

***Initial Draft:
The Global Strategy for Plant Conservation
2010 Targets for the Caribbean Region***

The Caribbean Botanic Gardens for Conservation, in support of the GSPC, hereby aims to maintain or to increase existing plant diversity within the region by mobilizing our collective resources to fulfill the following targets.

I. Conserving Plant Diversity

- a. Develop national and regional partnerships and strategies for plant conservation by 2007;
- b. Assist and collaborate in the conservation and assessment of national and regional threatened or endangered species, beginning with the most vulnerable ecosystems and covering 50% of the territory or region by 2010. Create a regional checklist for 90% of the Caribbean region by 2007 (Primarily by using currently established national lists);
- c. Develop national/regional ex situ programs in order to conserve at least 50% of known extinct in the wild (EW) and critically endangered (CR) species by 2010;
- d. Develop, implement, and participate in recovery and restoration programs focused on at least 5% of the known EW, CR, and endangered (EN) by 2010;
- e. Establish a database on invasive species and management techniques by 2007;

II. Sustainable Use of Plant Diversity

- a. Assist with the identification and collection of all local species threatened by local or international unsustainable use and raise public awareness of the issue. One designated botanic garden in each country will serve as an active point of contact for research, education, awareness, development of good practices, training, and plant rescue;
- b. Develop and implement in-garden practices and policies mandating use of sustainably harvested plant based products, voice and explain the need for sustainable use of plant resources, and form partnerships with appropriate local partners to promote the conservation and sustainable use of locally important economic species;

III. Promoting Education

- a. Provide an accessible plant conservation message aimed to reach all garden visitors;
- b. 10% of Botanic Gardens establish a vocational training program;
- c. Develop plant conservation programs designed to reach 75% of primary, secondary, and tertiary students (with no specific percentage for any particular education level);
- d. Compile information on plant conservation and distribute it to relevant decision makers;

IV. Capacity Building

- a. Every country with an established botanic garden should, on its own or in combination with outside partnerships or institutions, have access to technical, biological, educational, etc. information adequate to develop a properly trained staff capable of meeting conservation and education goals. The network will encourage the development of botanic gardens in those countries where one does not exist and provide them with access to information;
- b. Establish an effective regional network for botanic gardens to support and monitor progress toward the achievement of the Caribbean Action Plan and these targets.

*Unless otherwise noted, each target applies to *all* botanic garden members of the Caribbean network.