Acknowledgements

This book results from an international workshop, 'Seed Conservation: Turning Science into Practice', held at the Wellcome Trust Millennium Building, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Wakehurst Place, West Sussex, UK during 27–30 July 2001. Many staff of RBG Kew's Seed Conservation Department (SCD) were involved in the organisation of this workshop. The editors particularly wish to thank the members of the International Co-ordination team (Michael Way, Tim Pearce, Dr Michiel van Slageren, Dr Paul Smith and Clare Tenner), Keith Manger, Sarah Moss and, from RBG Kew's Corporate Services Department, Diana Rawlinson, for their help with conference logistics. Apart from the general Millennium Seed Bank Project (MSBP) funding (see below), British Airways Communities and Conservation provided financial support for the workshop.

A number of SCD staff were involved in the production of this book. Steve Alton, Dr Matthew Daws, Dr Fiona Hay, Tim Pearce, Dr Moctar Sacandé, Dr Paul Smith, Clare Tenner, Dr Peter Toorop, Dr Michiel van Slageren, Michael Way and Dr Chris Wood helped with the reviewing of manuscripts. The editors are especially grateful to Dr Michiel van Slageren who checked the spellings and authorities of scientific names used throughout this book. Within RBG Kew's Information Services Department, special thanks go to Suzy Dickerson and Margaret Newman (Editorial Unit) and John Stone (Media Resources). Fiona Ainsworth assisted with the checking of the bibliography. Thanks also go to Kanenori Miura, a visitor to Kew in 2001, for use of a photographic image incorporated in the front cover design.

This workshop and book resulted from activities of the Millennium Seed Bank Project. This international project would not have been possible without the financial support received from the UK's Millennium Commission, the Wellcome Trust, Orange plc, Defra (RBG Kew's sponsoring UK Government department) and many other organisations and individuals. Furthermore, the Project would not be possible without the collaboration of a large number of governments and scientists from around the world. Major partners with RBG Kew are (in April 2003): The Ministry of Agriculture, Botswana; Centre National de Semences Forestières, Burkina Faso; Instituto de Investigaciones Agropecuarias, Chile; The Desert Research Center, Egypt; The National Center for Agricultural Research and Technology Transfer, Jordan; National Museums of Kenya, Kenya Agricultural Research Institute, The Kenya Forestry Research Institute, The Forestry Department, and The Kenya Wildlife Service, Kenya; The Lebanese Agricultural Research Institute, Lebanon; Silo National des Graines Forestières, Madagascar; Forestry Research Institute of Malawi, National Plant Genetic Resource Centre, National Herbarium and Botanical Gardens, and National Research Council of Malawi, Malawi; L'Institut d'Économie Rurale, Mali; National Autonomous

University of Mexico, Mexico; National Plant Genetic Resources Centre, Namibia; National Botanical Institute, South Africa; Bureau for Land Management, and The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, USA; The National Commission for Wildlife Conservation and Development, Saudi Arabia; and the Department of Conservation and Land Management, and The Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority, Western Australia. Their assistance, and the assistance of a great number of other organisations, also involved with the Project, is gratefully acknowledged.