

## **PROVENANCE FOR HYDNOPHYTUM PUFFII**

**This is one of the most interesting of the Hydnohytums in cultivation and one of the most sought after.**

I, and many others worldwide, have grown this plant in the past as Hydnohytum 'needle leaf' and Hydnohytum perangustum (an unpublished name). In March 2016 the plant was officially published as Hydnohytum puffii, after an Austrian botanist, Dr. Christian Puff (1949 – 2013) who worked extensively in Southeast Asia.

**The original description of *H. puffii* can be found here as a PDF:**

<http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/botbel/plecevo/2016/00000149/00000001/art00013>

The species is native to swamp forests on Borneo where, like almost all the Hydnohytums, it grows as an epiphyte. It is slow growing and has a relatively small caudex. The very unusual leaves are long, narrow and of heavy texture – hence the comparison to a pine needle.

My material can be traced back to accession # 95007 at the Leiden Botanical Garden in the Netherlands.

Here is a photo of the plant I will be sending you. It is in a 2-1/2 inch pot and the seed was sown February 6, 2017.

