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*Flacourtia* commemorates a French administrator and writer, Etienne de Flacourt (1607-1660). He was governor of Madagascar from 1648-1655 and then director-general of the French East India Company. In 1660 he was sailing back to Madagascar when his ship was attacked off Lisbon by pirates and he and 182 of the 200 passengers on board were drowned. His published works included *Petit Catéchisme (madécasse et français)*, *Dictoinnaire de la Langue de Madagascar*, and *Histoire de la grande île de Madagascar*. The dictionary is believed to be the first one published of the Khoi language (one of the three Khoisan African languages famed for their use of click consonants). The 'History' embraced observations of flora and fauna which are still highly regarded today.