonaea_aba | leonensis_aba | Napoleonaea leonensis | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | $\begin{gathered} \text { slightly_wavy_w } \\ \text { all } \end{gathered}$ | large |
| sp51_ada | Lecythidaceae | Napoleonaea_ada | leonensis_ada | Napoleonaea leonensis | D | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | $\underset{\text { all }}{\substack{\text { slightly_wavy_w } \\ \text { all }}}$ | absence_quantity |
| sp52_aba | Rubiaceae | Cephaelis_aba | yapoensis_aba | Cephaelis yapoensis | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | large |
| sp52_ada | Rubiaceae | Cephaelis_ada | yapoensis_ada | Cephaelis yapoensis | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp53_aba | Euphorbiaceae | Uapaca_aba | esculenta_aba | Uapaca esculenta | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | large |
| sp53_ada | Euphorbiaceae | Uapaca_ada | esculenta_ada | Uapaca esculenta | D | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp54_aba | Olacaceae | Strombosia_aba | africanus_aba | Strombosia glaucescens | D | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | medium |
| sp54_ada | Olacaceae | Strombosia_ada | africanus_ada | Strombosia glaucescens | D | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | round_wall | low |
| sp55_aba | Convolvulaceae | Calycobolus_aba | africanus_aba | Calycobolus africanus | D | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | $\begin{gathered} \text { slightly_wavy_w } \\ \text { all } \end{gathered}$ | large |
| sp55_ada | Convolvulaceae | Calycobolus_ada | africanus_ada | Calycobolus africanus | D | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | $\underset{\text { all }}{\substack{\text { slightly_wavy_w }}}$ | low |


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| sp58_aba | Marantaceae | Taumathococcus_aba | daniellii_aba | Taumathococcus daniellii | M | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | medium |
| sp58_ada | Marantaceae | Taumathococcus_ada | daniellii_ada | Taumathococcus daniellii | M | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp59_aba | Asparagaceae | Draceana_aba | surculosa_aba | Draceana surculosa | M | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | straight_wall | low |
| sp59_ada | Asparagaceae | Draceana_ada | surculosa_ada | Draceana surculosa | M | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| sp60_aba | Arecaceae | Elaeis_aba | guineensis_aba | Elaeis guineensis | M | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | straight_wall | medium |
| sp60_ada | Arecaceae | Elaeis_ada | guineensis_ada | Elaeis guineensis | M | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |

Table 2: Dataset $n^{\circ}$ 1. Column A/Number_sp ${ }^{*}$, number of the plant's species recorded (from 1 to 60 ) and their respective sides (ada for adaxial and aba for abaxial); Column $\overline{\boldsymbol{B} / \text { Families, plant family (32); Column C/Genus*, genus of each plant (55); Column D /Species *, species name (57); Column E/Genus_species, This column represents the }}$ full name genus and species of each food items species; Column F/D_F_M, This column records the differents groups of plants. M for Monocotyledonae, D for dicotyledonae and F for fern; Column $\boldsymbol{G}$ to $\boldsymbol{K}$ represents the macroscopic and microscopic variables that we have defined for statistical analyses (see Appendix 8.7).

### 8.8.2 Dataset $\mathrm{n}^{\circ} 2$

| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
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| Inc_number | Faeces_number | Fragment_name | macro veins | length | layout | wall shape | Stomata quantity |
| Inc1 | Faece 1 | Inc1_F1 | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc2 | Faece 1 | Inc2_F1 | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | low |
| Inc3 | Faece 1 | Inc3_F1 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc4 | Faece 1 | Inc4_F1 | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc5 | Faece 1 | Inc5_F1 | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | large |
| Inc6 | Faece 1 | Inc6_F1 | pinnate_leaf | large_ep | non_aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc7 | Faece 1 | Inc7_F1 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | straight_wall | medium |
| Inc8 | Faece 1 | Inc8_F1 | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | medium |
| Inc9 | Faece 1 | Inc9_F1 | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc10 | Faece 1 | Inc10_F1 | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | medium |
| Inc11 | Faece 1 | Inc11_F1 | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | round_wall | low |
| Inc12 | Faece 1 | Inc12_F1 | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc13 | Faece 1 | Inc13_F1 | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | large |
| Inc14 | Faece 1 | Inc14_F1 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc15 | Faece 1 | Inc15_F1 | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc16 | Faece 2 | Inc16_F2 | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | medium |
| Inc17 | Faece 2 | Inc17_F2 | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | medium |
| Inc18 | Faece 2 | Inc18_F2 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc19 | Faece 2 | Inc19_F2 | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | medium |
| Inc20 | Faece 2 | Inc20_F2 | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | slightly_wavy_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc21 | Faece 2 | Inc21_F2 | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | slightly_wavy_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc22 | Faece 2 | Inc22_F2 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc23 | Faece 2 | Inc23_F2 | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc24 | Faece 2 | Inc24_F2 | pinnate_leaf | large_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc25 | Faece 2 | Inc25_F2 | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | medium |


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| Inc26 | Faece 2 | Inc26_F2 | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | slightly_wavy_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc27 | Faece 2 | Inc27_F2 | pinnate_leaf | large_ep | non_aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc28 | Faece 2 | Inc28_F2 | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc29 | Faece 2 | Inc29_F2 | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | large |
| Inc30 | Faece 2 | Inc30_F2 | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | medium |
| Inc31 | Faece 2 | Inc31_F2 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc32 | Faece 3 | Inc32_F3 | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc33 | Faece 3 | Inc33_F3 | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc34 | Faece 3 | Inc34_F3 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc35 | Faece 3 | Inc35_F3 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc36 | Faece 3 | Inc36_F3 | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | low |
| Inc37 | Faece 3 | Inc37_F3 | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | wavy_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc38 | Faece 3 | Inc38_F3 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc39 | Faece 3 | Inc39_F3 | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc40 | Faece 3 | Inc40_F3 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | straight_wall | medium |
| Inc41 | Faece 3 | Inc41_F3 | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | low |
| Inc42 | Faece 3 | Inc42_F3 | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc43 | Faece 4 | Inc43_F4 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc44 | Faece 4 | Inc44_F4 | pinnate_leaf | large_ep | non_aligned | wavy_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc45 | Faece 4 | Inc45_F4 | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | round_wall | medium |
| Inc46 | Faece 4 | Inc46_F4 | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | wavy_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc47 | Faece 4 | Inc47_F4 | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc48 | Faece 4 | Inc48_F4 | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc49 | Faece 4 | Inc49_F4 | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc50 | Faece 4 | Inc50_F4 | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | slightly_wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc51 | Faece 4 | Inc51_F4 | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc52 | Faece 4 | Inc52_F4 | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | slightly_wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc53 | Faece 4 | Inc53_F4 | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | wavy_wall | medium |


| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Inc54 | Faece 4 | Inc54_F4 | parrallel_leaf | small_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc55 | Faece 4 | Inc55_F4 | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | slightly_wavy_wall | large |
| Inc56 | Faece 5 | Inc56_F5 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc57 | Faece 5 | Inc57_F5 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc58 | Faece 5 | Inc58_F5 | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | large |
| Inc59 | Faece 5 | Inc59_F5 | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc60 | Faece 5 | Inc60_F5 | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | low |
| Inc61 | Faece 5 | Inc61_F5 | pinnate_leaf | large_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc62 | Faece 5 | Inc62_F5 | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc63 | Faece 5 | Inc63_F5 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc64 | Faece 5 | Inc64_F5 | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc65 | Faece 5 | Inc65_F5 | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc66 | Faece 5 | Inc66_F5 | pinnate_leaf | large_ep | non_aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc67 | Faece 5 | Inc67_F5 | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | low |
| Inc68 | Faece 5 | Inc68_F5 | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | medium |
| Inc69 | Faece 6 | Inc69_F6 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | medium |
| Inc70 | Faece 6 | Inc70_F6 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc71 | Faece 6 | Inc71_F6 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc72 | Faece 6 | Inc72_F6 | pinnate_leaf | large_ep | non_aligned | round_wall | low |
| Inc73 | Faece 6 | Inc73_F6 | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc74 | Faece 6 | Inc74_F6 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc75 | Faece 6 | Inc75_F6 | parrallel_leaf | small_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc76 | Faece 6 | Inc76_F6 | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc77 | Faece 6 | Inc77_F6 | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | slightly_wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc78 | Faece 6 | Inc78_F6 | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | wavy_wall | low |
| Inc79 | Faece 6 | Inc79_F6 | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | large |
| Inc80 | Faece 7 | Inc80_F7 | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | slightly_wavy_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc81 | Faece 7 | Inc81_F7 | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |


| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Inc82 | Faece 7 | Inc82_F7 | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc83 | Faece 7 | Inc83_F7 | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | low |
| Inc84 | Faece 7 | Inc84_F7 | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc85 | Faece 7 | Inc85_F7 | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | medium |
| Inc86 | Faece 7 | Inc86_F7 | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc87 | Faece 7 | Inc87_F7 | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc88 | Faece 7 | Inc88_F7 | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | slightly_wavy_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc89 | Faece 7 | Inc89_F7 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc90 | Faece 7 | Inc90_F7 | pinnate_leaf | large_ep | non_aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc91 | Faece 7 | Inc91_F7 | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc92 | Faece 7 | Inc92_F7 | parrallel_leaf | small_ep | aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc93 | Faece 8 | Inc93_F8 | parrallel_leaf | small_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc94 | Faece 8 | Inc94_F8 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc95 | Faece 8 | Inc95_F8 | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc96 | Faece 8 | Inc96_F8 | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | slightly_wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc97 | Faece 8 | Inc97_F8 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc98 | Faece 8 | Inc98_F8 | pinnate_leaf | large_ep | non_aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc99 | Faece 8 | Inc99_F8 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc100 | Faece 8 | Inc100_F8 | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc101 | Faece 8 | Inc101_F8 | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | slightly_wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc102 | Faece 8 | Inc102_F8 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | medium |
| Inc103 | Faece 8 | Inc103_F8 | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | low |
| Inc104 | Faece 8 | Inc104_F8 | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | medium |
| Inc105 | Faece 8 | Inc105_F8 | parrallel_leaf | small_ep | aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc106 | Faece 8 | Inc106_F8 | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | medium |
| Inc107 | Faece 9 | Inc107_F9 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | straight_wall | medium |
| Inc108 | Faece 9 | Inc108_F9 | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc109 | Faece 9 | Inc109_F9 | pinnate_leaf | large_ep | non_aligned | wavy_wall | medium |


| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Inc110 | Faece 9 | Inc110_F9 | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | wavy_wall | low |
| Inc111 | Faece 9 | Inc111_F9 | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | medium |
| Inc112 | Faece 9 | Inc112_F9 | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc113 | Faece 9 | Inc113_F9 | pinnate_leaf | large_ep | non_aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc114 | Faece 9 | Inc114_F9 | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | angular_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc115 | Faece 9 | Inc115_F9 | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | medium |
| Inc116 | Faece 9 | Inc116_F9 | reticulate_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc117 | Faece 9 | Inc117_F9 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc118 | Faece 9 | Inc118_F9 | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | slightly_wavy_wall | low |
| Inc119 | Faece 10 | Inc119_F10 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | round_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc120 | Faece 10 | Inc120_F10 | pinnate_leaf | large_ep | non_aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc121 | Faece 10 | Inc121_F10 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | wavy_wall | low |
| Inc122 | Faece 10 | Inc122_F10 | pinnate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc123 | Faece 10 | Inc123_F10 | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | large |
| Inc124 | Faece 10 | Inc124_F10 | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | large |
| Inc125 | Faece 10 | Inc125_F10 | reticulate_leaf | small_ep | non_aligned | slightly_wavy_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc126 | Faece 10 | Inc126_F10 | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc127 | Faece 10 | Inc127_F10 | parrallel_leaf | large_ep | aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc128 | Faece 10 | Inc128_F10 | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | wavy_wall | medium |
| Inc129 | Faece 10 | Inc129_F10 | pinnate_leaf | medium_ep | non_aligned | straight_wall | absence_quantity |
| Inc130 | Faece 10 | Inc130_F10 | parrallel_leaf | medium_ep | aligned | round_wall | medium |

Table 3: Dataset $\mathbf{n}^{\circ}$ 2. Column A/Inc_number, Number of the faeces fragments from 1 to 130. They are notated as Inc followed by their attribute number; Column $\overline{\boldsymbol{B} / \text { Faeces_number, faeces number in which the fragment was found (faeces number from } 1 \text { to 10); Column C/Fragment_name, This column represent the final name of each }}$ fragment. It means, the Inc_number followed by the Faeces_number; Columns $\boldsymbol{D}$ to $\boldsymbol{H}$, are the same columns as Dataset 1 (i.e the five variables selected; see Appendix 8.7).

### 8.9 Results

### 8.9.1 Food items structure



Total inertia: 2.4
Eigenvalues:
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Ax1 } & \text { Ax2 } & \text { Ax } 3 & \text { Ax4 } 4 & \text { Ax } 5\end{array}$
0.53210 .31330 .27420 .22970 .2265

Projected inertia (\%):
Ax1 Ax2 Ax3 Ax4 Ax5
$22.171 \quad 13.05411 .426 \quad 9.570 \quad 9.439$
Cumulative projected inertia (\%):
Ax1 Ax1:2 Ax1:3 Ax1:4 Ax1:5 $\begin{array}{lllll}22.17 & 35.22 & 46.65 & 56.22 & 65.66\end{array}$

Fig.7: Barplot of the Eigenvalues and summary of the five main axes. The barplot representation of the eigenvalues according to different axes ( 1 to 12 ) is on the left. In black, the five main axes and in grey the other axes. The summary of the five main axes of the barplot is on the right with the percentage of inertia values and the cumulative percentage accross the axes.


