

Lizard orchid

Himantoglossum adriaticum H. Baumann

DESCRIPTION

This tall orchid is recognised by an extremely long pink curved labellum and a greenish-pinkish-white hood marked with purple veins. The inflorescence is elongate and lax, typically composed of 15-40 flowers.

HABITAT

Calcareous soils in natural and semi-natural, dry and mesophilic grasslands or open woodlands.



DISTRIBUTION

Adriatic region of the Mediterranean, extending to Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovakia in the northeast.

DANGER

Decline of dry grasslands due to their abandonment.

PROTECTION

CITES Washington Convention - Annex II.

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

IUCN Red List of Threatened Species: Least Concern.

EU Habitats Directive: Annex II & IV

Bern Convention: Annex I

TEXT: ŽIVA FIŠER

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