# Global Survey of Ex situ Maple Collections



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### **Summary**

In 2009, BGCI and FFI jointly published *The Red List of Maples* under the partnership of the Global Trees Campaign. The report called for action to ensure that the 26 taxa listed in the report as Critically Endangered or Endangered were conserved. The first stage of this action is to establish which of these very threatened taxa are held in *ex situ* collections around the world by carrying out a global survey.

The survey identified 4,405 maple records<sup>1</sup> from 228 institutions in 37 countries. However, only 223 *ex situ* records representing just 16 of the most threatened maples were located. This means that many of the Critically Endangered or Endangered taxa are currently not known to cultivation and therefore at great risk of extinction if threats that they are facing in the wild are not addressed.

The report concludes by making a call for further information to fill gaps in our knowledge of collections and by making a series of recommendations based on the results of the survey including: the strengthening of existing *ex situ* collections, establishing new collections, implementing restoration and reintroduction activities, involving local communities and organisation in conservation activities, developing public awareness programmes and enhancing BGCI's *PlantSearch* database. The report also calls for further information to fill gaps in our knowledge of *ex situ* collections.

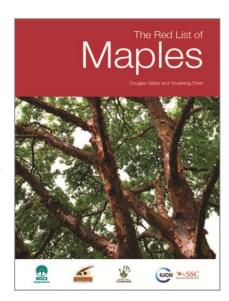
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#### Introduction

The Red List of Maples was published jointly by Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI) and Fauna & Flora International (FFI) in December 2009, under the partnership of the Global Trees Campaign. Electronic copies of the report are available from the BGCI website (www.bgci.org).

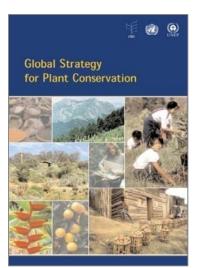
Maples (Aceraceae) are an important and popular Family of trees and shrubs with around 200 taxa, excluding naturally occurring hybrids and cultivars. Aceraceae includes two genera (Acer and Dipteronia) which are generally restricted to the northern temperate regions, although a few can be found in tropical montane regions and one (Acer laurinum) extends in to the southern hemisphere. Of the 191 taxa



evaluated against the IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria, 83 taxa have been identified to be in danger of extinction if the threats that they face are not addressed.

Based on the information presented in the Red List report, urgent attention is required for the 26 taxa considered to be at most risk of extinction (Endangered or Critically Endangered) according to the IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria.

Some of these threatened maples are reduced to a handful of individuals in the wild and it would be



a tragedy if such species are needlessly lost. It is clearly important that all Critically Endangered (CR) and Endangered (EN) taxa are represented in well-managed *ex situ* collections as an insurance policy for the future and in support of Target 8 of the *Global Strategy for Plant Conservation* (GSPC).

#### Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, Target 8:

60% of threatened plant species in accessible ex situ collections, preferably in the country of origin, and 10% of them included in recovery and restoration programmes

At the same time habitat protection and restoration should be reviewed and mechanisms put in place for local people to be involved in and benefit from the *in situ* conservation and management of these globally important trees.

#### Methods

An international survey of *ex situ* collections of globally threatened maples (Aceraceae), building on information held within BGCl's *PlantSearch* Database, was undertaken by BGCl. The results of the survey have enabled us to identify precisely which Critically Endangered (CR) and Endangered (EN) species are currently held in *ex situ* collections. From this information, the gaps and the opportunities have been identified in order to develop a prioritised plan for the long term integrated conservation of the most threatened maples.

All BGCI's institutional members were invited to participate in the survey; however participation in the survey was not limited to BGCI members. Awareness of and invitations to participate in the survey was promoted through BGCI's website (<a href="www.bgci.org">www.bgci.org</a>) and a range of networks, organisations and events including: American Public Gardens Association (APGA), Chinese Academy of Science (CAS) Botanic Gardens Committee, European Botanic Garden Consortium, The Japanese Association of Botanical Gardens.

An important component of the Global Survey of *Ex situ* Maple Collections was to access information on species held in botanic garden collections in China by working closely with the Chinese Academy of Science (CAS) Botanic Gardens Committee and other gardens in China.

The survey also benefited greatly from the work of APGA North American Plant Collections Consortium (NAPCC) which carried out an extensive survey of collections in North America.