Fig.8: Barplots of the correlation ratios on the four main axes. On the X -axis, are the five variables selected (macro veins, length, layout, wall shape, stomatata quantity) and on the Y -axis their correlation with the mentioned axis. The correlation can vary between 0 and 1 , with 0 representing the lowest and 1 the highest correlation.


Fig. 9: Projection of the variables and their categories on F1xF2 axes. This figure presents the five variables with the different categories projected on MCA individuals with the scatter function. The categories are in color and the variables name is written above.

### 8.9.2 Faeces fragments identification



Total inertia: 2.4
Eigenvalues:
Ax1 Ax2 Ax3 Ax4 Ax5
0.54150 .41740 .28510 .22020 .1907

Projected inertia (\%):
Ax1 Ax2 Ax3 Ax4 Ax5
$\begin{array}{lllll}22.565 & 17.393 & 11.879 & 9.176 & 7.947\end{array}$
Cumulative projected inertia (\%): Ax1 Ax1:2 Ax1:3 Ax1:4 Ax1:5 $22.56 \quad 39.96 \quad 51.84 \quad 61.01 \quad 68.96$

Fig.10: Barplot of the Eigenvalues and summary of the five main axes. The barplot representation of the eigenvalues according to different axes ( 1 to 12) is on the left. In black, the five main axes and in grey the other axes. The summary of the five main axes of the barplot is on the right with the percentage of inertia values and the cumulative percentage accross the axes.


Fig. 11: Projection of the variables and their categories on $\boldsymbol{F} 1 \boldsymbol{x F 2}$ axes. This figure presents the five variables with the different categories projected on MCA individuals with the scatter function. The categories are in color and the variables name is written above.

| A | B | C | D |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Faeces | M_D_F | Identification | Comments |
| Inc1_F1 | M | Marantaceae specie | Thaumatococcus danielli |
| Inc2_F1 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc3_F1 | M | Centotheca lappaceae |  |
| Inc4_F1 | M | Streptogyna crinita |  |
| Inc5_F1 | D | Herritiera utilis |  |
| Inc6_F1 | F | Nephrolepidaceae | Nephrolepis bisserata |
| Inc7_F1 | M | Marantaceae specie | Marantochloa purpurea |
| Inc8_F1 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc9_F1 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc10_F1 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc11_F1 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc12_F1 | M | Streptogyna crinita |  |
| Inc13_F1 | D | no identification | Similar to Dialium aubrevillei but bad quality |
| Inc14_F1 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc15_F1 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc16_F2 | D | no identification | Fragments too similar |
| Inc17_F2 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc18_F2 | M | Centotheca lappaceae |  |
| Inc19_F2 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc20_F2 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc21_F2 | D | no identification | Adaxial sides, too similar to each other |
| Inc22_F2 | M | no identification |  |
| Inc23_F2 | D | no identification | Probably Rubiaceae |
| Inc24_F2 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc25_F2 | D | no identification | Not Dissotis rotundifolia |
| Inc26_F2 | D | no identification | Adaxial sides, too similar to each other |
| Inc27_F2 | F | Nephrolepis bisserata |  |
| Inc28_F2 | M | Marantaceae specie | Thaumatococcus danielli |
| Inc29_F2 | D | Herritiera utilis |  |
| Inc30_F2 | D | no identification | Similar to Strombosia |
| Inc31_F2 | M | Marantaceae specie | Marantochloa purpurea |
| Inc32_F3 | D | no identification | Adaxial sides, too similar to each other |
| Inc33_F3 | M | Streptogyna crinita |  |
| Inc34_F3 | M | no identification |  |
| Inc35_F3 | M | Centotheca lappaceae |  |
| Inc36_F3 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc37_F3 | D | no identification | Adaxial sides |
| Inc38_F3 | M | Marantochloa purpurea | Marantaceae sp |
| Inc39_F3 | M | no identification |  |
| Inc40_F3 | M | Marantochloa purpurea |  |
| Inc41_F3 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc42_F3 | M | Streptogyna crinita |  |
| Inc43_F4 | M | Centotheca lappaceae |  |
| Inc44_F4 | F | Nephrolepidaceae |  |
| Inc45_F4 | M | no identification |  |


| Inc46_F4 | F | no identification | Nephrolepidaceae |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Inc47_F4 | M | Streptogyna crinita |  |
| Inc48_F4 | D | no identification | Similar to Campylo. or Urera. |
| Inc49_F4 | M | Streptogyna crinita |  |
| Inc50_F4 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc51_F4 | D | no identification | Adaxial side |
| Inc52_F4 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc53_F4 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc54_F4 | M | no identification |  |
| Inc55_F4 | D | no identification | Campylospermum amoenum |
| Inc56_F5 | M | Palisota hirsuta | Very similar to Palisota hirsuta |
| Inc57_F5 | M | Centotheca lappaceae |  |
| Inc58_F5 | D | Herritiera utilis |  |
| Inc59_F5 | M | Streptogyna crinita |  |
| Inc60_F5 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc61_F5 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc62_F5 | M | no identification |  |
| Inc63_F5 | M | no identification |  |
| Inc64_F5 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc65_F5 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc66_F5 | F | Nephrolepidaceae | Nephrolepis bisserata |
| Inc67_F5 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc68_F5 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc69_F6 | M | Marantaceae specie |  |
| Inc70_F6 | M | no identification |  |
| Inc71_F6 | M | Poaceae | Centotheca lappaceae |
| Inc72_F6 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc73_F6 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc74_F6 | M | no identification | Similar to Palisota hirsuta |
| Inc75_F6 | M | no identification |  |
| Inc76_F6 | M | Poaceae | Streptogyna crinita |
| Inc77_F6 | D | no identification | Similar to Manniophyton fulvum |
| Inc78_F6 | M | Poaceae | Streptogyna crinita |
| Inc79_F6 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc80_F7 | D | no identification | Similar to Napoleona leonasis or Dialium aubrevileii |
| Inc81_F7 | M | no identification |  |
| Inc82_F7 | D | no identification | Similar to Strebulus (adaxial side) |
| Inc83_F7 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc84_F7 | D | no identification | Adaxial side, similar to Garcinia afzelii |
| Inc85_F7 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc86_F7 | M | Poaceae | Streptogyna crinita |
| Inc87_F7 | D | no identification | Adaxial side |
| Inc88_F7 | D | no identification | Smilar to Leea guineensis (adaxial side) |
| Inc89_F7 | M | Poaceae | Centotheca lappaceae |
| Inc90_F7 | F | Nephrolepidaceae | Nephrolepis bisserata |
| Inc91_F7 | D | no identification | Similar to Diospyros sanza-minika (see trichoma in macro) |
| Inc92_F7 | M | no identification |  |
| Inc93_F8 | M | no identification |  |
| Inc94_F8 | M | no identification |  |


