

Komper's orchid

Himantoglossum comperianum (Steven) P. Delforge

DESCRIPTION

Robust and spectacular orchid with large flowers, formed by a brownish-purple hood and a paler, rose-pink lip that extends to four narrow and very long segments.

HABITAT

Open coniferous and deciduous woodland, on calcareous substrates.

DISTRIBUTION

From Crimea southwards to Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Iran, through Anatolia and the East Aegean Islands. Local and very rare.



DANGER

Grazing, collection, fire, tourism development, construction, road extension.

PROTECTION

CITES Washington Convention - Annex II.

EU regulation of trade of fauna and flora - Annex B.

Bern Convention - Annex I.

IUCN Red List of Threatened Species: Endangered.

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