

APPENDIX S1: THE QUESTIONNAIRE SENT TO BOTANICAL GARDENS

To obtain an impression of the importance of different plant sources for current botanical garden collections, we sent a questionnaire to botanical gardens around the globe. A copy of the questionnaire is shown below. In addition to the English version, we sent out translations into Chinese, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Russian. We sent the questionnaire by email to 1511 botanical gardens for which we found email addresses in the Garden Search database of Botanic Gardens Conservation International (http://www.bgci.org/garden_search.php; accessed on 8 September 2016). For Germany, the Czech Republic and Russia, however, the questionnaire was distributed through national botanical garden networks.

Good day,

As part of a working group on the role of ornamental garden plants in plant invasions, we are trying to get insights into the flows of plant species into botanical gardens, private gardens and public green spaces. Therefore, we are interested in getting some indication of the major sources of plants in botanical garden collections. We realize that many botanical gardens do not have exact records of the sources of each individual species, but we hope that you could give us at least a coarse estimate of the percentage of species in the collection of your botanical garden that came from the sources as given in the table below. If you do not dare to estimate the percentages, but could still rank the different sources according to their importance this would also be helpful.

You may insert your estimates and rankings directly into the table and send it back to me. We appreciate your contribution to this survey.

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Name of botanical garden:		
Location (city, country):		
Contact person:		
Origin	Estimated percentage	Rank of importance (6 = very important; 1 = least important)
Collected in the wild		
Commercial seed/plant nursery		
Other botanical gardens		
Private plant collections		
Cultivars/hybrids developed in your garden		
Other (please specify)		

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