| Inc95_F8 | D | no identification |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Inc96_F8 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc97_F8 | M | Marantaceae specie |  |
| Inc98_F8 | F | Nephrolepidaceae | Nephrolepis bisserata |
| Inc99_F8 | M | Poaceae | Centotheca lappaceae |
| Inc100_F8 | M | Poaceae | Streptogyna crinita |
| Inc101_F8 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc102_F8 | M | Marantaceae specie |  |
| Inc103_F8 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc104_F8 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc105_F8 | M | no identification |  |
| Inc106_F8 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc107_F9 | M | Marantaceae specie |  |
| Inc108_F9 | D | no identification | Diospyros sanza-minika |
| Inc109_F9 | F | Nephrolepidaceae | Nephrolepis bisserata |
| Inc110_F9 | M | Poaceae | Streptogyna crinita |
| Inc111_F9 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc112_F9 | M | Poaceae | Streptogyna crinita |
| Inc113_F9 | F | Nephrolepidaceae | Nephrolepidaceae |
| Inc114_F9 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc115_F9 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc116_F9 | M | no identification |  |
| Inc117_F9 | M | Poaceae | Centotheca lappaceae |
| Inc118_F9 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc119_F10 | M | Poaceae | Centotheca lappaceae |
| Inc120_F10 | F | Nephrolepidaceae |  |
| Inc121_F10 | M | Poaceae | Streptogyna crinita |
| Inc122_F10 | D | Diospyros sanza-minika | Diospyros sanza-minika (adaxial side) |
| Inc123_F10 | D | Herritiera utilis |  |
| Inc124_F10 | D | no identification | Sacoglottis gabonensis |
| Inc125_F10 | D | no identification | Dialium aubrevileii (adaxial side) |
| Inc126_F10 | M | no identification |  |
| Inc127_F10 | M | Marantaceae specie |  |
| Inc128_F10 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc129_F10 | D | no identification |  |
| Inc130_F10 | M | no identification | Palisota hirsuta |

Fig.12: Table of results of the visual analysis (second fragments identification). Column A/Faeces, it represents the name of the faeces fragments, followed by the number of the faeces ( F _ from 1 to 10 ); Column $\boldsymbol{B} / \boldsymbol{M}_{-} \boldsymbol{D} \_\boldsymbol{F}$, it represents an a priori identification M for Monocotyledonae, D for dicotyledonae and F for ferns; Column C/ Identification, it represents the names of the species identified from the fragments with certainty; Column D/ Comments, it represents comments on the identification and some plants suggestions.

Cluster Dendrogram


Fig. 13: HC tree for the unknown individuals (faeces fragments) with a cutting of four.

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## TNP Plant Image Database



Created for a diet determination study (Msc Thesis) Alba Hendier

## CONTENT

This database gathers 60 plants collected in the Taï National Park as part of a Conservation study project to determine the diet of wild Pygmy Hippopotamus (Choeropsis liberiensis).

For a large majority of plants species collected, a herbarium plate, a macroscopic view (60x) and a microscopic view of both sides of the leaves is available. In addition, microscopic photos of both sides prepared with two different methods (transparent nailpolish method and discoloration method) are in this document.

The microscopic pictures were taken with an inverted microscope Leica OMI 3000 B using the software LAS V.4.0.

## FERNS

Nephrolepis bisserata (Plant 1), Pteris burtonii (Plant 2), Pityrogramma calomelanos (Plant 3)

## Herbarium plant



Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 2, discoloration)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant




## Leaves in macroscopy



Leaves in microscopy (method 2, discoloration)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant




## Leaves in macroscopy



Leaves in microscopy (method 2, discoloration)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)

No references available

## Discoloration method (method 2)



## DICOTYLEDONAE

Cleistanthus libericus (Plant 4), Dalbergia altissima (Plant 5), Urera oblongifolia (Plant 6), Synedrella nodiflora (Plant 7), Ageratum conyzoides (Plant 8), Vitex micrantha (Plant 9), Cercestis afzelii (Plant 11), Cyathula prostata (Plant 12), Pentadesma butyracea (Plant 13), Desmodium adsencdens (Plant 16), Geophila hirsuta (Plant 17), Geophila afzelii (Plant 18), Scaphopetalum amoenum (Plant 19), Tristemma albiflorum (Plant 20), Chromolaena odorata (Plant 21), Stephonema pseudocola (Plant 22), Dissotis rotundifolia (Plant 23), Leea guineensis (Plant 24), Manniophyton fulvum (Plant 26), Memecylon lateriflorum (Plant 27), Plagiosiphon emarginatus (Plant 29), Corynanthe pachyceras (Plant 30), Heritiera utilis (Plant 32), Berlinia occidentalis (Plant 33), Sacoglotis gabonensis (Plant 34), Xylopia quintasii (Plant 35), Streblus usambarensis (Plant 36), Coula eduils (Plant 37), Baphia bancoensis (Plant 38), Campylospermum calomelanos (Plant 39), Diospyros manii (Plant 40), Diospyros sanza-minika (Plant 41), Diospyros soubreana (Plant 42), Dialium aubrevileii (Plant 43), Garcinia afzelii (Plant 44), Parinari excelsa (Plant 46), Maesobotrya barterii (Plant 49), Napoleonaea leonensis (Plant 51), Cephaelis yapoensis (Plant 52), Uapaca esculenta (Plant 53), Strombosia glaucescens (Plant 54), Calycobolus africanus (Plant 55), Massularia acuminata (Plant 56), Gilbertiodendron preussii (Plant 57)

## Herbarium plant



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Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant



Leaves in macroscopy


## Leaves in microscopy (method 2, discoloration)



## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant



Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant




Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 2, discoloration)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant



Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



## Discoloration method (method 2)



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Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 2, discoloration)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


Herbarium plant


Leaves in macroscopy


## Leaves in microscopy (method 2, discoloration)



## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


Herbarium plant


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Leaves in macroscopy


## Leaves in microscopy (method 2, discoloration)



## Nailpolish method (method 1)

No references available

## Discoloration method (method 2)



## Herbarium plant



Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 2, discoloration)


Nailpolish method (method 1)


Discoloration method (method 2)


Herbarium plant


Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant



Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


Nailpolish method (method 1)


Discoloration method (method 2)


Herbarium plant


Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


Nailpolish method (method 1)


Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant



Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 2, discoloration)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


Herbarium plant


Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


Nailpolish method (method 1)


Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant



Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)
No references available

## Herbarium plant



Leaves in macroscopy


## Leaves in microscopy (method 2, discoloration)



## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant




Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)
No references available

Herbarium plant


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Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)
No references available

