

PHOTOS FROM RECONNAISSANCE TRIP TO GOROKA AND KUNDIAWA  
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These Rhododendrons were cultivated and grown by the village people at the village, at the foot of Mt Gahavisuka Park. They got the seeds and young seedlings from the forest and grew them. They also have a small nursery and propagate from cuttings. I was really impressed with the village people who took ownership to get into nursery and focused on these Rhododendrons. The Nagamiya village is located at 1977m above sea level, the last village before getting to the Mt Gahavisuka Park.

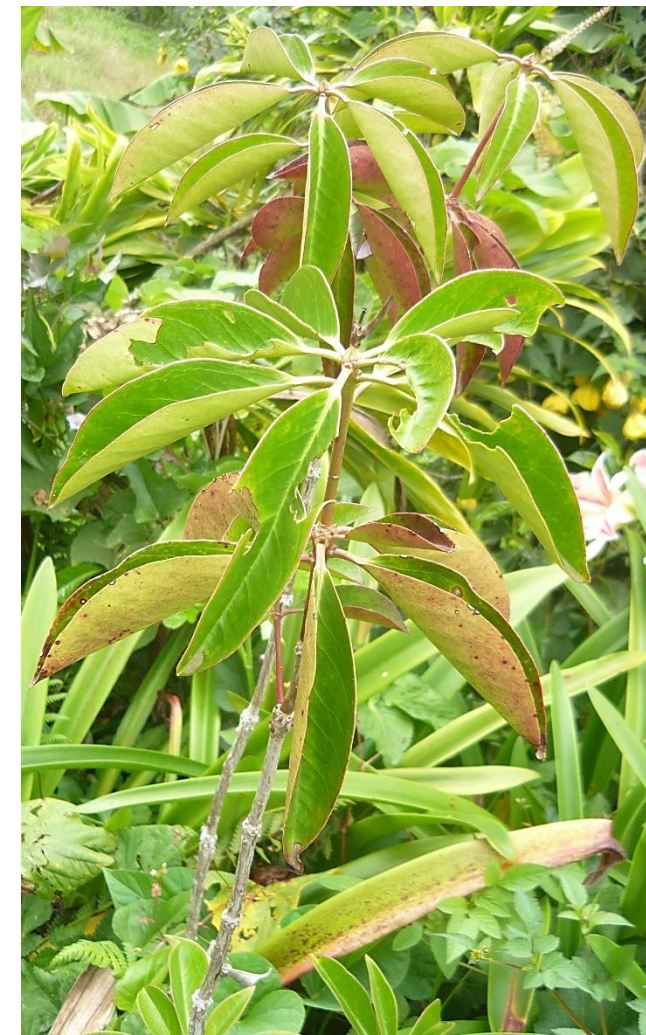


Close-up of the three Rhododendrons





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Son of the village leader holding a flowering Rhododendron species and standing next to a small nursery purposely made to propagate Rhododendrons. The village people called the rhodos "Lokeha" their their Gahuku language



Young seedling of Rhododendron species propagated from cuttings in the small village nursery



Mt Gahavisuka Park. Steel frame where signboard used to be



Road end circle/car park in the Park



Where the nursery for Rhodos and Orchids used to be. Steel frame still there.



Concrete left-over when it used to be a shed used as Information Centre



GPS reading. Altitude: 2287m



Rhododendron species growing within the Mt Gahavisuka Park



Standing R-L: Michael Lovave with three landowners on the road inside the Mt Gahavisuka Park



Standing R-L: Michael Lovave with two landowners from Mt Wilhelm in Kundiawa, Simbu Province.

Michael handed the photos and they were pleased to meet Michael after 6 years, they last met when we climbed Mt Wilhelm where lots of Rhodos species grow in 2014. Mt Wilhelm is PNG's highest mountain at 4509m.