

# *Asparagus officinalis* L. ssp. *prostratus* (Dumort) Corb.

Wild Asparagus

Key:

Dots refer to the native sites of the species

Numbers refer to the nearby Botanical Collections



## Starting references

### Family

Liliaceae

### IUCN category (2001)

Endangered

### Habit

Long-lived rhizomatous herb (perennial).

### Habitat

Free-draining sea-cliffs and sand dunes.

### Reasons for decline

## Distribution in wild

Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km <sup>2</sup> occurrences)	Population (plants)
Wales	Glamorgan Pembrokeshire	3	~ 10
England	Lizard peninsula & north coast of Cornwall Dorset	7 1	7-49

## Ex situ Collections

### Gardens close to the region of distribution of the species

- 1 National Botanic Garden of Wales
- 2 Swansea Botanic Garden
- 3 Duchy College
- 4 St Michael's Mount
- 5 Trebah Garden Trust
- 6 Glendurgan Gardens
- 7 Trelissick
- 8 Tregthnan Botanic Garden
- 9 Eden Project
- 10 Lilac Cottage
- 11 Tregothnan
- 12 Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens

### Botanical Collections of specialisation on family Liliaceae

B'ham Botanical Gardens, Westbourne  
Exeter University  
Harris Garden  
Inverewe Garden  
Ness Botanic Gardens  
RBG Kew  
Trebah Garden Trust  
Treborth Botanic Garden

### Potential to grow the species in ex situ Collections

The prostrate habit has been shown to remain constant in cultivation for more than 50 years (*British Red Data Book, 1999*).

*Conservation information*

**Linkages to BAPs**

**Habitat Management**

**Conservation programmes**

Collection of seed from Welsh populations and *ex situ* propagation are currently being undertaken with the aim of reintroducing plants to former sites.

**Web References**