## Herbarium plant



Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


Nailpolish method (method 1)


Discoloration method (method 2)


Herbarium plant



Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 2, discoloration)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant



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Leaves in macroscopy


## Leaves in microscopy (two methods)



## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant



Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


Nailpolish method (method 1)


Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant



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Leaves in macroscopy


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## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant



Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant



Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant



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Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant



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Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant



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Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant



Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


Nailpolish method (method 1)


Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant



Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 2, discoloration)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


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Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


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## Discoloration method (method 2)




Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 2, discoloration)


Nailpolish method (method 1)


Discoloration method (method 2)



Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


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Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


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Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant



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Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


## Abaxial side

Herbarium plant


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Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 2, discoloration)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



## Discoloration method (method 2)



## Herbarium plant




Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


Herbarium plant


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Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


Nailpolish method (method 1)


Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant




Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


Herbarium plant


Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


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Nailpolish method (method 1)


Discoloration method (method 2)


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Leaves in macroscopy


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## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant



Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, naipolish)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)
No references available

## MONOCOTYLEDONAE

Maschalocephalus dinklagei (Plant 10), Streptogyna crinita (Plant 14), Marantochloa purpurea (Plant 15), Costus afer (Plant 25), Hypselodelphys violaceae (Plant 28), Palisota hirsuta (Plant 31), Scleria boivinii (Plant 45), Centotheca lappacea (Plant 47), Dracaena phyronides (Plant 48), Raphia hookerii (Plant 50), Taumathococcus daniellii (Plant 58), Draceana surculosa (Plant 59), Elaeis guineensis (Plant 60)

## Herbarium plant



Leaves in macroscopy


## Leaves in microscopy (two methods)



## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant



Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant



Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


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Leaves in macroscopy


## Leaves in microscopy (method 2, discoloration)



Nailpolish method (method 1)


Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant



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Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 2, discoloration)


Nailpolish method (method 1)


Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant




Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


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Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


## Abaxial side



Abaxial side

Plante_45_20x_251.jpg

## Herbarium plant



Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


## Herbarium plant



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Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


Herbarium plant


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Leaves in macroscopy


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## Leaves in macroscopy



## Leaves in microscopy (method 2, discoloration)



## Nailpolish method (method 1)



Discoloration method (method 2)


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Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 2, discoloration)


Nailpolish method (method 1)


Discoloration method (method 2)


## Abaxial side




Herbarium plant



Leaves in macroscopy


Leaves in microscopy (method 1, nailpolish)


Nailpolish method (method 1)


Discoloration method (method 2)


## Faeces Fragments Image <br> Database


of wild
Pygmy Hippopotamus (Choeropsis liberiensis) living in the Taï National Park (TNP)

## CONTENT

This document contains 480 fragments of wild hippopotamus droppings from the Taï National Park (TNP), Ivory Coast. These fragments are available to improve our knowledge of the habits and needs of this endangered species.

A macroscopic (magnification 60x) and microscopic (magnification 200x) views are available in this document.

The macroscopic fragments were discolored and then photographed with an inverted microscope Leica OMI 3000 B using the software LAS V.4.0.

## Fragments of the Faece 1

Fragment 1 (1_SI_A1_Cr2) $\rightarrow$ Inc_1


Fragment 2 (2_SI_A2_Cr2) $\rightarrow$ Inc_2


Fragment 3 (3_SI_A3_Cr2) $\rightarrow$ Inc_3



Fragment 5 (5_SI_A5_Cr2) $\rightarrow$ Inc_4


## Fragment 6 (6_SI_A6_Cr2)




Fragment 8 (8_SI_B2_Cr2)


## Fragment 9 (9_SI_B3_Cr2)




Fragment 11 (11_SI_B5_Cr2)


Fragment 12 (12_SI_B6_Cr2)



Fragment 14 (14_SI_C2_Cr2) $\rightarrow$ Inc_5


## Fragment 15 (15_SI_C3_Cr2)




## Fragment 17 (17_SI_C5_Cr2)



## Fragment 18 (18_SI_C6_Cr2)




Fragment 20 (20_SI_D2_Cr2) $\rightarrow$ Inc_8


Fragment 21 (21_SI_D3_Cr2 )



Fragment 23 (23_SI_D5_Cr)


## Fragment 24 (24_SI_D6_Cr2)



Fragment 25 (25_SII_A1_Cr2) $\rightarrow$ Inc_9


Fragment 26 (26_SII_A2_Cr2) $\rightarrow$ Inc_10


Fragment 27 (27_SII_A3_Cr)



Fragment 29 (29_SII_A5_Cr2)


## Fragment 30 (30_SII_A6_Cr2)



Fragment 31 (31_SII_B1_Cr2) $\rightarrow$ Inc_11


Fragment 32 (32_SII_B2_Cr2) $\rightarrow$ Inc_12


## Fragment 33 (33_SII_B3_Cr2)




Fragment 35 (5_SII_B5_Cr2)


## Fragment 36 (36_SII_B6_Cr2)



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Fragment 38 (38_SII_C2_Cr2)


Fragment 39 (39_SII_C3_Cr2)



Fragment 41 (41_SII_C5_Cr2) $\rightarrow$ Inc_13


Fragment 42 (42_SII_C6_Cr2) $\rightarrow$ Inc_14



Fragment 44 (44_SII_D2_Cr2)


Fragment 45 (45_SII_D3_Cr2) $\rightarrow$ Inc_15



Fragment 47 (47_SII_D5_Cr2)


## Fragment 48 (48_SII_D6_Cr2)



## Fragments of the Faece 2

Fragment 1 (1_SI_A1_Cr3)

No references
No references

Fragment 2 (2_SI_A2_Cr3) $\rightarrow$ Inc_16


Fragment 3 (3_SI_A3_Cr3) $\rightarrow$ Inc_17


Fragment 4 (4_SI_A4_Cr3) $\rightarrow$ Inc_18


## Fragment 5 (5_SI_A5_Cr3)



## Fragment 6 (6_SI_A6_Cr3)




Fragment 8 (8_SI_B2_Cr3) $\rightarrow$ Inc_19


Fragment 9 (9_SI_B3_Cr3) $\rightarrow$ Inc_20



## Fragment 11 (11_SI_B5_Cr3)



## Fragment 12 (12_SI_B6_Cr3)




Fragment 14 (14_SI_C2_Cr3)


## Fragment 15 (15_SI_C3_Cr3)




Fragment 17 (17_SI_C5_Cr3) $\rightarrow$ Inc_24


Fragment 18 (18_SI_C6_Cr3) $\rightarrow$ Inc_25



Fragment 20 (20_SI_D2_Cr3) $\rightarrow$ Inc_26


## Fragment 21 (21_SI_D3_Cr3)




Fragment 23 (23_SI_D5_Cr) $\rightarrow$ Inc_27


Fragment 24 (24_SI_D6_Cr3) $\rightarrow$ Inc_28


Fragment 25 (25_SII_A1_Cr3) $\rightarrow$ Inc_29


## Fragment 26 (26_SII_A2_Cr3)



## Fragment 27 (27_SII_A3_Cr)





Fragment 29 (29_SII_A5_Cr3)


