A new species of cremnophytic \textit{Aloe} from the Republic of Zambia

The Republic of Zambia, a landlocked country in southern Central Africa, has a great number of rivers and lakes. The principal water course is the mighty Zambezi, one of Africa’s largest rivers and the origin of the country’s name. Most of Zambia consists of a high plateau that is dissected by deep gorges and rivers, with frequent spectacular waterfalls of which perhaps the best known is the splendid Victoria Falls in the extreme south-west. However, it is less well-known that Africa’s second-highest single-drop waterfall, the Kalambo Falls, sole habitat of the cliff-dwelling \textit{Aloe veseyi} Reynolds, lies at the opposite end of the country on its northern border with Tanzania.

The author was recently invited to Zambia to investigate another species of cremnophytic \textit{Aloe} growing in a deep river gorge in the central region of the country. The invitation came from the author’s friend and aloe enthusiast Roger Monge who had recently heard from his fellow Zambian, Quentin Allen, of an interesting aloe. Quentin has devoted much time and effort visiting Zambian waterfalls and has produced a fine guide book on the subject (Allen 2004). In the course of his work, Quentin had noted a cremnophytic aloe growing in a remote gorge of difficult access. Roger reported this to the present author and sent him a photograph Quentin had taken of these plants in their wild surroundings. (Fig. 1) The plants in the photograph were not in flower and Roger was advised that, without flowering specimens,