

## Master thesis of Dominik Anýž – supervisor's evaluation

Dominik's thesis was planned quite megalomaniac: to perform a pollination experiment on as many plant species as possible along the elevational gradient of Mount Cameroonian montane grasslands. It is necessary to say that although our group had rich experience with such studies on individual species, or in multiple species in a greenhouse, we have never performed such a broad field experiment. It has surely brought numerous traps, both expected and unexpected, but after the first field season we were sure the thesis would bring robust datasets. But nobody expects the pandemics, the unrealised expedition should explain the chaos in a part of the dataset. Nevertheless, we are already preparing a substitute expedition during which the remaining data will be sampled, and Dominik is planning to finish the study during his PhD studies. Nevertheless, despite all the challenging changes, I consider the thesis results interesting and consistent enough to be defended as a standard master thesis.

Despite some initial doubts (mostly caused by the specific ways of Dominik's work on his bachelor thesis), Dominik has appeared a hard-working and highly independent team member in the field. Already after a few days, he has become fully responsible for leading a small team pollinating flowers at two different elevations on Mount Cameroon, and still had some time to help with other parts of our project time to time. Later, he has also actively participated in preparation of the small 'covid' expedition led by Kobe Ishmeal to get at least the few species growing at the mountain peak. The data processing and studying the necessary theoretical background seemed to be much tougher for both the student and his supervisor, but I hope Dominik got an important lesson to not underestimate it in the future (naïve, I know...).

Altogether, I find Dominik and his thesis to be of enough quality for the successful defence, and after adding the missing lowest elevation data also for the valuable scientific publication.