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### PETRIFIED WOOD/ BIODIVERSITY/ PALEOCLIMATE/ NAKHON RATCHASIMA/ NORTHEAST/ THAILAND

Twenty three specimens of petrified wood were collected from late Cenozoic gravel beds at the Northeastern Research Institute of Petrified Wood and Mineral Resources, Nakhon Ratchasima province, northeastern Thailand. They were assigned at least 17 species from 10 genera of 7 families of dicotyledons, including cf. Mangiferoxylon sp. 1 and sp. 2, Anacardiaceae gen. indet. (Anacardiaceae), Canarium sp. (Burseraceae), Terminalia sp. vel Combretum sp., Terminalia sp. 1 and sp. 2 (Combretaceae), Irvingia sp. (Irvingiaceae), Cynometroxylon holdeni, Cynometroxylon sp., cf. Cynometroxylon sp. 1 and sp. 2, cf. Millettia sp. 1 and sp. 2 (Leguminosae), Careya sp. 1 and sp. 2 (Lecythidaceae), Azadirachta sp. (Meliaceae), and family *incertae sedis*. The diverse paleoflora shows a close resemblance to the modern flora of mixed deciduous, dry dipterocarp, and dry evergreen forests, indicating that the paleoclimate was tropical wet and dry (Aw) and tropical monsoon (Am), corresponding to the present climate in the area but with higher humidity. The sediments show characters of a braided stream system, and the logs were possibly transported by the strong water current and buried in an ancient river.

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