

127. **LEPANTHES PORRACEA** Luer & R. Escobar, sp. nov.

Planta mediocris grandisve, ramicaulibus crassisimis, inflorescentia racemosa folio elliptico acuminato brevior, sepalis porraceis, sepalo dorsali ovatis acuminato, sepalis lateralibus obliquis approximatis in laminam ovatam acutam fissam tenentibus apicibus encrassatis, petalis transversis bilobis, lobis oblongis apicibus rotundatis, labelli laminis ellipticis microscopice ciliatis, connectivis latis, appendice dense ciliata.

TYPE: Colombia: Dept. of Risaralda: San Antonio del Chamí, collected by E. Valencia, Nov. 1992, flowered in cultivation at Colomborquídeas, 3 June 1995, R. Escobar s.n. (Holotype: JAUM; Isotype: MO), C. Luer illustr. 17721.

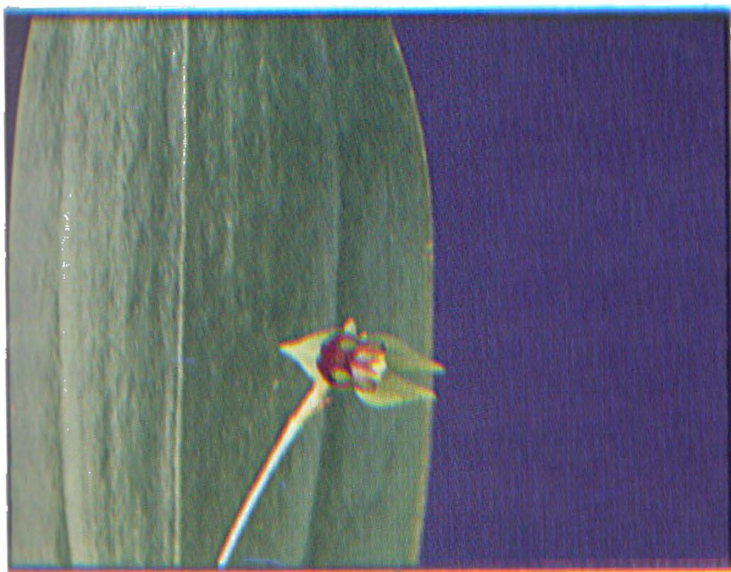
ETIMOLOGIA: Del latín *porraceus*, "verde-puerro", en alusión a las flores.

ETYMOLOGY: From the Latin *porraceus*, "leek-green," referring to the flowers.