The survey primarily focussed on collecting data on the Critically Endangered (CR) and Endangered (EN) taxa since these are of the highest conservation priority. Information on other maples was also collected when possible. However, information on maple hybrids and cultivars was not collected or included in this survey.

The survey of ex situ collections was carried out via through a range of methods, including:

- Analysis of data held in BGCI's PlantSearch database (www.bgci.org/plant search.php)
- Completion of an online form or submission of a downloaded survey form
- Through direct contact with botanic gardens and networks holding maple collections
- Data collected from online databases of living collections:
  - The multisite BG-BASE search facility maintained by Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (<a href="mailto:rbg-ubc-ncg-uk/multisite/multisite3.php">rbg-ubc-ncg-uk/multisite/multisite3.php</a>)
  - Database of Asian Plants in Cultivation maintained by Quarryhill Botanical Garden and California Academy of Sciences (research.calacademy.org/research/botany/quarryhill/index.asp)

In addition to the presence or absence of a maple from a collection, the following closed questions were also asked:

- Is this maple from a known wild source or from horticultural/unknown origin?
   ♥ horticultural or unknown source
   ♥ of known wild provenance
- What is the approximate size of the collection?

♦ 11 to 30 individuals

• Is this maple collection part of a restoration or reintroduction programme?

♥ no
♥ Translocation

♥ Reclamation♥ Re-inforcement/Supplementation♥ Conservation/Benign Introduction

⋄ Ecosystem restoration

The resulting submissions were cross-checked with the published *Red List of Maples* and accepted synonyms.

Although efforts were made to limit their impact on the final results, the survey has inherent limitations which mean that it can never be considered to be truly exhaustive and final. Surveys, such as this one, can be limited by issues of non-stable taxonomy, unclear synonymy, correct identification of specimens, the degree of participation by collection holders in the survey and the dynamic nature of *ex situ* collections which evolve and change over time. A number of maples were assessed at the infra-specific level, however institutions did not always record infra-specific taxonomy therefore these taxa are under-represented in the survey.

Also, important additional maple specimens may be held in private collections which are not covered by this survey.

#### Results

#### **General findings**

The survey identified 4,405 maple records<sup>1</sup>, from 228 institutions in 37 countries. Of the 4,405 records included in the analysis, just 223 records (5%) of the most threatened maples (CR and EN) were identified.

The 223 records represent 16 of the 26 most threatened (CR and EN) maples:

#### **Critically Endangered:**

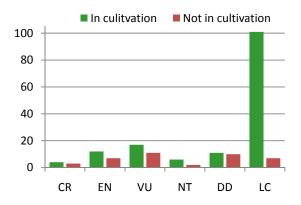
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#### **Endangered:**

Acer griseum, A. miyabei subsp. miyabei, A. miyabei var. shibatai, A. oblongum var. itoanum, A. pauciflorum, A. sino-oblongum, A. skutchii, A. sutchuenense, A. sycopseoides, A. tenellum var. tenellum, A. yui, Dipteronia dyeriana

Table 1. Summary results – the number of maples in or not in cultivation

	In Cultivation	Not in Cultivation	Total
CR	4	3	7
EN	12	7	19
VU	17	11	28
NT	6	2	8
DD	11	10	21
LC	101	7	108
Total	151	40	191



With 16 of the most threatened taxa present in *ex situ* collections to some extent, means 3 CR taxa and 7 EN taxa are currently unknown to horticulture. Therefore if the wild populations disappear, then there are no secure *ex situ* collections available to return the species to the wild or prevent the taxa from becoming extinct.

Of the 16 (CR or EN) taxa found in collections, 5 are only found in one or two collections and therefore should still be considered a high priority for new *ex situ* collections: *Acer yangbiense* (CR), *A. miyabei* var. *shibatai* (EN), *A. sutchuenense* (EN), *A. sycopseoides* (EN), *A. yui* (EN),

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#### Collections in the country of origin

Target 8 of the GSPC calls for *ex situ* collections to be held where possible in the country of origin. Of the CR and EN taxa currently found in cultivation, only thirteen taxa are found in cultivation in their country of origin, according to the results of this survey:

#### **Critically Endangered collections in country of origin:**

- Acer pentaphyllum (1 record in China)
- A. yangbiense (1 record in China)

