

Long-lipped tongue-orchid

Serapias vomeracea (Burm.f.) Briq.

DESCRIPTION

The species is usually 20-40 cm high and its inflorescence bears 3-10 reddish flowers and conspicuous lanceolate bracts. This species is highly variable in colour and shape.

HABITAT

Dry and wet meadows, pastures, thickets, clearings and scrubland, frequently on clayey substrate, from full light to partial shade.

DISTRIBUTION

Mediterranean-Atlantic distribution.

DANGER

The populations are decreasing in parts of its range due to habitat loss but can also increase due to new habitat colonisation.

PROTECTION

CITES Washington Convention - Annex II.

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

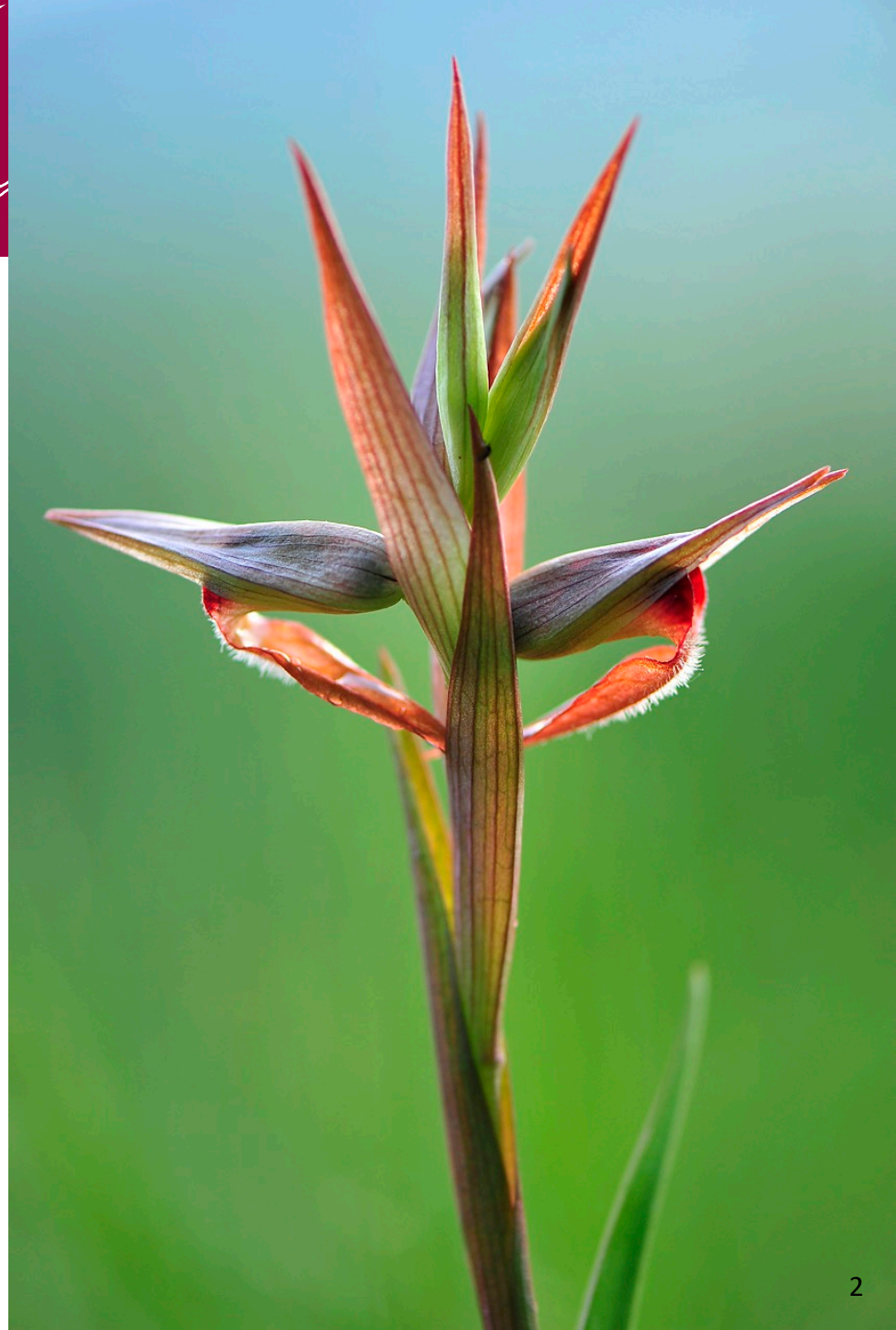
IUCN Red List of Threatened Species: Least Concern.

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