Abstract
This study presents taxonomic treatment of the species of Isoetaceae from Serra dos Carajás, Pará, Brazil. Two species occur in this locality (Isoetes cangae and I. serracarajensis). We provide descriptions, illustrations, images of the mega- and microspores, comments, distribution data and a key for these species as a contribution to the knowledge of the flora of the cangas from this area.

Key words: aquatic plants, endemism, Isoetes, lycophytes, taxonomy.

Resumo
Este estudo apresenta o tratamento taxonômico das espécies de Isoetaceae da Serra dos Carajás, Pará, Brasil. Nesta localidade ocorrem duas espécies (Isoetes cangae e I. serracarajensis). Aqui são apresentados descrições, ilustrações, imagens dos mega- e microsporos, comentários, dados da distribuição geográfica e uma chave para estas espécies como contribuição para o conhecimento da flora das cangas desta área.

Palavras-chave: plantas aquáticas, endemismo, Isoetes, licófitas, taxonomia.

Isoetaceae
Plants aquatic, amphibious or terrestrial in wet soils. Corm subglobose or obovoid, 2 to 3-lobate, with sclerified phyllopodia present or absent. Roots conspicuous, dichotomously branched. Leaves acicular, linear or triangular, containing a central vascular strand surrounded with four transversely septate lacunae, straight or flexuous, recurved to erect, apex acute or attenuate, partially or completely alate; alae hyaline, light green or brown. Gemma at the base of the leaf present or absent. Subula olive green or light green, terete to trigonal in transection. Labium rudimentary or well-developed, persistent or caducous. Ligule lanceolate, ovate or cordate. Velum rudimentary to complete. Sporangium elliptic, obovate or orbicular, hyaline to dark brown. Megaspores subspheroidal, trilete, white to dark grey, lustrous or not lustrous. Microspore grey to dark brown, monolete, heteropolar. Monotypic family.

1. Isoetes L.
The genus is distributed worldwide and comprises approximately 250 species, with South America being its center of taxonomic diversity with 64 species (Troia et al. 2016). In Brazil, Isoetes is represented by 24 species, three of which occur in the state of Pará (Prado et al. 2015; Pereira et al. 2016). The genus is readily identified by its leaves with four air-chambers in transection, a single sunken sporangium at the base of the leaf, sporangial trabeculae and ligula with a basal glossopodium (Gifford & Foster 1987; Pigg 1992; Moran 2004). However, Isoetes is known by its morphological simplicity that provides few characters for the taxonomy (Taylor & Hickey 1992). Habitat, habit, color, size and ornamentation of the mega- and microspore, the proportion of the sporangium wall covered by the velum and the sporangial wall coloration are some of the most useful characters in the taxonomy of the genus.
Key to species of *Isoetes* from the canga of Serra dos Carajás

1. Plants growing in permanent lakes; leaves slightly flexuous, laxly ascending to recurved; gemmae absent; velum covering 1/5–1/4 of the sporangium surface, fenestra pyriform; mega- and microsporangium hyaline to light brown; tubercles or verrucae of the megaspore inconspicuous, laesurae taller than wide ................................................................. 1.1. *Isoetes cangae*

1’. Plants growing in seasonal lakes and ponds, or terrestrial in wet soils; leaves straight, rigidly ascending or erect; gemmae present; velum absent to less than 1/5 of the sporangium surface, fenestra elliptic or ovate; megasporangium dark or red brown, and microsporangium grey or dark brown; verrucae of the megaspore conspicuous, laesurae wider than high or as wide as tall. ........1.2. *Isoetes serracarajensis*

**1.1. *Isoetes cangae* J.B.S.Pereira, Salino & Stützel, Phytotaxa 272(2): 145. 2016.**

Figs. 1a-b; 2a-b

Plants aquatic submerged, growing in permanent lakes. Corm subglobose or obovoid, 0.8–1.3 cm large, 3-lobate, with sclerified phyllopodia absent or present. Leaves 0.65–1.2 mm wide at mid length, 15–25 cm long, 25–50 per individual, linear, slightly flexuous, laxly ascending to recurved, apex attenuate; alae 1.5–2.5 mm wide at the sporangium, 2.5–4 cm long, stretching 1/5–1/4 of the leaf, hyaline or light green. Gemmae absent. Subula olive green or light green, semi-terete. Labium 1.5–3.5 mm wide, 0.8–2.4 mm long, reniform or cordate. Ligule 4–5.5 mm wide, 3–6 mm long, hyaline, ovate-lanceolate or cordate. Velum covering 1/5–1/4 of the sporangium surface, fenestra pyriform. Sporangium 2.2–3 mm wide, 2–4.5 mm long, elliptic, mega- and microsporangium light brown or hyaline. Megaspores 490–600 μm diam., white, slightly lustrous; laesures taller than wide, with straight and inclined sides, apex acute to obtuse, slightly separated from the remaining macrosculptural elements; proximal and distal surface verrucate to tuberculate, tubercles or verrucae inconspicuous. Microspores 29–34 μm long, light brown; proximal surface echinate; distal surface echinate to tuberculate.

