



UK LANDOWNER'S/OCCUPIER'S CONSENT TO THE COLLECTION AND USE OF PLANT MATERIAL BY THE ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS, KEW

The Royal Botanic Gardens, 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. If the landowner does not place any express restrictions on these uses, then access to the plant material shall have been granted on the basis that Kew may use it as set out below.

Plant material shall be accessioned into the Kew collections at Wakehurst Place, Ardingly, West Sussex, or at Kew, Richmond Surrey, as appropriate.

Kew shall use the plant material in furtherance of its charitable purposes. Plant material may be:

- (a) Made available for scientific study to 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) Digitally imaged and published in botanical databases freely available on the internet.

For further information please see overleaf.

CONSENT

I consent to the collection of plant material 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.

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

Name.....

Site name and address:

Organisation (if appropriate).....

Contact details.....

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Information for Landowners and Occupiers

Use of Plant Material by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

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 pest and diseases. In response, the government and conservation agencies plan to work together to expand and link surviving habitats, into 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 and volunteers, the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew is working to increase the diversity of UK native plant species that are collected, seed banked and made available for wider use. This is currently achieved through our UK Flora Project, the UK National Tree Seed Project, and the UK Native Seed Hub. Seed is collected both by Kew's own staff and by partner organisations. It is then processed and stored at Kew's Millennium Seed Bank (MSB), which already stores seed from over 30,000 plant species from across the globe.

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

In the case of our most rare and threatened flora, we work closely with government agencies and carefully selected, appropriate partners on *bona fide* conservation and re-introduction projects.

In other cases, by using our seed collections and associated seed production beds at the Millennium Seed Bank at Wakehurst Place, our UK Native Seed Hub can provide seed and plants to appropriate, responsible, partners wishing to grow and use native species. 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 native flora is shared through publications, partnership working and training events.

In order to complete such ambitious work, Kew welcomes and acknowledges the support of landowners in providing access to collection sites and plant material.

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. . Kew is supported by the United Kingdom Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs ("Defra"), which is ultimately responsible to Parliament for Kew's key aims and activities.

Further information is available from UK Programme Co-ordinator, Clare Trivedi c.trivedi@kew.org.

On the web via www.kew.org

