

Preface

In the second volume of the "Chorology of trees and shrubs in South-West Asia and adjacent regions" the ranges of further 50 species are presented. The choice of these species has been determined by the availability of sufficient data. However, as far as it was possible an attempt was made, as for example in families *Asclepiadaceae*, *Ericaceae*, *Sapindaceae* or *Thymelaeaceae* to complete the list of species occurring in the studied region. As regards family *Ericaceae* only *Vaccinium vitis-idaea* L. was left out, which in spite of having been reported from northeastern Anatolia (province of Rize), has not been confirmed to exist by any recent collections. Also some species from genus *Rhododendron* (e.g. *R. arboreum* Sm.) or genus *Daphne* (e.g. *D. papyracea* Wall.) have not been included in spite of the fact that they grow in Pakistan, since they are absent in Afghanistan and other countries of south-west Asia.

Most of the presented species are shrubs, some quite small, less commonly small trees, usually not taller than 10 - 12 m (e.g. *Ceratonia siliqua* L., *Erica arborea* L.). Most of them can be included in the Mediterranean or eastern Mediterranean floristic element.

The range maps have been prepared on the same principle as in volume one, using the same base maps. In order to complete data on stands of individual species occurring in Greece, from where both herbarium collections and floristic publications are as yet insufficient, three field trips were organized with the help of the Goulandris Natural History Museum, Kifissia near Athens in the years 1979, 1980 and 1981. They have supplied much information on woody flora of the strictly Mediterranean region. Also use was made of the herbarium collections of Patras University.

The literature list has been supplemented with 98 items that were used only in the preparation of the second volume. The numeration of these references is in continuation of the listing presented in volume one. The texts have been translated into English by M. Giertych, from Kórnik.

