

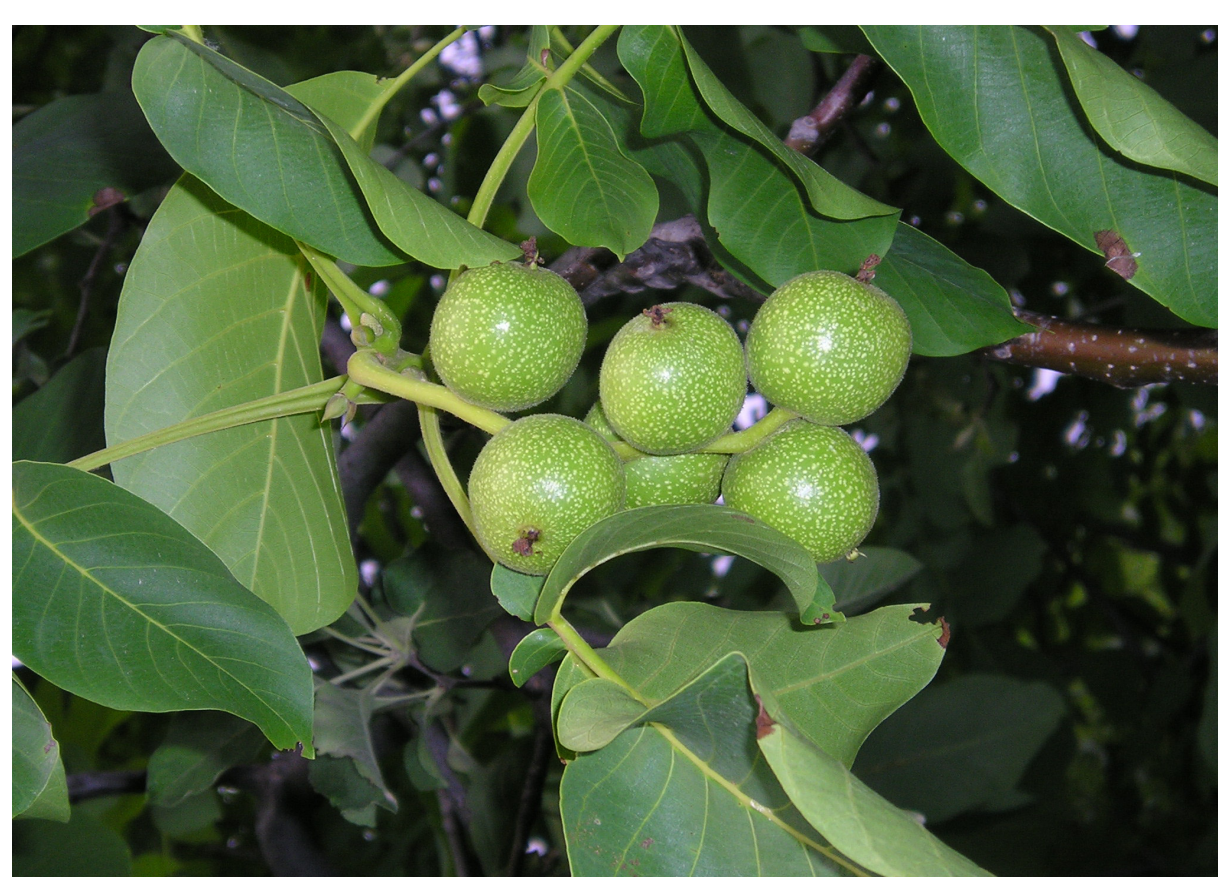
Crop Wild Relatives Global Portal

A global portal for crop wild relatives is being developed by a project supported by UNEP-GEF, "In situ conservation of crop wild relatives through enhanced information management and field application"

A major constraint to effective conservation of crop wild relatives is the capacity to bring together and use relevant but highly dispersed information. A global crop wild relatives portal will overcome this constraint.



