FINAL REPORT

TAXONOMIC REVISION AND MOLECULAR PHYLOGENY OF THE GENUS *PYRUS* L. (*ROSACEAE*)

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1. Brief Financial Report

The total amount awarded by IAPT was used as follows:

-Travel cost = US\$ 700.00 : This amount covered airfare, hotels, and food.

-Field trip to Azerbaijan = US\$ 300.00 : This amount covered a car, gas, and a driver.

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2. Scientific Report

Introduction

Diversification of pears is centered in western Eurasia and eastern Asia, mainly China. A group of western species are found in Europe, northern Africa, Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Central Asia, and Caucasia whereas eastern species are found predominantly in Eastern Asia. The Caucasus region is a critical site for diversification of the genus and is thus of great importance. The purpose of this project is to perform field trips in Azerbaijan to collect *Pyrus* taxa and examine herbarium materials in the BAK (Baku, Azerbaijan) herbarium. As I proposed in the IAPT Grant Application, these findings will serve to enrich my knowledge about Caucasian *Pyrus* and to provide more leaf material for future molecular analyses.

Material and Methods

The field trip was made on 14 - 18 September 2015 throughout Xhizi, Quebele and Gence (Azerbaijan). Leaf samples were prepared in silica gel for molecular analysis. All specimens were deposited at both HUB (Ankara, Turkey) and BAK (Baku, Azerbaijan) herbarium. A visit to BAK herbarium was made on 15th September 2015 to examine Caucasian *Pyrus* taxa. Beside this, we collected some closely related genera to *Pyrus*, such as *Cotoneaster* Medik., *Sorbus* L., *Amelanchier* Medik., *Crataegus* L.

Results

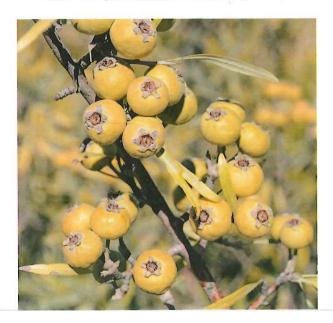
We collected some *Pyrus* taxa (Table 1) including *Pyrus salicifolia* (Figure 2), *P. caucasica* (Figure 2), *P. oxyprion* and *P. georgica*, all of which are rarely found in Turkey. Therefore, the field work in Azerbaijan allowed for the examination of important Caucasian *Pyrus* taxa and to describe a new species of *Pyrus*. Description of the new species is in preparation now and will be submitted soon. In addition, we identified *Crataegus petrodavisii* as new record of for Azerbaijan flora and this manuscript has already been submitted (In press).

Table 1. Collected specimens from Azerbaijan.

Taxa	Voucher No	Locality
Pyrus georgica Kuth.	ZUG 574	Baku: Gilezi village, 40°52'17.6"N,
90 PM		049°20'44"E, 400 m, 14.9.2015.
P. georgica	<i>ZUG</i> 576	Baku: Xizi, Altıağaç National Park, 532
P. georgica	ZUG 577	m, 15.9.2015.
P. oxyprion Woronow	ZUG 578	
Pyrus sp.	ZUG 579	
Crataegus petrodavisii Dönmez	AAD 19681	
Crataegus orientalis Pallas ex Bieb.	AAD 19683	Baku: Xizi, Altıağaç village, 1026 m,
Cotoneaster meyeri Pojark	AAD 19685	40°50'26"N, 048°57'48.6"E, 15.9.2015.
P. salicifolia Pall.	ZUG 575	
Pyracantha coccinea M.Roem.	AAD 19690	Quebele: around Turyançay, 132 m,
		40°43'185"N, 047°33'66.8"E,
		18.09.2015.
Crataegus monogyna Jacq.	AAD 19691	Quebele: İsmaili, Nourgışlah village, 651
		m, 40°57'17.1"N, 047°52'51.3"E,
		18.9.2015.
Crataegus monogyna Jacq.	AAD 19704	Xizi: Beşparmak mountain, 18.9.2015.
P. salicifolia	ZUG 587	
P. salicifolia	ZUG 588	
P. caucasica Fed.	ZUG 586	İsmailli, Muğanlı village, 40°41'40.1" N,
		048°31'65.1"E, 851 m, 18.9.2015.
P. caucasica	ZUG 583	Baku: Xizi, 40°53' 622" K, 048° 58' 232"
		D, 857 m, 14.09.2015.



Figure 1. A photograph from field trip in Xizi while collecting *Pyrus* taxa.





Pyrus salicifolia Pall. - ZUG 587

Pyrus caucasica Fed.- ZUG 586

Figure 2. Some taxa of *Pyrus* collected from Azerbaijan.