

假瘤蕨属(水龙骨科)植物鳞片特征的分类学意义

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摘要: 光镜下比较研究了假瘤蕨属(水龙骨科)2系、5亚系36种植物鳞片的显微特征。结果表明:该属植物的鳞片具有3种形状:卵状盾形、卵状钻形和披针形;3种边缘:全缘、微缘毛及纤维状毛。鳞片特征在系间具有一定的区别:不裂系具有卵状钻形或卵状盾形、全缘或具微缘毛的鳞片;羽裂系具有卵状盾形和披针形的鳞片,边缘以具微缘毛及纤维状毛为主。鳞片的形状及边缘具有一定的对应关系。另外,鳞片的边缘与叶片的边缘也有一定的对应关系。该文研究并图示了这两种对应关系。

关键词: 水龙骨科; 假瘤蕨属; 鳞片特征

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Abstract: Characters of scales of 36 species, representing 2 series and 5 subseries of the genus *Phymatopteris* (Polypodiaceae), are examined by means of light microscopy. There are three types of scale shapes in this genus: ovate-peltate, ovate-subulate and lanceolate. Also three types of scale margin are presented: entire, ciliolate and fimbriate. Scales characters are different between the series: the ovate-subulate or ovate-peltate scales with entire or ciliolate margin often occur in simple series I; while the ovate-peltate and lanceolate scales with ciliate or fimbriate in margin usually present in pinnatifid series II. The correlations among the shape and margin of the scale and between the margins of blade and scale were found. At last, these two correlations were discussed and illustrated.

Key words: Polypodiaceae; *Phymatopteris*; scale characters

Phymatopteris was established by Pichi sermolli in 1973, to replace the illegal name of *Phymatopsis* J. Smith in 1875. It is a natural taxon, including more than 60 species, the majority of which are from the mainland of Asia and epiphytic or terraphytic on the evergreen broad-leaved forest. It was confused with *Microrosorum*, *Crypsinus* and *Selliguea* by Copeland (1947), Holttum (1954) and Hovenkamp (1998). Ching (1964) treated *Phymatopsis* as a separated genus. In fact, there were several characteristics that can be used

to distinguish these four genera (Shao & Lu, 2009).

Ching (1964) recognized 2 series and 5 subseries within *Phymatopteris* based on characteristics of the frond shape and the frond margin: simple series I (*Hastatae* Ching), including entire subseries 1 (*Griffithianae* Ching) and notch subseries 2 (*Hastatae* Ching), and pinnatifid series II (*Oxylobae* Ching), including entire subseries 3 (*Oxylobae* Ching), notch subseries 4 (*Ebenipedes* Ching) and serrate subseries 5 (*Malacodontes* Ching).

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The characters of scale, shape and margin are of potential taxonomical importance, and thus have been utilized for intergeneric or infrageneric taxonomic segregations, especially in the Polypodiaceous genera. Actually, there are some correlations among the scale shape and margin in ferns. However, few researches were made in this aspect.

Species in *Phymatopteris* have one of three scale shapes and three scale marginal types. Because of this, it is a good genus to study the correlations of these character states. The aims of this study are to analyze the characters of scales of *Phymatopteris* and to search the correlations between the characters.

1 Materials and methods

36 specimens of *Phymatopteris* in PYU and PE were chosen as materials (Table 1). The scale (on the rhizome) shape and margin, and the margin of blade were checked and compared by the light microscopy.

2 Results and analysis

There are four types of blade margins in *Phymatopteris*: entire, notched, shallowly serrate, and sharply biserrate. Also, three types of scale margin exist in *Phymatopteris*: entire, ciliolate, and fimbriate. There are three types of scale shapes: ovate-peltate, ovate-subulate and lanceolate. The taxa are in the sequence of the series and the subseries of Ching (1964). All the results are shown in the Table 2.

Scale shape—Three types of scale shapes: ovate-subulate, ovate-peltate and lanceolate are present in this genus. Ovate-subulate scales occur in *Phymatopteris rhynchophylla* (Fig. 1: d), *P. wuliangshanensis* (Fig. 1: e), *P. oblongifolia* (Fig. 1: h), *P. dactylina* (Fig. 1: i) and *P. hirtella* (Fig. 1: n). Ovate-peltate scales present in *P. likiangensis* (Fig. 1: l), *P. subebenipes* (Fig. 2: b) and *P. ebenipes* (Fig. 2: c). Lanceolate scales are found in *P. cruciformis* (Fig. 1: o), *P. cartilagineo-serrata* (Fig. 2: l), *P. stewartii* (Fig. 2: m) and *P. nigropaleacea* (Fig. 2: n).

