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Dear Dr. Miftahul Ilmi,

I am pleased to submit our manuscript entitled **“FIRST REPORT ON THE NATURALIZED *ALOCASIA CUCULLATA* (ARACEAE) IN JAVA, INDONESIA”** by **Arifin Surya Dwipa Irsyam, Muhammad Rifqi Hariri, Asih Perwita Dewi, Rina Ratnasih Irwanto** for consideration as a *Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology* research article.


In this manuscript, we show that the presence of naturalized *Alocasia cucullata* (Lour.) G.Don (Araceae) in Java for the first time. *Alocasia cucullata* is an introduced ornamental plant native to India, Sri Lanka, and Indo-China and was only known in cultivation in Indonesia.

We believe that our paper is appropriate for publication by *Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology* because our research shows about the descriptive and analytical studies of the naturalized *Alocasia cucullata* in Java. Our manuscript creates a for future studies about the naturalization of *Alocasia cucullata*, not only in Java but also in the other islands since this species has been introduced to Indonesia as ornamental plants.

This manuscript has not been published before and is not being considered for publication elsewhere. We have no conflicts of interest to disclose.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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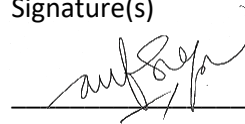
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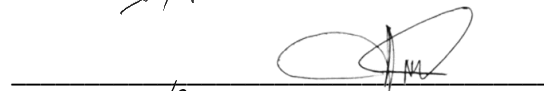
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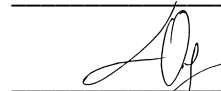
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