

Argolian bee-orchid

Ophrys argolica H. Fleischm.

DESCRIPTION

Plant with 3-9 flowers formed by pink sepals and upper petals and a brown, hairy on the shoulders, median lip, variously patterned.

HABITAT

Open woodland, scrub and phrygana, on alkaline substrates.

DISTRIBUTION

From Italy and Greece, eastwards to southern Turkey and Cyprus.



DANGER

Residential & commercial development (housing & urban areas; tourism & recreation areas), agriculture (annual & perennial non-timber crops), biological resource use (plant gathering), pollution (agricultural & forestry effluents).

PROTECTION

CITES Washington Convention - Annex II.

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

Bern Convention - Annex I.

EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) - Annex IV.

IUCN Red List of Threatened Species: Vulnerable.

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