Scale margin—Three types of scale margin exist in

Table 1 The locality information of scales specimens in *Phymatopteris*

Taxa	Voucher (Herbarium)	Location
<i>Phymatopteris albopes</i>	Anonymous 342 (PE)	Guangxi
<i>P. cartilagineoserrata</i>	Xizang plant collect group 1609 (PE)	Xizang
<i>P. conjuncta</i>	Kiou 51524 (PE)	Guizhou
<i>P. commixta</i>	Shao W 003 (PYU)	Yunnan
<i>P. comera</i>	Shao W 001 (PYU)	Yunnan
<i>P. crenatopinnata</i>	Shao W 004 (PYU)	Yunnan
<i>P. cruciformis</i>	To Kang Peng <i>et al.</i> 429 (PE)	Guangdong
<i>P. dactylina</i>	Shao W 009 (PYU)	Yunnan
<i>P. daweihsanensis</i>	Lu SG 28885 (PYU)	Yunnan
<i>P. ebenipes</i>	Shao W 015 (PYU)	Yunnan
<i>P. engleri</i>	Mitsuta S 267 (PYU)	Yakushima Island, Japan
<i>P. glaucopsis</i>	Chu WM 23013 (PYU)	Yunnan
<i>P. hainanensis</i>	Russ-China associated-exped. 7998 (PE)	Yunnan
<i>P. hastata</i>	Shao W 002 (PYU)	Yunnan
<i>P. hirtella</i>	Liu SE 19908 (PE)	Yunnan
<i>P. likiangensis</i>	Zhao YX 21426 (PE)	Yunnan
<i>P. kingpingensis</i>	CN-Russia Associated collect group 2472 (PE)	Yunnan
<i>P. malacodon</i>	Shao W 028 (PYU)	Yunnan
<i>P. majoensis</i>	Chu WM 4898 (PYU)	Sichuan
<i>P. nigropaleacea</i>	Zhang XC 2234 (PE)	Yunnan
<i>P. nigrovenia</i>	Chu WM 26458 (PYU)	Yunnan
<i>P. oblongifolia</i>	Xizang plant collect group 9118 (PE)	Yunnan
<i>P. omeiensis</i>	Kong XX 3969 (PYU)	Sichuan
<i>P. oxyloba</i>	Shao W 013 (PYU)	Yunnan
<i>P. pianmaensis</i>	Chu WM 11350 (PYU)	Yunnan
<i>P. rhynchophylla</i>	Forrest G 29490 (PE)	Yunnan
<i>P. roseomarginata</i>	Feng KM 9003 (PE)	Yunnan
<i>P. shensiensis</i>	Kong XX 6235 (PYU)	Sichuan
<i>P. stewartii</i>	Shao W 019 (PYU)	Yunnan
<i>P. stracheyi</i>	Yu TT 17193 (PE)	Yunnan
<i>P. subebenipes</i>	Shao W 005 (PYU)	Yunnan
<i>P. tenuipes</i>	Liu ZY 13816 (PYU)	Sichuan
<i>P. tibetana</i>	Chu WM 23725 (PYU)	Yunnan
<i>P. trisecta</i>	Chu WM 03651 (PYU)	Yunnan
<i>P. wuliangshanensis</i>	Chu WM 9413 (PYU)	Yunnan
<i>P. yakushimensis</i>	Murata s. n. (PYU)	Yakushima Island, Japan

Phymatopteris: entire, ciliolate, and fimbriate. Entire scale margin are found in *P. dactylina* (Fig. 3: 3), *P. hainanensis* (Fig. 3: 4) and *P. oxyloba* (Fig. 3: 5). Margins with ciliates are present in *P. likiangensis* (Fig. 3: 1), *P. cruciformis* (Fig. 3: 6), *P. malacodon* (Fig. 3: 8). Fimbriate scale margins occur in *P. kingpingensis* (Fig. 3: 2), *P. roseomarginata* (Fig. 3: 7) and *P. stewartii*