## Fragment 30 (30_SII_A6_Cr3)





Fragment 32 (32_SII_B2_Cr3)


Fragment 33 (33_SII_B3_Cr3)



Fragment 35 (5_SII_B5_Cr3)


Fragment 36 (36_SII_B6_Cr3)



Fragment 38 (38_SII_C2_Cr3)


Fragment 39 (39_SII_C3_Cr3)



Fragment 41 (41_SII_C5_Cr3)


Fragment 42 (42_SII_C6_Cr3) $\rightarrow$ Inc_31



Fragment 44 (44_SII_D2_Cr3)


## Fragment 45 (45_SII_D3_Cr3)




Fragment 47 (47_SII_D5_Cr3)


## Fragment 48 (48_SII_D6_Cr3)



## Fragments of the Faece 3

Fragment 1 (1_SI_A1_Cr8) $\rightarrow$ Inc_32



Fragment 2 (2_SI_A2_Cr8) $\rightarrow$ Inc_33


Fragment 3 (3_SI_A3_Cr8) $\rightarrow$ Inc_34


Fragment 4 (4_SI_A4_Cr8) $\rightarrow$ Inc_35


Fragment 5 (5_SI_A5_Cr8) $\rightarrow$ Inc_36


Fragment 6 (6_SI_A6_Cr8)


Fragment 7 (7_SI_B1_Cr8) $\rightarrow$ Inc_37


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## Fragment 8 (8_SI_B2_Cr8)



## Fragment 9 (9_SI_B3_Cr8)




Fragment 11 (11_SI_B5_Cr8)


Fragment 12 (12_SI_B6_Cr8 )


No references


Fragment 14 (14_SI_C2_Cr8) $\rightarrow$ Inc_39


## Fragment 15 (15_SI_C3_Cr8)



Fragment 16 (16_SI_C4_Cr8) $\rightarrow$ Inc_40


## Fragment 17 (17_SI_C5_Cr8)



## Fragment 18 (18_SI_C6_Cr8)




Fragment 20 (20_SI_D2_Cr8)


Fragment 21 (21_SI_D3_Cr8)



Fragment 23 (23_SI_D5_Cr)


## Fragment 24 (24_SI_D6_Cr8)




Fragment 26 (26_SII_A2_Cr8)


Fragment 27 (27_SII_A3_Cr) $\rightarrow$ Inc_41



Fragment 29 (29_SII_A5_Cr8)


## Fragment 30 (30_SII_A6_Cr8)



Fragment 31 (31_SII_B1_Cr8)


Fragment 32 (32_SII_B2_Cr8)


Fragment 33 (33_SII_B3_Cr8)



Fragment 35 (5_SII_B5_Cr8)


Fragment 36 (36_SII_B6_Cr8)



Fragment 38 (38_SII_C2_Cr8)


Fragment 39 (39_SII_C3_Cr8)



Fragment 41 (41_SII_C5_Cr8)


Fragment 42 (42_SII_C6_Cr8)



Fragment 44 (44_SII_D2_Cr8)


Fragment 45 (45_SII_D3_Cr8)



Fragment 47 (47_SII_D5_Cr8)


Fragment 48 (48_SII_D6_Cr8) $\rightarrow$ Inc_42


## Fragments of the Faece 4

Fragment 1 (1_SI_A1_Cr13)


Fragment $2\left(2 \_S I \_A 2 \_C r 13\right) \rightarrow$ Inc_43


## Fragment 3 (3_SI_A3_Cr13)



Fragment 4 (4_SI_A4_Cr13) $\rightarrow$ Inc_44


Fragment 5 (5_SI_A5_Cr13)


Fragment 6 (6_SI_A6_Cr13) $\rightarrow$ Inc_45



Fragment 8 (8_SI_B2_Cr13)


Fragment 9 (9_SI_B3_Cr13)



Fragment 11 (11_SI_B5_Cr13) $\rightarrow$ Inc_47


Fragment 12 (12_SI_B6_Cr13) $\rightarrow$ Inc_48


Fragment 13 (13_SI_C1_Cr13) $\rightarrow$ Inc_49


## Fragment 14 (14_SI_C2_Cr13)



Fragment 15 (15_SI_C3_Cr13) $\rightarrow$ Inc_50



Fragment 17 (17_SI_C5_Cr13)


Fragment 18 (18_SI_C6_Cr13) $\rightarrow$ Inc_51



Fragment 20 (20_SI_D2_Cr13)


Fragment 21 (21_SI_D3_Cr13)


Fragment 22 (22_SI_D4_Cr13) $\rightarrow$ Inc_52


## Fragment 23 (23_SI_D5_Cr)



## Fragment 24 (24_SI_D6_Cr13)




Fragment 26 (26_SII_A2_Cr13)


Fragment 27 (27_SII_A3_Cr)


No references

Fragment 28 (28_SII_A4_Cr13) $\rightarrow$ Inc_53


## Fragment 29 (29_SII_A5_Cr13)



## Fragment 30 (30_SII_A6_Cr13)




Fragment 32 (32_SII_B2_Cr13) $\rightarrow$ Inc_54


## Fragment 33 (33_SII_B3_Cr13)




Fragment 35 (5_SII_B5_Cr13)


Fragment 36 (36_SII_B6_Cr13) $\rightarrow$ Inc_55



Fragment 38 (38_SII_C2_Cr13)


Fragment 39 (39_SII_C3_Cr13)



Fragment 41 (41_SII_C5_Cr13)


Fragment 42 (42_SII_C6_Cr13)



Fragment 44 (44_SII_D2_Cr13)


## Fragment 45 (45_SII_D3_Cr13)




Fragment 47 (47_SII_D5_Cr13)


## Fragment 48 (48_SII_D6_Cr13)



## Fragments of the Faece 5

Fragment 1 (1_SI_A1_Cr15) $\rightarrow$ Inc_56


Fragment 2 (2_SI_A2_Cr15)


No references

Fragment 3 (3_SI_A3_Cr15) $\rightarrow$ Inc_57


Fragment 4 (4_SI_A4_Cr15)


Fragment 5 (5_SI_A5_Cr15)


Fragment 6 (6_SI_A6_Cr15) $\rightarrow$ Inc_58


Fragment 7 (7_SI_B1_Cr15) $\rightarrow$ Inc_59


Fragment 8 (8_SI_B2_Cr15) $\rightarrow$ Inc_60


## Fragment 9 (9_SI_B3_Cr15)




Fragment 11 (11_SI_B5_Cr15)


