



In situ Crop Wild Relatives in EURISCO Project Meeting

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Proposal for adding a new value to the
descriptor CONSACTION

Context 1

1. **Genetic reserve:** An area designated for the management and monitoring of the genetic diversity of one or several plant species in its natural habitat. In CWR conservation terminology this is not a legal figure of protection, but a way of implementing active in situ conservation through management and monitoring actions.
2. Nigel Maxted indicated that the establishment of genetic reserves is the main approach for providing effective in situ conservation of CWR and that the current information held in EURISCO about in situ conservation of CWR does not provide information on whether the in situ conserved populations uploaded to EURISCO are managed as part of a genetic reserve.
3. Juozas, Joanna, and I also expressed interest in providing greater detail on how the populations uploaded to EURISCO are being in situ conserved.
4. Stephan Weise indicated that the addition of a new value to an existing descriptor is a quite simple modification, whereas the addition of new descriptors would be more problematic for EURISCO and should be carefully considered.

Context 2

CONSACTION descriptor gathers conservation actions that are being implemented on the populations:

Conservation actions in place (CONSACTION)

Indication whether conservation actions related to the population are in place. Use the IUCN classification scheme for conservation actions in place.

0: No conservation actions

1: Monitoring and Planning

2: Land/Water Protection and Management

3: Species Management

4: Education and Legislation

99: Other (elaborate in REMARKS field)

Proposal

To add a new value “5” indicating that the population is being managed as part of a genetic reserve

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2: Land/Water Protection and Management

3: Species Management

4: Education and Legislation

5: Managed as part of a CWR genetic reserve

99: Other (elaborate in REMARKS field)

Context 3

Site protection (SITEPROT)

Indicate whether the site is **protected under any legal or official protection**

0: not protected

1: strict nature reserve

2: wilderness area

3: national park

4: natural monument or feature

5: habitat/species management area

6: protected landscape/seascape

7: protected area with sustainable use of natural resources.

8: other effective conservation measures (OECM)

Alternative proposal

To add a new value “9” indicating that the population is part of an official genetic reserve

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8: other effective conservation measures (OECM)

9: CWR genetic reserve