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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

m	-	meter
mm	-	millimeter
USDA	-	United States Department of Agriculture
°C	-	degree Celcius

ABSTRACT

Platycerium is an ornamental fern but the reproductive from spore rarely been studied. This study is focused on the spores of *Platycerium coronarium* capability to grow on three growths media of sand, soil and commercial humus. Media with spores were kept in an artificial environment and exposed to light condition as it source for energy. Though negative growth obtained in all media, comparative results of gametophyte phase from experiment that was successfully conducted in natural environment are presented. Possible factors contributing to the results are discussed.

PERBANDINGAN KITAR HIDUP *Platyserium* KE ATAS TIGA MEDIUM PERTUMBUHAN

ABSTRAK

Platyserium merupakan paku-pakis hiasan namun pembiakannya dari spora jarang di kaji. Kajian ini memfokuskan terhadap keupayaan spora *Platyserium coronarium* untuk tumbuh di atas tiga medium pertumbuhan yang terdiri daripada pasir, tanah dan humus komersial. Media yang disertai spora disimpan di dalam persekitaran buatan dan didedahkan dengan cahaya sebagai sumber tenaganya. Walaupun tiada pertumbuhan didapati dalam semua media, suatu perbandingan fasa gametofit hasil daripada ujikaji yang dilakukan dalam persekitaran semulajadi ditunjukkan. Faktor-faktor yang berkemungkinan menyumbang kepada keputusan kajian dibincangkan.