Table 2 The characters of frond and scale of *Phymatopteris*

S. and subs.	Taxon	Blade margin				Scale shape			Scale margin			Fig.
		Entire	Notches	Shallowly serrate	Sharply biserrate	Ovate-peltate	Ovate-subulate	Lanceolate	Entire	Ciliate	Fimbriate	
I	① <i>P. hainanensis</i>	+					+		+			1:a
	<i>P. majoense</i>		+						+	+		1:b
	<i>P. omeiensis</i>		+						+	+		1:c
	<i>P. engleri</i>		+						+	+		1:d
	<i>P. yakushimensis</i>		+						+	+		
	② <i>P. rhynchophylla</i>		+					+		+		1:e
	<i>P. wuliangshanensis</i>		+						+	+		1:f
	<i>P. tenuipes</i>		+						+	+		1:g
	<i>P. oblongifolia</i>		+						+	+		1:h
	<i>P. dactylina</i>		+					+		+		1:i
	<i>P. hastata</i>		+				+		+		+	1:j
	③ <i>P. oxyloba</i>	+							+		+	1:k
	<i>P. trisecta</i>	+							+		+	
	<i>P. likiangensis</i>	+					+		+		+	1:l
	<i>P. pianmaensis</i>		+						+	+		
<i>P. albopes</i>		+						+	+		1:m	
<i>P. hirtella</i>		+						+		+	1:n	
<i>P. dawuishanensis</i>		+						+			+	
II	④ <i>P. nigrovenia</i>			+					+			+
	<i>P. cruciformis</i>			+			+			+		1:o
	<i>P. tibetana</i>			+					+		+	2:a
	<i>P. subebenipes</i>			+			+				+	2:b
	<i>P. ebenipes</i>			+			+		+		+	2:c
	<i>P. kingpingensis</i>			+			+				+	2:d
	<i>P. connera</i>			+				+	+		+	2:e
	<i>P. crenatopinnata</i>			+					+		+	2:f
	<i>P. shensiensis</i>			+					+		+	
	<i>P. stracheyi</i>			+					+		+	2:g
	<i>P. conmixta</i>						+		+		+	2:h
	⑤ <i>P. malacodon</i>						+		+		+	2:i
	<i>P. conjuncta</i>						+		+		+	2:j
	<i>P. roseomarginata</i>						+		+	+	+	2:k
	<i>P. cartilagineo-serrata</i>						+		+		+	2:l
<i>P. stewartii</i>						+		+		+	2:m	
<i>P. nigropaleacea</i>						+	+	+		+	2:n	
<i>P. glaucopsis</i>						+		+		+	2:o	

Note: S. and subs. = series and subspecies, I = simple series I (*Hastatae* Ching), ① = entire subspecies 1 (*Griffithianae* Ching), ② = notch subspecies 2 (*Hastatae* Ching), II = Pinnatifid Series II (*Oxylobae* Ching), ③ = entire subspecies 3 (*Oxylobae* Ching), ④ = notch subspecies 4 (*Ebenipedes* Ching), ⑤ = serrate subspecies 5 (*Malacodontes* Ching).

(Fig. 3:9).

3 Discussions

The scale characters were supported to have taxonomic importance. Correlations between the scale shape and margin, also between the margins of the blade and scale are found in *Phymatopteris*.

(1) Three scale shapes; ovate-peltate, ovate-sub-

ulate and lanceolate exist in *Phymatopteris*. We differentiate the ovate-peltate to lanceolate scales by the proportion of length to wide (in the widest place) that if $L : W \leq 2$, the scale shape is ovate-peltate, otherwise is lanceolate. There are three scale margins; entire, ciliate and fimbriate present in this genus. We examine more than 3000 specimens of the 36 species in this genus, and draw the scales emphasizing the shapes and the margins, and then choose 9 representative types