#### **Endangered collections in country of origin:**

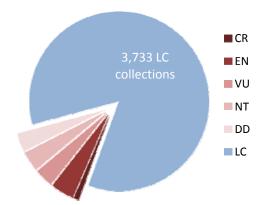
- Acer griseum (3 records in China)
- A. miyabei var. shibatai (1 record in Japan)
- A. oblongum var. itoanum (3 records in Japan)
- A. pauciflorum (2 records in China)
- A. sino-oblongum (3 records in China)
- A. skutchii (1 record in Mexico)
- A. sutchuenense (1 record in China)
- A. sycopseoides (1 record in China)
- A. tenellum var. tenellum (1 record in China)
- A. yui (1 record in China)
- Dipteronia dyeriana (3 records in China)

Urgent efforts should be made to ensure that new *ex situ* collections of all other very threatened maples (13 taxa) are developed in their countries of origin as soon as possible, as well as duplicating and strengthening existing collections.

#### **Collection balance**

The most obvious characteristic of the global *ex situ* collections of maples is that currently 85% of the known 4,405 known collections are of 101 Least Concern taxa. This means that relatively few known collections (672 collections) exist of the 83 threatened taxa (Data Deficient to Critically Endangered) despite their importance to conservation.

#### No. of collections by RDL Category



#### Ex situ collections representativeness

The survey attempted to gauge how representative the *ex situ* collections are by requesting information on the size of the collection and whether the collection is derived from known wild sources or not.

It is likely that many of the collections of the very threatened maples are based on wild collected material simply because of their rarity they are not available via the traditional horticultural sources. However, relatively little information about the source of the material and the size of the collections was submitted (See Table 2) and it is difficult to draw conclusions about how representative the known *ex situ* collections are and their value to restoration and recovery action. Even if the collections are based on wild collected material, it does not guarantee that the associated documentation linking the collections to their sources exists or is at a level which supports their value to future restoration and reintroduction activities.

Table 2. Number of records by RDL category and source of material

	Unknown or horticultural source	Known wild source		
	No. of collections	No. of collections	No. of species	
CR	31	8	3	
EN	162	22	8	
VU	122	25	10	
NT	140	17	4	
DD	113	32	8	
LC	3187	546	94	

Collections that are known to be based on wild collected material of the very threatened maples include:

## Critically Endangered:

Acer buergerianum var. formosanum (1 record), A. pentaphyllum (6 records), A. yangbiense (1 record)

#### **Endangered:**

Acer griseum (6 records), A. miyabei subsp. miyabei (6 records), A. pauciflorum (1 record), A. sino-oblongum (4 records), A. skutchii (1 record), A. sycopseoides (1 record), A. yui (1 record), Dipteronia dyeriana (2 records).

### Recommendations and the way forward

Whilst there is a great need to conserve all the threatened maples, there is a significant number of the most at threat (CR and EN) maples which are currently absent from representative *ex situ* collections and integrated conservation activities to demand that efforts currently focus on these taxa over the Vulnerable (VU), Near Threatened (NT) and the Data Deficient (DD) taxa.

With these very threatened taxa in mind the report recommends the following actions:

- Strengthen and develop existing ex situ collections to ensure that they are representative, accessible and safe. Several of the very threatened maples are found in one or two collections; other collections contain a small number of individuals or single specimens. It is important that all of the very threatened maples are held in at least 2 secure ex situ collections that are representative of the natural diversity of the taxa and located when possible in the country of origin (see Annex 2 for the priority list).
- Establish ex situ collections of taxa which are currently not in cultivation. Efforts should be made to bring taxa in to cultivation to ensure that if the threats facing wild populations continue, the taxa will be safe in ex situ collections. Where possible these new ex situ collections should be developed within the country of origin.
- Develop and implement restoration and reintroduction activities for the most threatened taxa. There are a number of taxa which are well known to science and are under extremely high risk of extinction, these taxa should be the focus of concerted conservation efforts to strengthen and conserve the remaining wild populations by appropriate methods.
- Involve local communities and organisations in conservation activities. As with all successful conservation activities, the involvement of the local communities and organisations is critical to the long term conservation of threatened species, and should be encouraged and supported from the earliest stages of planning conservation activities.
- Develop public awareness and understanding programmes in regions where maples are at
  most threat. To support current conservation efforts and develop new opportunities, public
  awareness and understanding programmes need to be developed and implemented as an
  integral component of conservation activities. This includes both areas where maples
  naturally occur and are utilised, as well as regions where they are of horticultural
  importance.
- Enhancing BGCI's PlantSearch database to include more botanic gardens and explore the possibility of including additional information. Currently the number of botanic gardens contributing information to the PlantSearch database is limited, as is the quality of the information included. This can be improved through reviewing and cleaning the current PlantSearch dataset and by implementing a new upload mechanism to facilitate a more efficient method for institutions to contribute their data whilst maintaining the required standards. If new data can include details such as whether or not the accessions are based on wild collected material, then this would add significant value to the data.

