

# *Ophioglossum lusitanicum* L.

Least Adder's-tongue

Key:

**Dots** refer to the native sites of the species

**Numbers** refer to the nearby Botanical Collections



## *Starting references*

### **Family**

Ophioglossaceae

### **IUCN category (2001)**

Vulnerable

### **Habit**

Small rhizomatous, summer-deciduous fern.

### **Habitat**

Heathland

### **Reasons for decline**

Encroachment by *Ulex europaeus* owing to under-grazing.

### **Distribution in wild**

Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km <sup>2</sup> occurrences)	Population (plants)
England	St Agnes, Isles of Scilly	1	1,000-<2,000

## *Ex situ Collections*

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

- 1 Tresco Abbey Gardens

### **Gardens with specialisation on family Ophioglossaceae or genus *Ophioglossum***

None

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

## *Conservation information*

*Ophioglossum lusitanicum* is listed on Schedule 8 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981

### **Linkages to BAPs**

Unknown

### **Habitat Management**

Protected sites with records for *O. lusitanicum* are listed on <http://www.searchnbn.net>

### **Conservation programmes**

Unknown

## **Web References**

- NBN Gateway database : <http://www.searchnbn.net>
- Image:  
[http://www.ukwildflowers.com/Web\\_pages/ophioglossum\\_lusitanicum\\_least\\_adders\\_tongue.htm](http://www.ukwildflowers.com/Web_pages/ophioglossum_lusitanicum_least_adders_tongue.htm)