While sightseeing in the picturesque islands of Thailand’s peninsular southwest (Fig. 1), I was surprised to see succulents. The limestone islands of Phang Nga Bay, in Phang Nga province, were covered in *Euphorbia antiquorum* L. (Figs. 2-5), the type of the genus. *E. antiquorum* resembles and is closely related to *E. lactea* Haw., which is ubiquitous in cultivation. By contrast, I don’t recall ever seeing *E. antiquorum* in cultivation. *E. antiquorum* plants in Phang Nga Bay were usually perched precipitously upon crevices in the cliffs, sometimes rooted only a few meters above sea level (Fig. 3), but were quite vigourous and always growing upright. Several specimens were over 5 meters tall (Fig. 5). With an adequate foothold in the limestone, plants had a candelabra branching habit that is so typical of succulent euphorbias. Many of the islands in Phang Nga Bay appeared to contain this species of *Euphorbia. E. antiquorum* is native to Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Burma, Thailand, Malaysia, and Indonesia, including on islands in the Andaman Sea (Binoj Kumar & Balakrishnan 1991; Esser 2005).

Esser (2005) lists 28 species of *Euphorbia* in Thailand, but he only lists one-quarter of these as being “succulent, spiny, cactus-like”. Of these seven succulent taxa, only *E. antiquorum* appears to include peninsular Thailand as part of its native range. *E. milii* Des Moul. and *E. trigona* Roxb. are of African origin, *E. lactea* and *E. neriifolia* L. are probably of Indian origin, and, in Thailand, all four species are only known from cultivation. The remaining two succulent taxa listed by Esser (2005) from Thailand are *E. lacei* Craib, which is probably a synonym of *E. trigona* or *E. barnhartii* Croizat, and *E. sp.*, which may be synonymous with *E. antiquorum*. Thus seeing a cactus-like *Euphorbia* in the islands of peninsular Thailand probably should have comes as a surprise.

I took the photo of Koh Tapu (Fig. 6) – which is colloquially known as James Bond Island due to filming of the movie “The man with the golden gun” there – while standing next to *Euphorbia antiquorum*. Most of the other tourists probably thought I was crazy for