

Agreement on the supply of living plant material

Since the **Convention on Biological Diversity** (CBD) entered into force on December 29, 1993, it has become necessary for botanic gardens to comply in particular with Article 15 (Access to genetic resources), especially in connection with the exchange of plant material. Accordingly, the garden only passes on plant material under the condition that the user acts in the spirit of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

The garden is dedicated to the conservation, sustainable use and research of biological diversity. With regard to the acquisition, maintenance and supply of plant material, the garden therefore expects its partners to act in a manner that is consistent to the letter and the spirit of the Biodiversity Convention, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and in compliance with all relevant conventions and laws relating to the protection of biological diversity.

Consequently, only those institutions that accept the following conditions will receive plant material from the garden's collection:

1. On the basis of this agreement, the material is intended to serve the common good, particularly scientific study, education and the interests of environmental protection.
2. Upon accepting plant material from the garden, the recipient is obliged to document and preserve all relevant information pertaining to the material appropriately.
3. In the event that scientific publications on the plant material provided are produced, the origin of the material is to be cited. In addition, these publications are expected to be sent to the garden automatically, without request.
4. Intended commercial use by the recipient is not covered by this agreement. The commercialization is the object of a separate agreement with the country of origin. This agreement underlies the provisions of the CBD, i.e. the user is obliged to share benefits with the country of origin and to forward relevant information to the authority instructed with the implementation of the CBD
5. The garden will forward information on the material supply on request to the authority instructed with the implementation of the CBD.
6. Plant material may only be supplied on the basis and under the conditions of this or corresponding agreements.

By requesting seeds from Fribourg University Botanic Garden you confirm to accept these conditions.