Unidentified material, possibly new species

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In Gabon, N of Ayem Lake, 10 km SW of Ndjolé, N. Hallé collected under no 1727 a specimen which hitherto could not be identified. It has been collected from a shrub. It bears unifoliolate leaves and young fruits with remnants of sepals, petals, and stamens. Undoubtedly it is Connaraceous. The leaves fit well within the genus *Hemandradenia* and so do the remnants of calyx and corolla. Also its origin fits the geographical distribution of it. However, there are two characters which refrain me from putting it in this genus. These two are the apparently ten fertile stamens (at least ten long filaments are present) and the shape of the young, glabrescent fruit. This fruit shape, strongly cuneate at both ends, fits better in other genera like *Vismianthus* and *Ellipanthus*. Mature fruits and/or complete flowers are needed at least to decide where to place this specimen, that almost surely represents a new species.