Ranunculus reptans L.
Creeping Spearwort

Starting references
Family
Ranunculaceae
IUCN category (2001)
Vulnerable
Habit
Stoloniferous herb (perennial).
Habitat
Lake shores.
Reasons for decline
Hybridisation?

Distribution in wild

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Ex situ Collections
Gardens close to the region of distribution of the species
1 Pitmedden Garden (NTS)
2 Cruickshank Botanic Garden
3 Crathes Castle Garden (NTS)
4 Arduaine Garden
5 Younger Botanic Garden
6 Geilston Cottage (NTS)
7 Glasgow Botanic Gardens
8 Greenbank Garden (NTS)
9 Holehird Gardens
10 Sizergh Castle (NT)

Gardens with specialisation on family Ranunculaceae
Cliveden
Exeter University
Fletcher Moss Botanical Gardens
RBG Kew
Sissinghurst Castle Garden
University of Oxford Botanic Garden

Potential to grow the species in ex situ Collections
From Plants For A Future: Database
- Propagation
  Seed - sow spring in a cold frame. When large enough to handle, prick the seedlings out into individual pots and plant them out in the summer. Division in spring. Very easy, larger divisions can be planted out direct into their permanent positions.
- Cultivation
  Prefers a moist loamy soil on the heavy side. A greedy plant, inhibiting the growth of nearby plants, especially legumes.

Conservation information
Linkages to BAPs
LBAP for Argyll and Bute
North East Scotland Biodiversity Partnership

Habitat Management
Protected sites with records for *R. reptans* are listed on http://www.searchnbn.net/

Conservation programmes
Unknown

Web References
- NBN Gateway database: http://www.searchnbn.net/
- Plants For A Future Database: http://www.ibiblio.org/pfaf/cgi-bin/arr_html?Ranunculus+reptans