

Spurred helleborine

Cephalanthera epipactoides Fisch. & C.A. Mey.

DESCRIPTION

Robust orchid with 2-4 leaves and up to 30, white, spurred flowers which are not fully opened.

HABITAT

Coniferous and deciduous woodland with oaks or scrub, on alkaline substrates.

DISTRIBUTION

An East Mediterranean element, apparently restricted to eastern Greece, including the East Aegean Islands, and western Turkey.



DANGER

Natural system modifications (fire & fire suppression), grazing, tourism, deforestation for building purposes, insecticides (reduction of pollinators), collection, transportation & service corridors (roads & railroads).

PROTECTION

CITES Washington Convention - Annex II.

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

IUCN Red List of Threatened Species:

Data Deficient (Global), Vulnerable (Europe).

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