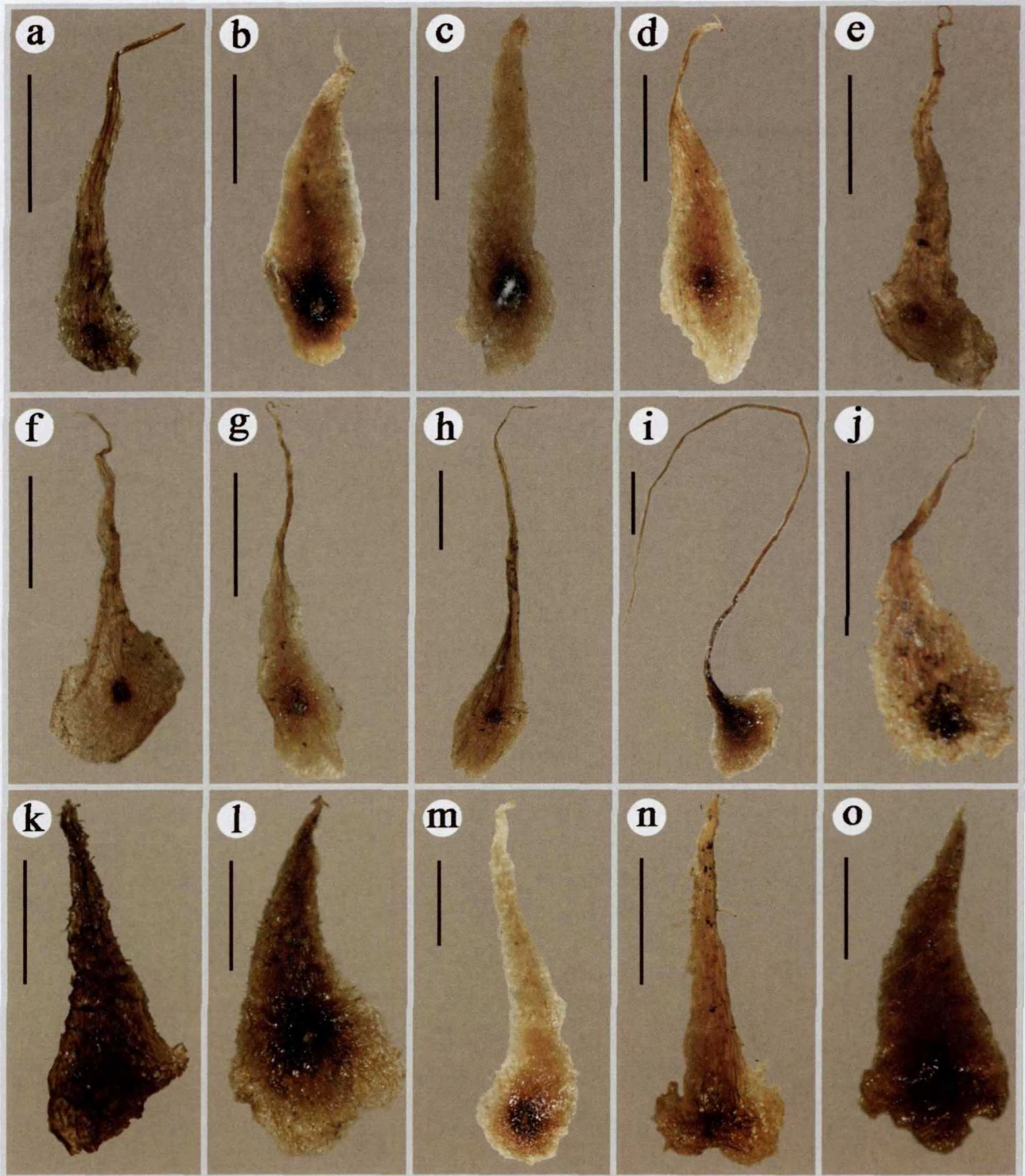


Fig. 1 Scales of the *Phymatopteris* a. *P. hainanensis*; b. *P. majoense*; c. *P. omeiensis*; d. *P. engleri*; e. *P. rhynchophylla*;
 f. *P. wuliangshanensis*; g. *P. tenuipes*; h. *P. oblongifolia*; i. *P. dactylina*; j. *P. hastata*; k. *P. oxyloba*;
 l. *P. likiangensis*; m. *P. albopes*; n. *P. hiutella*; o. *P. cruciformis*. bar=1 mm.

interpreting the shapes and margins of scales in *Phymatopteris*. The diagram is followed (Fig. 3). From the diagram and the results above, we can

support a correlation between the shape and the margin of the scale; most ovate-subulate or ovate-peltate scales have entire margin; while the lanceo-

