

Pink butterfly orchid

Anacamptis papilionacea (L.) R.M. Bateman & al.

DESCRIPTION

This orchid reaches 15-40 cm in size. The inflorescence is composed of 5-15 large showy flowers with prominent dark stripes. The fan-shaped lip of the flower is more pale, while the hood, composed of sepals and petals, is dark red. It has 3-9 basal leaves and 2-5 smaller leaves clasping the upper stem.

HABITAT

Open grasslands and scrubland on limestone.

DISTRIBUTION

Mediterranean: southern Europe, northern Africa, extending to the Caucasus and to Iran in the east.

DANGER

Like most European orchids, its main threats are represented by habitat destruction.

PROTECTION

CITES Washington Convention - Annex II.

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

IUCN Red List of Threatened Species: Least Concern.



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