

# IUCN SSC Mediterranean Plant Specialist Group

2016-2017 Report



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## Number of members

70

## Mission statement

Implementation of field conservation projects for Critically Endangered Mediterranean plants with authorities and local populations / Identification of Important Plant Areas in Mediterranean countries / Raising plant conservation profile in the Mediterranean / Networking with botanists and conservationists / Sharing best practices in plant conservation / Education and raising awareness of public and stakeholders at regional, national and local levels.

## Main activities by Key Priority Area (2016 & 2017)

### Communications

#### ■ Communication

i. Dedicated website with 50 datasheets on top Mediterranean island plants (<http://top50.iucn-mpsg.org/>). (KSR #43)

#### ■ Synergy

i. Eighty plant conservationists attending the 1st Mediterranean Plant Conservation Week. (KSR #17)

### Conservation action

#### ■ Conservation activities

i. Five-hundred and thirty-three KBAs identified and delineated in the Mediterranean Basin Biodiversity Hotspot Ecosystem Profile 2017 (CEPF - Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund). (KSR #22)

ii. Seventeen Important Plant Areas identified, delineated, described and conservation priorities established. (KSR #22)

iii. Implementing the *Conserving wild plants in the south and east Mediterranean region* Programme in six countries. (KSR #27)

iv. Implementing *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation actions for threatened Mediterranean island flora in six islands. (KSR #27)

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*Erodium corsicum*, Endemic of Corsica and Sardinia  
Photo: Aline Perez-Graber



Near Threatened *Origanum dictamnus*, Endemic of Crete  
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### **Targets for the quadrennium 2017-2020**

#### **Barometer of life**

Red List: thirty Red List assessments.

#### **Conservation action**

Conservation activities: (1) *in situ* conservation measures implemented for 30 threatened plants; (2) *ex situ* conservation measures implemented for 50 threatened plants.

#### **Policy**

Conservation activities: identify 50 KBAs for plants.

### **Projected impact for the quadrennium**

#### **2017-2020**

For the end of the quadrennium, the Mediterranean Plant Specialist Group (MPSG) intends to continue to make IUCN Red List assessments of the most endangered restricted endemic taxa, as well as to implement *ex situ* and *in situ* conservation actions with a special focus on non EU Mediterranean countries. The networking of specialists in the conservation of Mediterranean flora will be strengthened. The MPSG will continue to offer multilateral programs for the conservation of flora and raise awareness among donors and policy makers. Finally, the MPSG will continue to be a partner and adviser of CEPF (Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund) and the IUCN Mediterranean Cooperation Centre.

### **Summary of activities (2016-2017)**

Key Priority Area ratio: 2/7

Key Priority Areas addressed:

- Communications (2 activities)
- Conservation action (4 activities)

Main KSRs addressed: 17, 22, 27, 43

KSR: Key Species Result