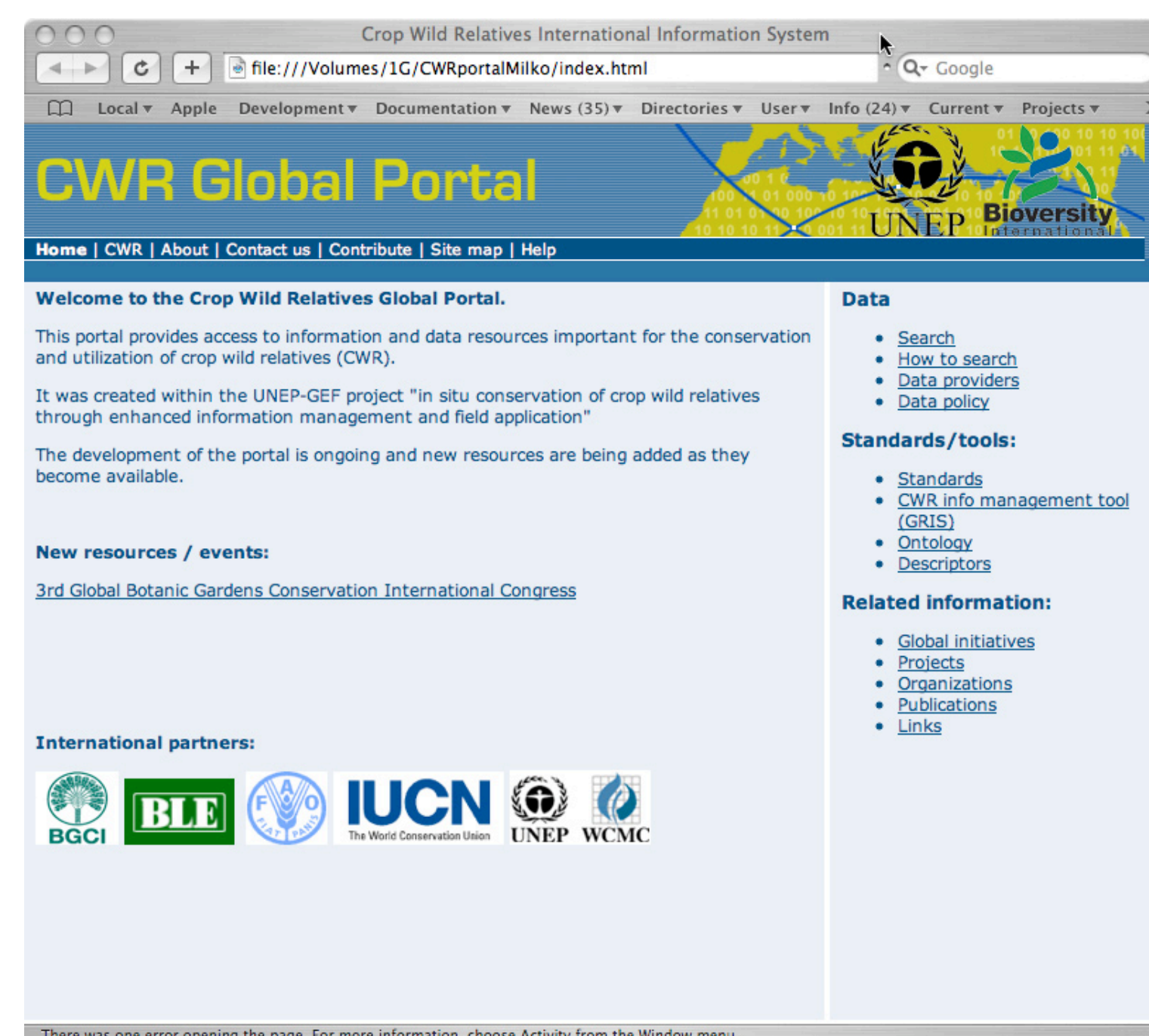
Vanilla, Madagascar (A. Lane).



Wild walnut, Uzbekistan (A. Lane).

