

Green tongue-orchid

Serapias perez-chiscanoi Acedo

DESCRIPTION

Plant with a height of 20 - 40 cm; 3 - 8 linear-lanceolate leaves, purple-veined. Lanceolate to oval-lanceolate bracts, light green or green-purple, veined, sometimes finely dotted with purple. Dense inflorescence with 2 to 13 large, light green, sometimes pinkish flowers. Hairy lip with two divergent keels at the base.

HABITAT

Moist, non-flooded grasslands on siliceous sandy soils.

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic of the west Iberian Peninsula, has a sparse occurrence in mainland Portugal.



THREATS

Small area of occupancy, severe fragmentation of the populations and continued decline in the area of occupancy and in the area and quality of the habitat. Recent disappearance of some nuclei in Portugal and the strong pressures identified, of which agroforestry expansion stands out (eucalyptus plantations, intensive olive groves and vineyards).

PROTECTION

CITES Washington Convention – Annex II
IUCN Red List of Threatened Species – Least Concern.

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