

Richly-leaved dactylorhiza

Dactylorhiza foliosa (Rchb.f.) Soó

DESCRIPTION

Tuberous geophyte, with a thick stem, 30 to 60 cm high, several stem leaves, lanceolate and bright green in color. Short and conical inflorescence (5 to 13 cm), with relatively large, purple-pink, lighter or darker flowers.

HABITAT

In Laurissilva, being particularly frequent along the levadas. In acid substrates, wet to dry, in semi-shade to shade, from 400 to 1200 meters of altitude.



DISTRIBUTION

Endemic plant to the Madeira Island, Portugal.

THREATS

Tourist development, illegal harvesting, drainage, construction work, trampling, climate change and deforestation.

PROTECTION

CITES Washington Convention – Annex II.
IUCN Red List of Threatened Species – Least Concern.

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