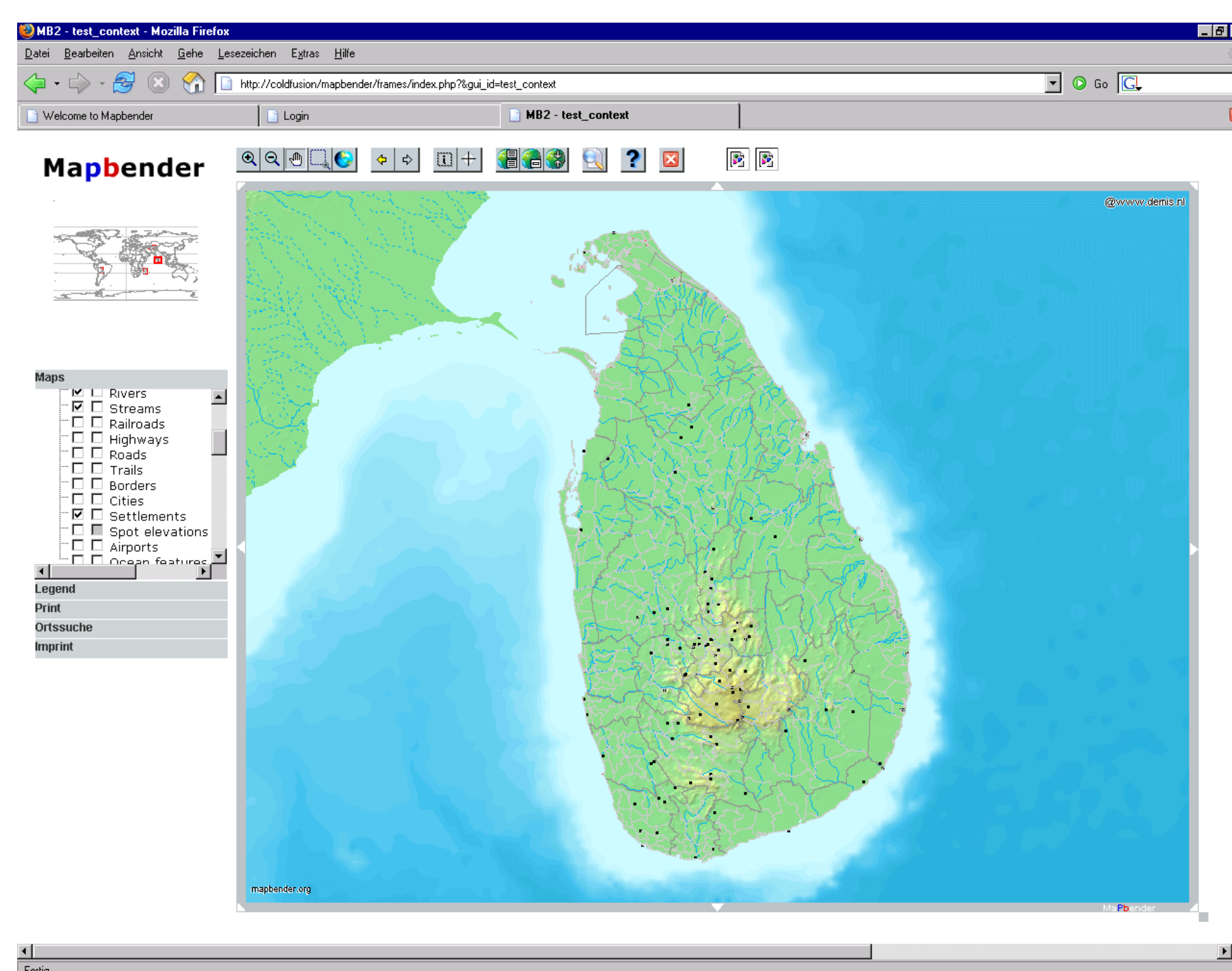
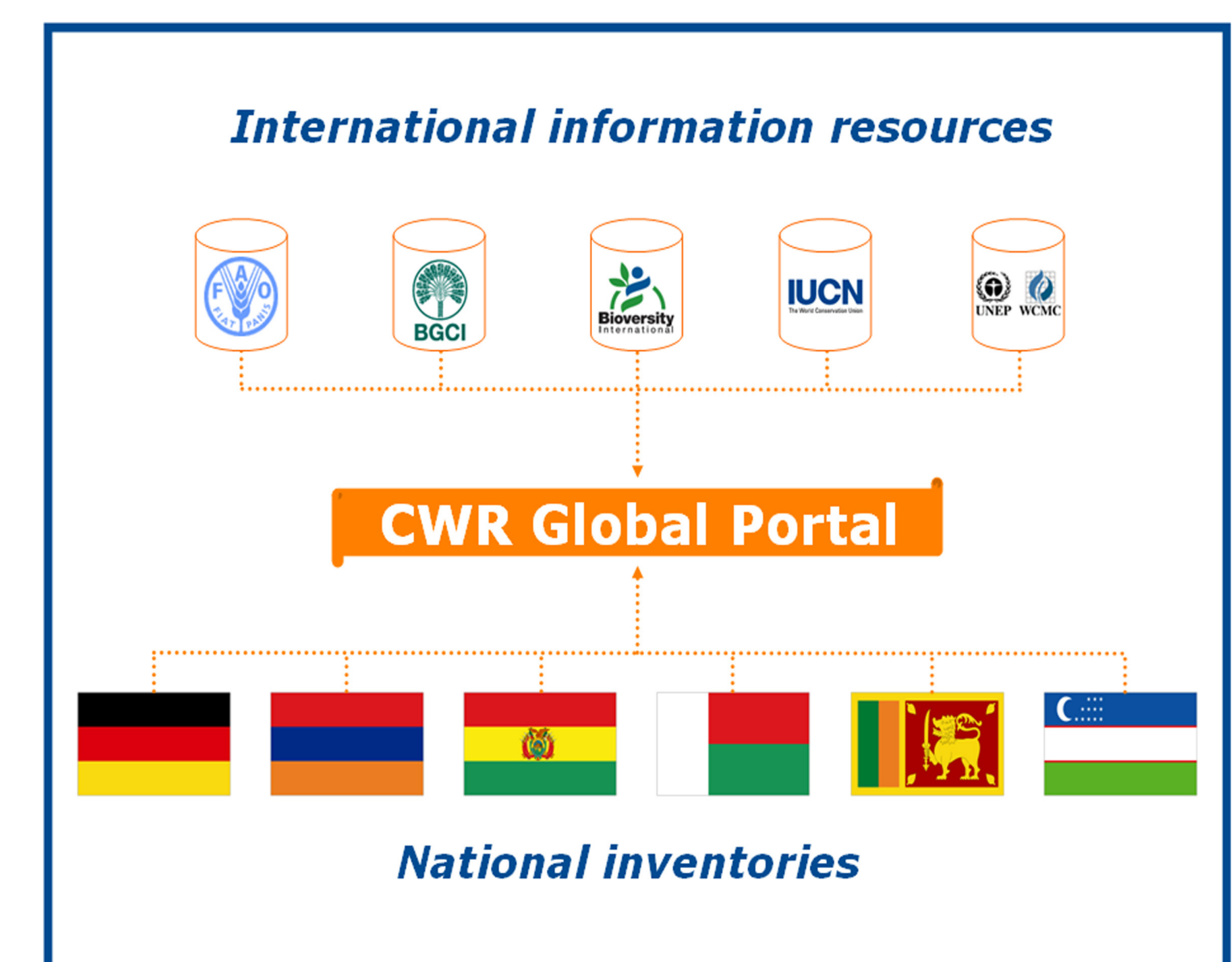
The project aims to enhance conservation of crop wild relatives in Armenia, Bolivia, Madagascar, Sri Lanka and Uzbekistan.

The portal can be searched by species or country and will provide access to information such as species nomenclature, red list status, species biological data and uses, ex situ conservation records, species distribution, as well as people, organizations and projects dealing with CWR.



The global portal brings together information held in national and international information sources.

Data about crop wild relatives are harvested at global level from databases maintained by international project partners (BGCI, FAO, IUCN, UNEP-WCMC) and from other global resources.



WebGIS showing combined services - occurrences of CWR in Sri Lanka (National Inventory) - topographic information from DEMIS-Service.

In the partner countries, data on crop wild relatives are compiled from ex situ sources and from ecogeographic field surveys.

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