

Diapensia lapponica L.

Diapensia

Key:

Dots refer to the native sites of the species

Numbers refer to the nearby Botanical Collections



Starting references

Family

Diapensiaceae

IUCN category (2001)

Vulnerable

Habit

Long-lived, slow-growing, dense, cushion-forming evergreen dwarf shrub.

Habitat

Shaded woodlands and damp dune-slacks.

Reasons for decline

Human disturbance; small / isolated population.

Distribution in wild

Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km ² occurrences)	Population (plants)
Scotland	near Glenfinnan, Westernness	1	~ 1200 clumps or mats

Ex situ Collections

Gardens close to the region of distribution of the species

- 1 Inverewe Garden (NTS)
- 2 Ardtornish Garden
- 3 Arduaine Garden (NTS)
- 4 Younger Botanic Garden
- 5 Glasgow Botanic Gardens

Gardens with specialisation on family Diapensiaceae or genus *Diapensia*

None

Potential to grow the species in ex situ Collections

Rapid germination occurred *ex situ* in seeds collected in December from the August flowers (Day, R.T., & Scott, P.J. 1985. The biology of *Diapensia lapponica* in Newfoundland. *The Canadian Field Naturalist*, 98: 425-439). Plants have been grown *ex situ* from wild-collected seed.

Conservation information

Diapensia lapponica is listed on Schedule 8 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981

Linkages to BAPs

Highland.

Habitat Management

SSSI Loch Morar and Loch Shiel

Special Protection Area Loch Shiel

Conservation programmes

Unknown

Web References

- NBN Gateway database: <http://www.searchnbn.net>