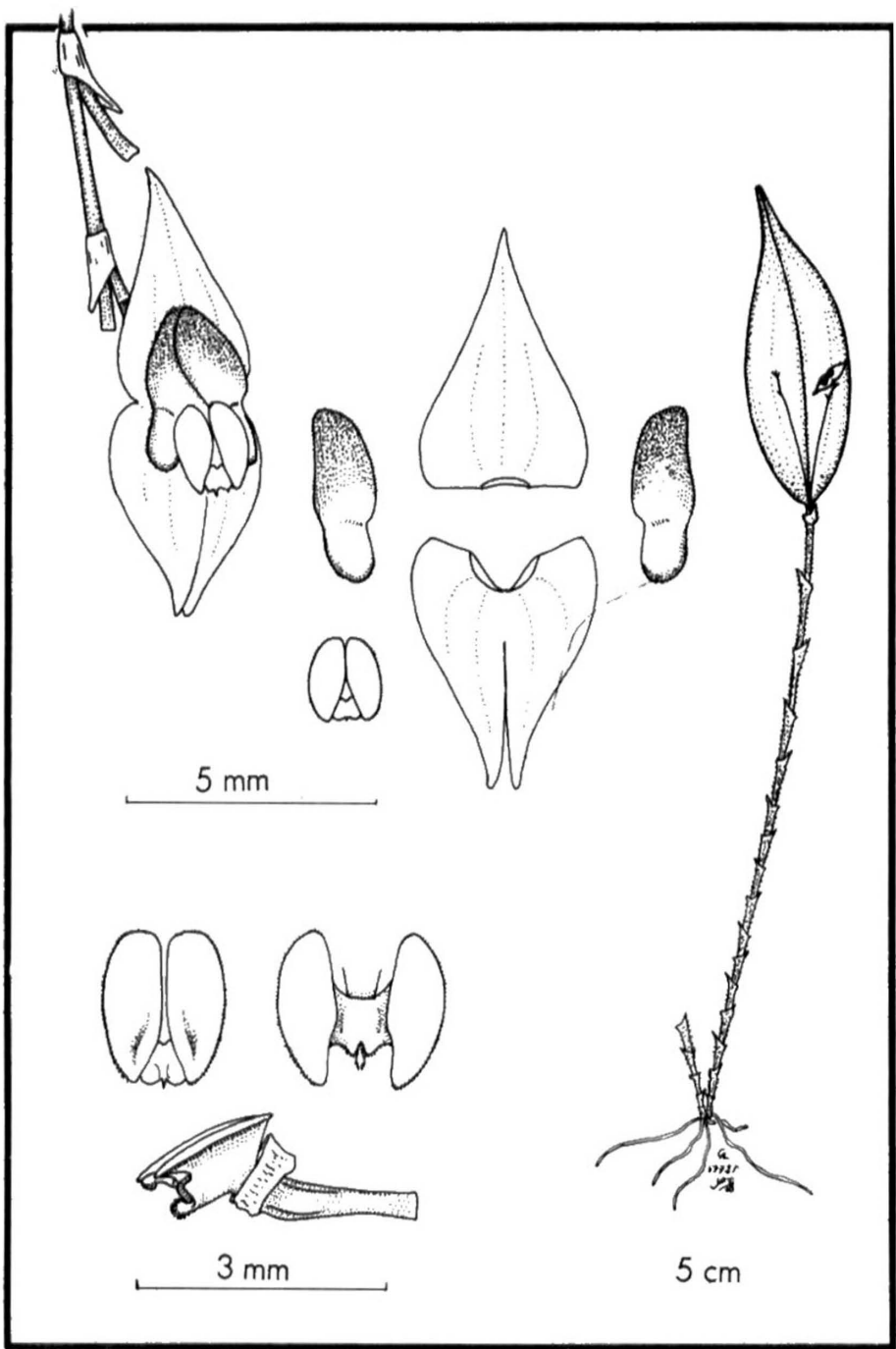
Plant medium in size to large, epiphytic, caespitose; roots very slender. Ramicauls stout, thick, erect, 6-12 cm long, enclosed by 12-15 coarsely ciliate, lepanthiform sheaths with oblique ostia. **Leaf** erect, coriaceous, elliptical-ovate, acute, acuminate, 4-6.5 cm long, 1.7-2.2 cm wide, the base cuneate, contracted into a petiole 3-4 mm long. **Inflorescence** a distichous or subsecund, successively several-flowered raceme lax below, to congested above, borne behind the leaf by a filiform peduncle 20-30 mm long; floral bract 2 mm long; pedicel 2-2.5 mm long; ovary 1.75 mm long; **sepals** deep green, membranous, carinate, entire, widely spread, the dorsal sepal ovate-triangular, acute, acuminate, 5 mm long, 3.5 mm wide, connate to the lateral sepals for 1 mm, the lateral sepals ovate, oblique, 5 mm long, approximate into an ovate, split lamina, 3.75 mm wide, connate 1 mm, with the apices thickened, acute; **petals** green, suffused with purple, microscopically pubescent, transversely bilobed, 1.25 mm long, 3.5 mm wide, the lobes broadly oblong with rounded apices, the upper lobe longer than the lower lobe; **lip** green with purple margins, bilaminate, the blades microscopically ciliate, elliptical, flat, with the ends rounded, 1.6 mm long, the connectives short, broad, the body connate to the base of the column, the sinus bifid, with the appendix small, densely pubescent; **column** 1.5 mm long, the anther dorsal, the stigma ventral.

Vegetativamente esta especie se caracteriza por los gruesos y rigurosos ramicaules revestidos de vainas toscamente ciliadas. La inflorescencia, de suelta en la parte inferior a atestada en la parte superior, es más corta que la hoja elíptica. Los sépalos son de un brillante verde profundo, el dorsal acuminado y los laterales aproximados en una lámina ovada, rajada. Los pétalos son transversalmente oblongos. Los agudos ápices de los sépalos laterales están engrosados. El labelo no es notable, las láminas son verdes y ovadas, y el apéndice pequeño y pubescente.

Vegetatively this species is distinguished by thick, strict ramicauls clothed by coarsely ciliate sheaths. The inflorescence, loosely flowered below becoming congested above, is shorter than the elliptical leaf. The sepals are bright deep-green, the dorsal acuminate and the laterals approximate into an ovate, split lamina. The petals are transversely oblong. The acute apices of the lateral sepals are thickened. The lip is not remarkable, the blades being green and ovate, and the appendix small and pubescent.



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