

Workshop 5

Poster presentation

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The UK Plant Conservation Working Group – the importance of an overview

In the UK there are four separate governmental agencies responsible for nature conservation, one for each of the constituent countries. Additionally, the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) provides a forum for the UK and internationally. The UK Plant Conservation Working Group (PCWG) comprises one or two representatives from each agency and the JNCC. By retaining an overview of all plant conservation work that is ongoing in the UK, the PCWG can prioritise and co-ordinate UK-wide initiatives and provide strategic forward planning. Many of these initiatives are taken forward by NGOs in liaison with PCWG members. The group aims to provide an overview of UK plant species and their conservation needs within the international context of the UK flora. The PCWG are happy to share their experience in co-ordinating plant conservation with other Planta Europa members.

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