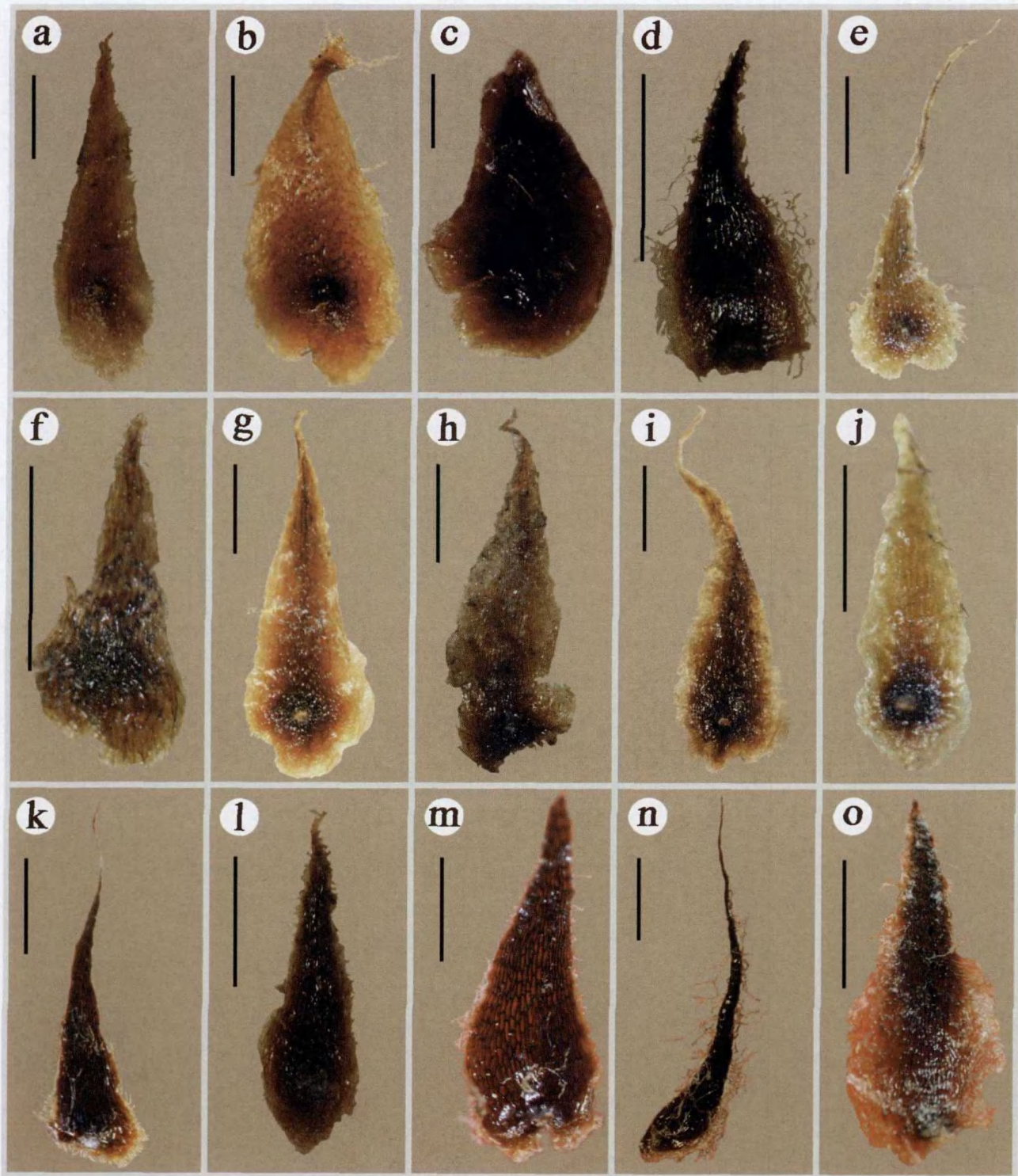


Fig. 2 Scales of the *Phymatopteris* a. *P. tibetana*; b. *P. subebenipes*; c. *P. ebenipes*; d. *P. kingpingensis*; e. *P. connexa*; f. *P. crenatopinnata*; g. *P. stracheyi*; h. *P. conmixta*; i. *P. malacodon*; j. *P. conjuncta*; k. *P. roseomarginata*; l. *P. cartilagineo-serrata*; m. *P. stewartii*; n. *P. nigropaleacea*; o. *P. galucopsis*. bar=1 mm.