Additional functionality will add value to the *PlantSearch* database, such as dynamically linking to existing online databases of living collections, the synonymised working list of known plant species, as well as linking other databases back to *PlantSearch* database. An enhanced and more extensive *PlantSearch* database would be a significant tool when carrying out surveys and planning conservation activities by individual botanic gardens.

# Annex 1 Very threatened maple collection count

The number of collections which include the very threatened taxa (CR and EN) is given, noting whether the collection is in the country of origin for the taxa.

Species	Number of	Number of collections		
	in country of origin	not in country of origin		
Critically Endangered taxa				
Acer buergerianum var. formosanum	0	9	Taiwan	
Acer leipoense	0	0	China	
Acer paihengii	0	4	China	
Acer pentaphyllum	1	24	China	
Acer tenellum var. septemlobum	0	0	China	
Acer undulatum	0	0	Turkey	
Acer yangbiense	1	2	China	
Endangered taxa				
Acer buergerianum var. yentangense	0	0	China	
Acer crassum	0	0	China	
Acer gracilifolium	0	0	China	
Acer griseum	3	99	China	
Acer kwangnanense	0	0	China	
Acer miyabei subsp. miyabei	0	24	Japan	
Acer miyabei var. shibatai	1	1	Japan	
Acer oblongum var. itoanum	3	6	Japan	
Acer oblongum var. omeiense	0	0	China	
Acer pauciflorum	2	12	China	
Acer poliophyllum	0	0	China	
Acer sino-oblongum	3	21	China	
Acer skutchii	1	7	Guatemala, Mexico	
Acer sutchuenense	1	1	China	
Acer sycopseoides	1	1	China	
Acer tenellum var. tenellum	1	5	China	
Acer tibetense	0	0	China	
Acer yui	1	2	China	
Dipteronia dyeriana	3	4	China, Viet Nam	

# Annex 2 Priority List for new *ex situ* collections

According to the results of the survey, the following taxa are a high priority for inclusion in *ex situ* collections:

Critically Endangered (CR) taxa currently absent from ex situ colle	ections:			
Acer leipoense	China			
Acer tenellum var. septemlobum	China			
Acer undulatum	Turkey			
CR taxa currently in very few ex situ collections and therefore still a priority for new collections:				
Acer paihengii <sup>1</sup>	China			
Acer yangbiense	China			
Endangered (EN) taxa currently absent from ex situ collections:				
Acer buergerianum var. yentangense	Spain			
Acer crassum	China			
Acer gracilifolium	China			
Acer kwangnanense	China			
Acer oblongum var. omeiense	Mexico			
Acer poliophyllum	United States of America			
Acer tibetense	Guatemala, Mexico			
EN taxa currently in very few ex situ collections and therefore still	a priority for new collections:			
Acer miyabei var. shibatai	China			
Acer sutchuenense	Mexico			
Acer sycopseoides	Mexico			
Acer yui				
Dipteronia dyeriana	Spain			

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  Existing  $\it ex\,\it situ$  collections of these taxa are not in the country of origin.

# Annex 3 Ranked botanic garden collections

The most significant botanic garden collections of maples as determined by assigning a score for each taxa within the garden's collection, according to the Red List Category (CR-10, EN-7, VU-5, NT-3, DD-2, LC-1, NE-0 points) with the wild sourced collections doubling the score. For example, a collection of CR maples will score 10 points, but if the collection is based on known wild source material then it will score 20. The number of the most threatened taxa (CR and EN) and the number of unique or rare collections (taxa occurring in fewer than 3 gardens) is also given for each garden in the table.

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