



UK landowner’s/occupier’s consent to the collection and use of plant material and data by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (RBG Kew) is seeking your permission to enter land in order to collect seed and other related plant material (including data and images).

This document explains the uses that may be made of such plant material and data. If the landowner does not place any express restrictions on these uses, then access to the plant material and data shall have been granted on the basis that RBG Kew may use it as set out below.

Plant material shall be accessioned into the RBG Kew collections at Wakehurst Place, Ardingly, West Sussex, or at Kew, Richmond, Surrey, as appropriate, and associated collections data (including site name and location) will be processed and stored securely in accordance with RBG Kew’s data handling policies. In accordance with international seed conservation standards, a sub-sample may be securely stored at another facility in the UK as a back-up.

RBG Kew shall access, use and share the plant material and data to further its charitable purposes.

Plant material and collections data may be:

- (a) Made available for scientific study to RBG Kew staff and authorised visitors; and/or
- (b) Used for the common good in the areas of education, conservation and public display; and/or
- (c) Sampled for pollen, spores, DNA, anatomical or cytological preparations and/or chemicals for scientific research purposes; and/or
- (d) Sent on loan, supplied, or further distributed for the purposes of scientific research, conservation or horticulture; and/or
- (e) Published in botanical and biodiversity databases including digital images which are freely available on the internet.

We will use your personal data to seek your consent regarding any uses of your seed that fall outside the terms of this Landowner Consent Form. RBG Kew will process your data as necessary to fulfil our public task, retaining it for the lifetime of seed and then as a scientific and historical record. Further information on your rights is available on our website at www.kew.org/privacy. We will not sell your data under any circumstances and will not pass data to third parties without your permission.

For further information please see overleaf.

Consent: I consent to the collection of plant material and data from the site specified and its transfer to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew for use/supply as outlined above.

I have the authority to give this consent, being either the owner/occupier or person authorised on their behalf.

Site name & address:

Signed..... Date.....

Name..... Organisation (If applicable)

Contact details:

Information for landowners and occupiers

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Species rich habitats in the UK have been destroyed, degraded and fragmented at an alarming rate. Many also now face pressures from climate change and invasive pests and diseases. In response, the government and conservation agencies are working together to expand and link surviving habitats and create a resilient ecological network. Achieving this vision will depend on the availability of a diverse range of high quality, UK native-origin seed for research and conservation activities.

With the co-operation and support of landowners RBG Kew is working to increase the diversity of UK native plant species that are collected, seed banked and made available for wider use. Seed is collected by RBG Kew staff, volunteers and by partner organisations. It is processed and stored at RBG Kew's Millennium Seed Bank (MSB), which already stores seed from over 40,000 plant species from across the globe.

This priceless collection will serve as a back-up in case these species are lost in the landscape. It will also provide seed material for current research needs such as testing for disease resistance and increasing our understanding of the biology and ecology of UK plant species.

For the UK's most rare and threatened flora, we work closely with government agencies and partners on bona fide conservation and reintroduction projects. RBG Kew can provide seed and plants to organisations and projects wishing to grow and use native species where the aim is to make an effective and genuine contribution to the conservation and restoration of biodiversity in the UK. Material is supplied under licence on a cost recovery basis, with use restricted to sites where there is a high probability that the material will be able to form sustainable reintroduced populations whilst posing minimal risks to local habitats, species or ecotypes.

Our expertise in collecting, storage, germination and propagation of the UK's flora is shared through publications, partnership working and training events.

In order to ensure the Millennium Seed Bank is conserving high quality seed collections from healthy populations, RBG Kew welcomes and acknowledges the support of landowners in providing access to collection sites and plant material.

RBG Kew is incorporated in the United Kingdom by the National Heritage Act 1983 and is an exempt charity whose scientific vision is to document and understand global plant and fungal diversity and its uses, bringing authoritative expertise to bear on the critical challenges facing humanity today. RBG Kew is supported by the United Kingdom Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs ("Defra"), which is ultimately responsible to Parliament for RBG Kew's key aims and activities. As an authority under [Section 28G of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981](#), RBG Kew assesses the potential impacts of its activities on protected sites and liaises with public bodies and country agencies for the environment as appropriate.

Further information is available from the UK Collections Coordinator; Stephanie Miles (s.miles@kew.org) and at this web page: <https://www.kew.org/science/our-science/projects/banking-UK-seeds>