Fragment 12 (12_SI_B6_Cr15) $\rightarrow$ Inc_61



Fragment 14 (14_SI_C2_Cr15)


## Fragment 15 (15_SI_C3_Cr15)



Fragment 16 (16_SI_C4_Cr15) $\rightarrow$ Inc_62


Fragment 17 (17_SI_C5_Cr15) $\rightarrow$ Inc_63


Fragment 18 (18_SI_C6_Cr15)


No references


Fragment 20 (20_SI_D2_Cr15)


Fragment 21 (21_SI_D3_Cr15)


Fragment 22 (22_SI_D4_Cr15) $\rightarrow$ Inc_64


Fragment 23 (23_SI_D5_Cr)


## Fragment 24 (24_SI_D6_Cr15)




Fragment 26 (26_SII_A2_Cr15)


## Fragment 27 (27_SII_A3_Cr)



Fragment 28 (28_SII_A4_Cr15) $\rightarrow$ Inc_65


Fragment 29 (29_SII_A5_Cr15) $\rightarrow$ Inc_66


Fragment 30 (30_SII_A6_Cr15)



Fragment 32 (32_SII_B2_Cr15)


Fragment 33 (33_SII_B3_Cr15)


Fragment 34 (34_SII_B4_Cr15)


Fragment 35 (5_SII_B5_Cr15)


## Fragment 36 (36_SII_B6_Cr15)




Fragment 38 (38_SII_C2_Cr15)


Fragment 39 (39_SII_C3_Cr15)


Fragment 40 (40_SII_C4_Cr15) $\rightarrow$ Inc_67


Fragment 41 (41_SII_C5_Cr15)


## Fragment 42 (42_SII_C6_Cr15)




Fragment 44 (44_SII_D2_Cr15) $\rightarrow$ Inc_68


## Fragment 45 (45_SII_D3_Cr15)




Fragment 47 (47_SII_D5_Cr15)


Fragment 48 (48_SII_D6_Cr15)


## Fragments of the Faece 6

Fragment 1 (1_SI_A1_Cr16) $\rightarrow$ Inc_69


Fragment 2 (2_SI_A2_Cr16) $\rightarrow$ Inc_70


Fragment 3 (3_SI_A3_Cr16) $\rightarrow$ Inc_71



Fragment 5 (5_SI_A5_Cr16)


## Fragment 6 (6_SI_A6_Cr16)



Fragment 7 (7_SI_B1_Cr16) $\rightarrow$ Inc_72


## Fragment 8 (8_SI_B2_Cr16)



## Fragment 9 (9_SI_B3_Cr16)




Fragment 11 (11_SI_B5_Cr16)


Fragment 12 (12_SI_B6_Cr16)



## Fragment 14 (14_SI_C2_Cr16)



Fragment 15 (15_SI_C3_Cr16) $\rightarrow$ Inc_73



## Fragment 17 (17_SI_C5_Cr16)



Fragment 18 (18_SI_C6_Cr16) $\rightarrow$ Inc_74



Fragment 20 (20_SI_D2_Cr16)


Fragment 21 (21_SI_D3_Cr16 )



Fragment 23 (23_SI_D5_Cr)


Fragment 24 (24_SI_D6_Cr16) $\rightarrow$ Inc_75


Fragment 25 (25_SII_A1_Cr16) $\rightarrow$ Inc_76


Fragment 26 (26_SII_A2_Cr16)


## Fragment 27 (27_SII_A3_Cr)




Fragment 29 (29_SII_A5_Cr16) $\rightarrow$ Inc_77


Fragment 30 (30_SII_A6_Cr16) $\rightarrow$ Inc_78



## Fragment 32 (32_SII_B2_Cr16)



Fragment 33 (33_SII_B3_Cr16)



Fragment 35 (5_SII_B5_Cr16)


## Fragment 36 (36_SII_B6_Cr16)




## No references

Fragment 38 (38_SII_C2_Cr16 )


Fragment 39 (39_SII_C3_Cr16)



Fragment 41 (41_SII_C5_Cr16)


Fragment 42 (42_SII_C6_Cr16) $\rightarrow$ Inc_79



Fragment 44 (44_SII_D2_Cr16)


Fragment 45 (45_SII_D3_Cr16)



Fragment 47 (47_SII_D5_Cr16)


## Fragment 48 (48_SII_D6_Cr16)



## Fragments of the Faece 7

Fragment 1 (1_SI_A1_Cr17) $\rightarrow$ Inc_80


Fragment 2 (2_SI_A2_Cr17) $\rightarrow$ Inc_81


Fragment 3 (3_SI_A3_Cr17) $\rightarrow$ Inc_82


Fragment 4 (4_SI_A4_Cr17)


Fragment 5 (5_SI_A5_Cr17)


Fragment 6 (6_SI_A6_Cr17) $\rightarrow$ Inc_83


Fragment 7 (7_SI_B1_Cr17) $\rightarrow$ Inc_84


Fragment 8 (8_SI_B2_Cr17)


Fragment 9 (9_SI_B3_Cr17) $\rightarrow$ Inc_85



Fragment 11 (11_SI_B5_Cr17)


No references

Fragment 12 (12_SI_B6_Cr17)



## No references

Fragment 14 (14_SI_C2_Cr17) $\rightarrow$ Inc_86


## Fragment 15 (15_SI_C3_Cr17)




Fragment 17 (17_SI_C5_Cr17)


No references

## Fragment 18 (18_SI_C6_Cr17)




Fragment 20 (20_SI_D2_Cr17)


No references

Fragment 21 (21_SI_D3_Cr17)



Fragment 23 (23_SI_D5_Cr) $\rightarrow$ Inc_88


## Fragment 24 (24_SI_D6_Cr17)




Fragment 26 (26_SII_A2_Cr17)


Fragment 27 (27_SII_A3_Cr) $\rightarrow$ Inc_90



Fragment 29 (29_SII_A5_Cr17)


Fragment 30 (30_SII_A6_Cr17)



Fragment 32 (32_SII_B2_Cr17)


No references

Fragment 33 (33_SII_B3_Cr17)


No references


Fragment 35 (5_SII_B5_Cr17)


No references

Fragment 36 (36_SII_B6_Cr17)


No references


Fragment 38 (38_SII_C2_Cr17)


Fragment 39 (39_SII_C3_Cr17)


Fragment 40 (40_SII_C4_Cr17) $\rightarrow$ Inc_91

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Fragment 41 (41_SII_C5_Cr17)


No references

Fragment 42 (42_SII_C6_Cr17)



Fragment 44 (44_SII_D2_Cr17)


Fragment 45 (45_SII_D3_Cr17)



Fragment 47 (47_SII_D5_Cr17)


Fragment 48 (48_SII_D6_Cr17)


## Fragments of the Faece 8

Fragment 1 (1_SI_A1_Cr25)