**Material selected:** Canaã dos Carajás, Serra Sul, S11D, 6°23'57''S, 50°22'13''W, 730 m, 22.I.2013, A.J. Arruda et al. 1329 (B, BHCB).

*Isoetes gardneriana* Kunze ex A.Braun is similar to *I. cangae* by its laxly ascending to recurved leaves (Fig. 1a) having tuberculate megaspores (Fig. 2a) and a reduced velum covering less than 1/4 of the adaxial sporangial surface (Fig. 1b). However, in *I. gardneriana* the megaspores are dark brown to grey (vs. white in *I. cangae*), the laesures are knife-like (vs. sharply triangular), and the distal surface of the microspores is laevigate to papillate (vs. echinate; Fig. 2b).

*Isoetes cangae* is known only from its type locality in Serra Sul: S11D, Canaã dos Carajás, in southern Pará, Brazil. It is found submerged in permanent lakes over ironstone in rupestrian field vegetation at 730 m.

**1.2. *Isoetes serracarajensis* J.B.S.Pereira, Salino & Stützel, Phytotaxa 272(2): 142. 2016.**

Figs. 1c-d; 2c-f

Plants aquatic submerged, growing in seasonal lakes and ponds, or terrestrial in wet soils. Corm subglobose or obovoid, 0.4–1.3 cm large, 3-lobate, with sclerified phyllopodia present. Leaves 0.5–1.5 mm wide at mid length, 2.5–25 cm long, 8–70 per individual, linear or triangular, straight, rigidly ascending or erect, apex acute or attenuate; alae 1.5–2 mm wide at the sporangium, 0.7–6 cm long, stretching 1/6–1/4 of the leaf, hyaline. Gemmae present. Subula olive green, semi-terete. Labium 0.5–3 mm wide, 0.8–1.5 mm long, reniform or cordate. Ligule 1.4–3 mm wide, 1.8–4.7 mm long, hyaline, ovate or cordate. Velum rudimentary, fenestra elliptic to ovate. Sporangium 1.3–3.3 mm wide, 2–5 mm long, elliptic or orbicular, megasporangium dark or red brown, microsporangium grey or dark brown. Megaspore 470–650 μm diam., white, not lustrous; laesures wider than tall or as wide as tall, with straight and parallel sides, apex rounded to truncate, slightly separated from the remaining macrosculptural elements; proximal and distal surface verrucate to tuberculate, verrucae conspicuous. Microspore 30–36 μm long, light brown to dark brown, proximal surface psilate (rarely echinate); distal surface echinate to tuberculate.

**Material selected:** Canaã dos Carajás, Serra da Bocaina, 6°19'45''S, 49°57'46''W, 713 m, 17.V.2016, B.F. Falcão et al. 460 (MG, HCJS); Serra Sul,
Figure 1 – a-b. *Isoetes cangae* – a. habit; b. adaxial view of the base of the leaf with ligula ovate-lanceolate, labium reniform-cordate and fenestra of the velum pyriform. c-d. *Isoetes serracarajasensis* – c. habit; d. adaxial view of the base of the leaf with labium reniform-cordate and fenestra of the velum elliptic-ovate (a,b. B.F. Falcão et al. 34, c,d. B.F. Falcão et al. 43). Illustration: João Silveira.
Isoetes amazonica A.Braun is similar to I. serracarajensis by the size of its leaves, verrucate megaspores (Fig. 2c) and echinate microspores (Fig. 2d). However, in I. amazonica the gemma at the base of the leaf is absent (vs. present in I.
serracarajensis; Fig. 2e-f), the adaxial surface of the microsporangium is hyaline (vs. grey to dark brown), the laesures of the megaspore have convex sides and obtuse apices (vs. parallel sides and rounded to truncate apex), and the macrosculptural elements of the proximal surface are connected to laesures (vs. macrosculptural elements clearly separated from laesures).

Isoetes serracarajensis is widespread in Serra dos Carajás, being known from Serra Norte: N3, N4, N6, N7; Serra Sul: S11B, Serra da Bocaina, and Serra do Tarzan. Isoetes serracarajensis is found narrowly associated with ‘canga’ vegetation and submerged in seasonal lakes, ponds, or terrestrial on wet soil on top of the mountains at 650–822 m.

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