

Azores spurge

Euphorbia stygiana H.C. Watson

DESCRIPTION

Shrub up to 5 m tall, with erect, branched stems, especially in the upper part. The leaves are sessile, lanceolate, with 15 cm or more in length. The flowers are yellowish-green and are grouped in large umbelliform inflorescences. It blooms between May and July.

HABITAT

In juniper forests, ravines, cliffs and near waterfalls. In very humid places.



DISTRIBUTION

Endemic from Azores archipelago, it is present on all islands except Graciosa and Santa Maria.

THREATS

The main threat to this species is the spreading of invasive species.

PROTECTION

CITES Washington Convention – Annex II.
EU regulation of trade of fauna and flora - Annex B
Bern Convention
EU Habitats Directive.

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