

**Asean's pivotal role for regional stability: A realist perspective within the context of Us-China rivalry in Southeast Asia**

**ABSTRACT**

Recent fieldwork in Terengganu, Peninsular Malaysia, resulted in the collection of an endemic new species of *Ardisia*, described here as *Ardisia recurvipetala* Julius, Siti-Munirah & Utteridge. The species is a member of subgenus (§) *Crispardisia* on account of its vascularised glands (bacterial nodules) on the leaf margin and the terminal inflorescence on a specialised lateral branch subtended by a normal leaf (rather than a reduced bract-like leaf). *Ardisia recurvipetala* is unique amongst all members of §*Crispardisia* by having leaf margins with both vascularised glands and pustule-like structures and can be further distinguished from other Peninsular Malaysian members of this subgenus by the lamina raised between the leaf venation giving a somewhat bullate appearance, unbranched inflorescences, brownish-red pedicels and recurved corolla lobes, each with a creamy-white apex and a small pink patch at the base. *Ardisia recurvipetala* is known only from a single location in Terengganu and its conservation status is assessed as Data Deficient (DD).