

‘The Red List of Rhododendrons’

Where Do We Go From Here? : Establishing Priorities and an Action Plan

2013 International Rhododendron Species Conservation Conference

Saturday 20th – Sunday 21st April, 2013

Venue: Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, Scotland

Jointly hosted by: Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, Rhododendron Species Conservation Group & Botanic Gardens Conservation International

The Recently published ‘Red List’ of rhododendrons shows that out of a global total of 1157 rhododendron species, 317 rhododendrons *in-situ* (‘in the wild’) have been identified as being in danger of extinction.

Particularly urgent attention is needed for the 76 species considered to be ‘Endangered’ or ‘Critically Endangered’.

This two day conference is a discussion on the way forward to save these species both in the wild and in cultivation.

Speakers from China, India, Indonesia, Germany, America and Britain will discuss current steps being made to protect wild populations of Rhododendrons as well as good conservation practice for gardens. See the 01 document above for details of the program and how to register.

Gardens with good conservation strategies should be able to attract funding both for wild plant exploration and obtaining and looking after good collections of rhododendron species.

A dinner on Saturday night will be an ideal opportunity to network with botanists, gardeners, nurserymen and plant hunters.

Take this opportunity to develop your garden’s rhododendron conservation strategy and meet people who can provide access to wild rhododendron seed.

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