Fragment 2 (2_SI_A2_Cr25)


## Fragment 3 (3_SI_A3_Cr25)



Fragment 4 (4_SI_A4_Cr25) $\rightarrow$ Inc_93


Fragment 5 (5_SI_A5_Cr25) $\rightarrow$ Inc_94


Fragment 6 (6_SI_A6_Cr25) $\rightarrow$ Inc_95


Fragment 7 (7_SI_B1_Cr25) $\rightarrow$ Inc_96


Fragment 8 (8_SI_B2_Cr25) $\rightarrow$ Inc_97


Fragment 9 (9_SI_B3_Cr25) $\rightarrow$ Inc_98



Fragment 11 (11_SI_B5_Cr25) $\rightarrow$ Inc_100


Fragment 12 (12_SI_B6_Cr25)



## Fragment 14 (14_SI_C2_Cr25)



## Fragment 15 (15_SI_C3_Cr25)




Fragment 17 (17_SI_C5_Cr25)

No references


Fragment 18 (18_SI_C6_Cr25) $\rightarrow$ Inc_102



Fragment 20 (20_SI_D2_Cr25)


Fragment 21 (21_SI_D3_Cr25)



Fragment 23 (23_SI_D5_Cr)


## Fragment 24 (24_SI_D6_Cr25)




Fragment 26 (26_SII_A2_Cr25) $\rightarrow$ Inc_103


Fragment 27 (27_SII_A3_Cr)



Fragment 29 (29_SII_A5_Cr25)


Fragment 30 (30_SII_A6_Cr25)



Fragment 32 (32_SII_B2_Cr25)


Fragment 33 (33_SII_B3_Cr25)



Fragment 35 (5_SII_B5_Cr25)


Fragment 36 (36_SII_B6_Cr25)



Fragment 38 (38_SII_C2_Cr25)


Fragment 39 (39_SII_C3_Cr25)



Fragment 41 (41_SII_C5_Cr25)


Fragment 42 (42_SII_C6_Cr25)



Fragment 44 (44_SII_D2_Cr25)


Fragment 45 (45_SII_D3_Cr25) $\rightarrow$ Inc_105



## Fragment 47 (47_SII_D5_Cr25)



## Fragment 48 (48_SII_D6_Cr25)



## Fragments of the Faece 9

Fragment 1 (1_SI_A1_Cr28) $\rightarrow$ Inc_107


Fragment 2 (2_SI_A2_Cr28) $\rightarrow$ Inc_108


Fragment 3 (3_SI_A3_Cr28)



Fragment 5 (5_SI_A5_Cr28) $\rightarrow$ Inc_109


## Fragment 6 (6_SI_A6_Cr28)




Fragment 8 (8_SI_B2_Cr28) $\rightarrow$ Inc_111


Fragment 9 (9_SI_B3_Cr28)



Fragment 11 (11_SI_B5_Cr28)


## Fragment 12 (12_SI_B6_Cr28)




## Fragment 14 (14_SI_C2_Cr28)



## Fragment 15 (15_SI_C3_Cr28)




## Fragment 17 (17_SI_C5_Cr28)



## Fragment 18 (18_SI_C6_Cr28)




Fragment 20 (20_SI_D2_Cr28) $\rightarrow$ Inc_113


Fragment 21 (21_SI_D3_Cr28)



Fragment 23 (23_SI_D5_Cr)


## Fragment 24 (24_SI_D6_Cr28)




No references

Fragment 26 (26_SII_A2_Cr28)


Fragment 27 (27_SII_A3_Cr)



Fragment 29 (29_SII_A5_Cr28) $\rightarrow$ Inc_114


## Fragment 30 (30_SII_A6_Cr28)



Fragment 31 (31_SII_B1_Cr28) $\rightarrow$ Inc_115


Fragment 32 (32_SII_B2_Cr28) $\rightarrow$ Inc_116


Fragment 33 (33_SII_B3_Cr28)



Fragment 35 (5_SII_B5_Cr28)


Fragment 36 (36_SII_B6_Cr28)



## No references

Fragment 38 (38_SII_C2_Cr28)


Fragment 39 (39_SII_C3_Cr28)


Fragment 40 (40_SII_C4_Cr28) $\rightarrow$ Inc_118


Fragment 41 (41_SII_C5_Cr28)


Fragment 42 (42_SII_C6_Cr28)



Fragment 44 (44_SII_D2_Cr28)


Fragment 45 (45_SII_D3_Cr28)



Fragment 47 (47_SII_D5_Cr28)


Fragment 48 (48_SII_D6_Cr28)


## Fragments of the Faece 10

Fragment 1 (1_SI_A1_Cr38) $\rightarrow$ Inc_119


Fragment 2 (2_SI_A2_Cr38) $\rightarrow$ Inc_120


Fragment 3 (3_SI_A3_Cr38)



## Fragment 5 (5_SI_A5_Cr38)



## Fragment 6 (6_SI_A6_Cr38)




Fragment 8 (8_SI_B2_Cr38)


Fragment 9 (9_SI_B3_Cr38)



## Fragment 11 (11_SI_B5_Cr38)



## Fragment 12 (12_SI_B6_Cr38)




Fragment 14 (14_SI_C2_Cr38) $\rightarrow$ Inc_123


## Fragment 15 (15_SI_C3_Cr38)




Fragment 17 (17_SI_C5_Cr38)


## Fragment 18 (18_SI_C6_Cr38)




Fragment 20 (20_SI_D2_Cr38)


Fragment 21 (21_SI_D3_Cr38)



Fragment 23 (23_SI_D5_Cr)


Fragment 24 (24_SI_D6_Cr38) $\rightarrow$ Inc_124


Fragment 25 (25_SII_A1_Cr38)


Fragment 26 (26_SII_A2_Cr38)


Fragment 27 (27_SII_A3_Cr) $\rightarrow$ Inc_125



Fragment 29 (29_SII_A5_Cr38)


No references

Fragment 30 (30_SII_A6_Cr38)


Fragment 31 (31_SII_B1_Cr38) $\rightarrow$ Inc_126


Fragment 32 (32_SII_B2_Cr38)


## Fragment 33 (33_SII_B3_Cr38)




Fragment 35 (5_SII_B5_Cr38)


Fragment 36 (36_SII_B6_Cr38) $\rightarrow$ Inc_127



Fragment 38 (38_SII_C2_Cr38)


Fragment 39 (39_SII_C3_Cr38)



Fragment 41 (41_SII_C5_Cr38) $\rightarrow$ Inc_128


Fragment 42 (42_SII_C6_Cr38) $\rightarrow$ Inc_129



Fragment 44 (44_SII_D2_Cr38)


Fragment 45 (45_SII_D3_Cr38) $\rightarrow$ Inc_130



Fragment 47 (47_SII_D5_Cr38)


## Fragment 48 (48_SII_D6_Cr38)



