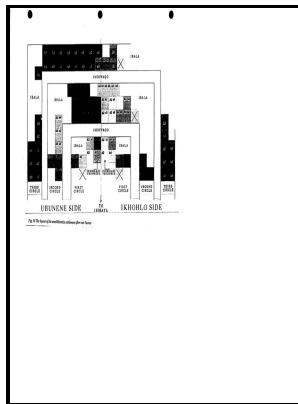


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The Chinese learned about new scientific instruments from European missionaries. The coastal belt of this region is considered to be predominantly tropical bush and savanna with sour grassveld covering flat-topped plateau spurs and thornveld occupying the flat-floored and enclosed river basins.

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It is characterized by short, dense growth of shrubby *Copaifera Mopane* J Kirk. POSTSCRIPT This paper was developed in the context of a course in indigenous architecture which, over the years, has been run at a number of universities.

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