late scales usually with ciliate or fimbriate margin. However, a few exceptions and intermediate states exist in the scales of this genus; species with scales

that have more than one shape type and different margins in one specimen. *Phymatopteris connexa* (Fig. 2-e), for example, have scales with ovate-su-

bulate or lanceolate in shape and ciliate or fimbriate in margin. Furthermore, these exceptions do not deny the correlation between the shape and the margin of the scale, for the most species in this genus support that correlation.

ly serrate blade margins, and fimbriate scale margins occur with biserrate blade margins. The diagram interpreting the correlation among these two margins is followed(Fig. 4).

Lamina characters have been emphasized on the past taxonomic studies. We reveal that scale characters also have some taxonomic importance and more correlation to the blade characters. More than 3 500 specimens are examined in PYU, PE, and KUN, and we believed that the different characters of scales cited in this paper are decided by the genetic elements, rather than the environmental modification. However, the scales of one species in different environments and altitude maybe have some differentiates in morphology, but these are not the main points effected the characters of scales in this paper. *Phymatopteris* is a fern genus mainly distributed in the E. Asia and epiphytic or terraphtic on the evergreen broad-leaved forest, which is from 2 000 m to more than 3 000 m in altitude. The scale characters were also supported to have some ecology significance to the environmental adaptation.

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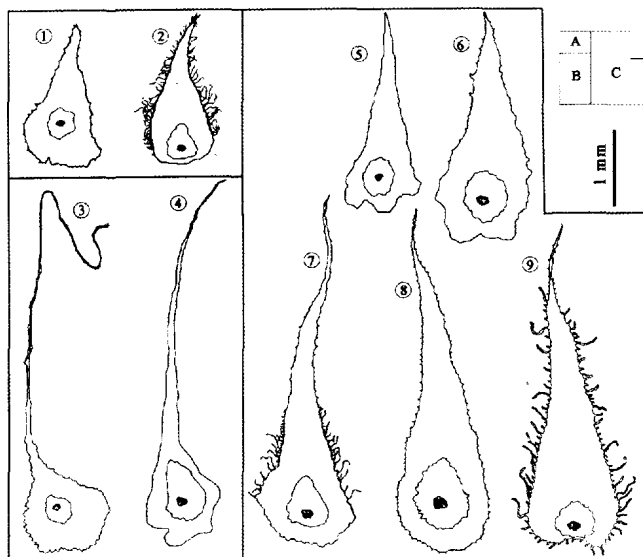


Fig. 3 Shapes and margins of scales of *Phymatopteris*
 A-C. scale shape A. ovate-peltate; B. ovate-subulate; C. lanceolate
 1-9. scale margin; 3-5. entire; 1,6,8. ciliate; 2,7,9. fimbriate
 1. *P. likiangensis*; 2. *P. kingpingensis*; 3. *P. dactylina*; 4. *P. hainanensis*; 5. *P. oxyloba*; 6. *P. cruciformis*; 7. *P. roseomarginata*; 8. *P. malacodon*; 9. *P. steuxartii*.

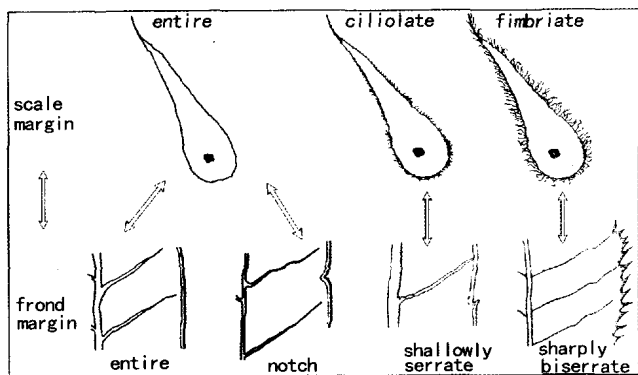


Fig. 4 The correlation between the margins of frond and scale of *Phymatopteris*.

(2) A correlation between the margins of blade and scale is found. Entire scale margins often correlate with notched or entire frond blade margins; ciliate scale margins often correlate with shallow-