

Sapotaceae

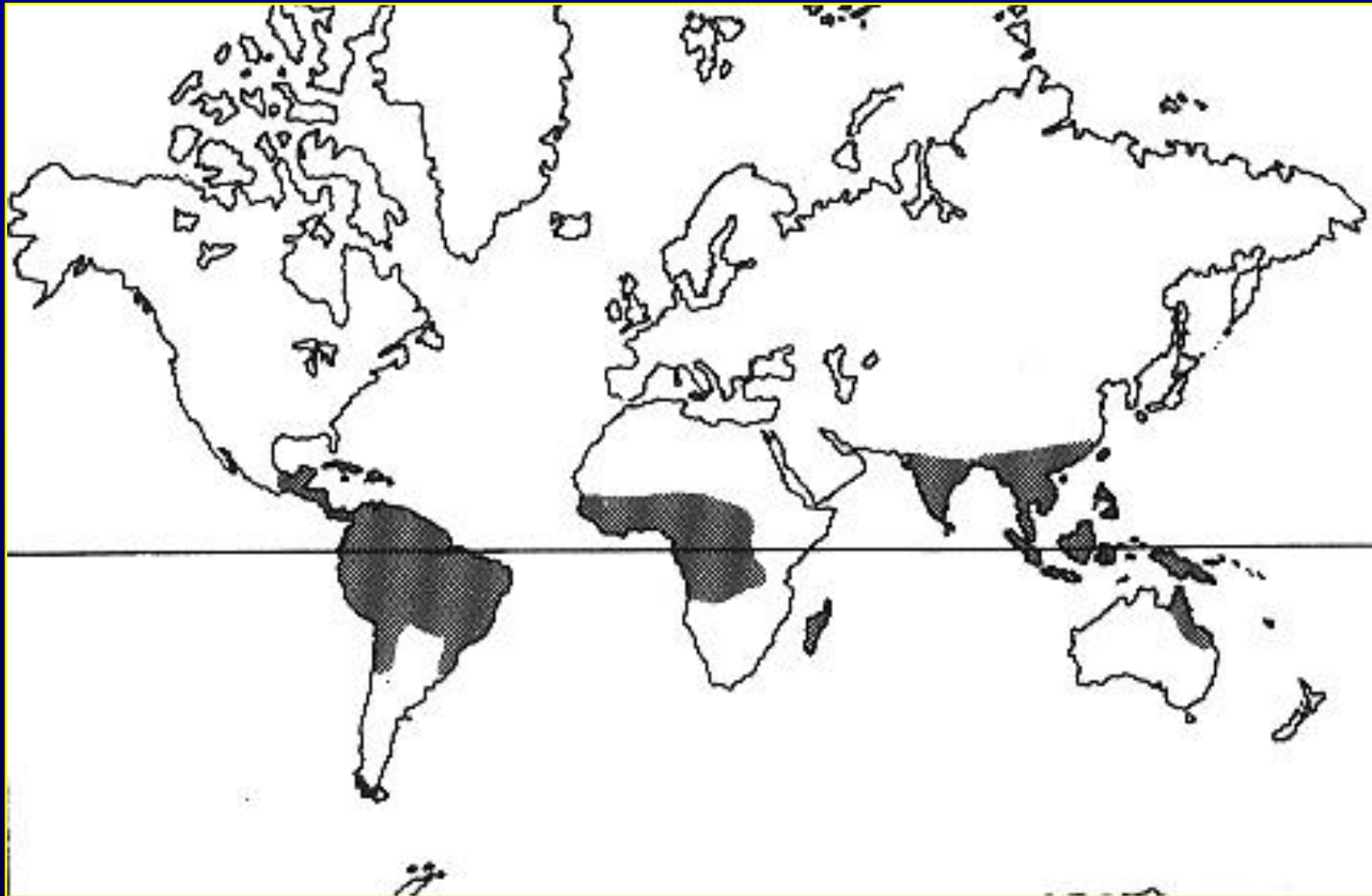


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Distribution

Ca. 53 genera, Ca. 1100 species

In in SE-Asia 16 genera, ca. 250 species



Family characters

Trees or shrubs, with
white sap





Leaves: Simple,
alternate, usually
crowded at twig tips



Leaves usually with
light underside,
Margin often entire



Leaf top



Leaf underneath



Petioles: Often
and swollen at



Stipules: Present,
usually caducous,
or absent
(*Chrysophyllum* &
Pouteria)
usually small.



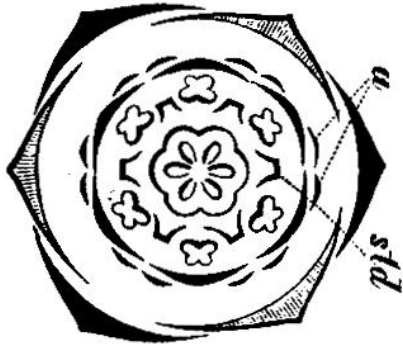
Inflorescences: Fascicles, rarely solitary, usually axillary, sometime on branches or stem



Flowers: Bisexual, rarely unisexual
(monoecious or dioecious)

Sepals 4-8, connate or free

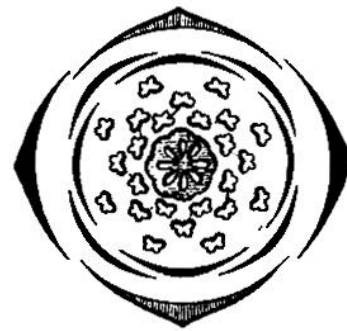
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