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European crop wild relative diversity and conservation
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PGR Forum (European crop wild relative diversity assessment and conservation forum) is a Thematic Network funded under the EC Framework 5 Programme. Populations of crop wild relatives throughout Europe are under threat from habitat alteration and loss, but their conservation across the region has received little systematic attention. There are a number of initiatives to inventory European crop wild relative species at the individual country level, but there has not been a coordinated effort focussing on the production of a comprehensive European catalogue. While some European crop wild relatives are conserved *ex situ*, their conservation *in situ* has not been the subject of significant debate. PGR Forum is therefore building an information system providing access to European crop wild relative data, including all socio-economically important species native to Europe and their wild relatives. One of the primary outputs of PGR Forum will be a conservation gap analysis and recommendations for *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation of European crop wild relatives. The development of methodologies, particularly for *in situ* conservation is a major component of the project.