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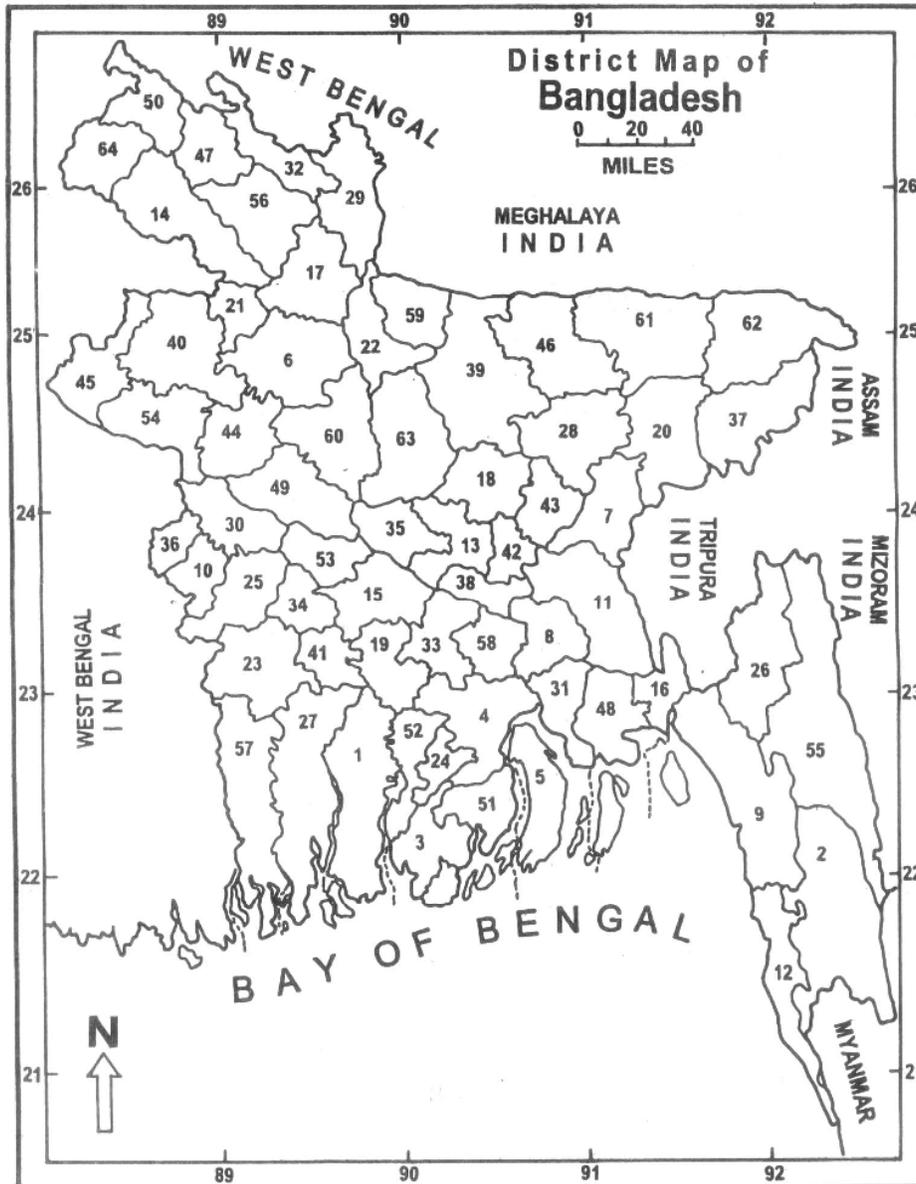
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TACCACEAE Dumortier

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Perennial herbs with rhizomatous stem. Rhizome solid, starchy, globose or elongate, vertical or horizontal, sometimes tuberous. Leaves all basal, usually large, long petioled, blades entire to much dissected, venation parallel or palmate and with secondary network. Inflorescence a cymose umbel, involucrate, borne on a scape. Flowers pedicellate, actinomorphic, bisexual, epigynous, trimerous. Tepals 6, in two whorls of 3 each, usually dark-coloured, petaloid, often connate toward the base. Stamens 6, arranged in 2 cycles, attached to the perianth-tube or to the base of the tepals, filaments short, flat, anthers tetrasporangiate, 2-celled, bursting through longitudinal slits. Carpels 3, syncarpous, 6-ribbed, ovary inferior, unilocular, ovules many, placentation parietal, styles very short, stigmatic branches 3, incurved, stigmas dry, papillate. Fruit a berry or seldom a loculicidal capsule. Seeds 10 to many, endosperm copious.

The family Taccaceae consists of the single genus *Tacca* (including *Schizocaspa*), with about 10 species, pantropical in distribution, but mostly in South East Asia and Polynesia (Hassan, 2008). In Bangladesh, the family is represented by 4 species.

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