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This book is a manual for identifying the poroid fungi of Africa. It is a general overview of African polypore-flora, which includes keys and descriptions for 490 species. Of those 490 species, 179 are known only in Africa.

Presently there are nearly 100 published mycological studies about African poroid fungi. However, our knowledge of the subject will remain somewhat fragmented until a monograph is developed. In order to construct a more comprehensive treatment, a systematic survey is required.

To perform a systematic survey of Africa's polypore flora, a monumental number of high-quality specimens must be studied. The specimens should be collected from a wide range of localities, dehydrated properly, and carefully annotated with field notes. Optimally, some collecting sites should be returned to during every season throughout the year for gathering additional herbarium collections.

In this book, the species were all determined by examining macroscopic and microscopic features. DNA-based investigations were not undertaken in this study. In all likelihood, once DNA work is incorporated into future studies about African poroid fungi, the classification of species within this book may change significantly.

An important message of this book is that Africa is a hugely under-explored continent for polypore research. It is a superior geographic location for the exploration and discovery of unknown species of polypores and similar fungi.

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