

Working Group on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants – Revised workplan and status at 05 November 2012

(Based on the Workplan for Phase VIII of ECPGR (2009-2013) agreed at the Fourth Meeting, 29 September-1 October 2009, Kuşadası, Turkey; full report available from http://www.ecpgr.cgiar.org/publications/publication/issue/report_of_a_working_group_on_medicinal_and_aromatic_plants.html)

Activities	Carried out by	By when	Status 05 November 2012 / comments
Descriptor lists			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalize the characterization and evaluation descriptors of the ten target species 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ana Maria Barata: <i>Mentha piperita</i> and <i>M. spicata</i>, <i>Thymus vulgaris</i> and <i>T. serpyllum</i> - Dea Baričević: <i>Achillea millefolium</i> agg., <i>Artemisia absinthium</i>, <i>Gentiana lutea</i> - Karel Dušek: <i>Carum carvi</i> - Jolita Radušienė: <i>Hypericum perforatum</i> - Ali Osman Sari: <i>Melissa officinalis</i>, <i>Salvia officinalis</i> - Ieva Žukauska: <i>Origanum</i> spp. 	By the end of 2009	Partially completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the draft descriptor lists for the following species were uploaded on the MAP WG Web pages in November 2011: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Carum</i> spp. <i>Hypericum perforatum</i> <i>Melissa officinalis</i> <i>Mentha piperita</i> and <i>M. spicata</i> <i>Origanum</i> spp. <i>Salvia officinalis</i> <i>Thymus vulgaris</i> and <i>T. serpyllum</i> - the following lists are not yet available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Achillea millefolium</i> agg. <i>Artemisia absinthium</i> <i>Gentiana lutea</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make available additional species descriptors developed in member countries to the other WG members, through the MAP WG Web page 	All members concerned / ECPGR Secretariat		No descriptor lists were received by the ECPGR Secretariat.

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Documentation of <i>ex situ</i> collections			
Organize and forward passport data, following the EURISCO descriptors format, to their respective National Focal Point (NFP)	All data providers	(permanently ongoing activity)	No information.
Documentation of <i>in situ</i> populations			
Continue using their own tools until a common database is developed either within the framework of the <i>in situ</i> FP7 project or of the EURISCO <i>in situ</i> component.	All WG members		
Oregano project (see Appendices I and II in the fourth meeting's report)			
- Provide material for analyses to Johannes Novak, Institute for Applied Botany and Pharmacognosy, Vienna	All project partners	Before 1 October 2010	Completed according to plans
- Present the results of the project in a report format	J. Novak	Before the next mid-term meeting of the ECPGR Steering Committee planned for late 2011	Completed according to plans

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MAP species lists			
Develop a new priority list for MAP species in Europe, to help countries justify the choice of species for national projects and to show the existence of some common regional strategies and priorities.			Due to lack of resources this activity could not be achieved. The task might be resumed if a new WG meeting is organized, or if resources are made available through in-kind contributions or project funding.
- Circulate to the WG members the first list produced by the MAP WG after its first meeting (September 2002), which had served as the basis for the development of the “ten priority species/genera list”, allowing them to add relevant MAP species	Å. Asdal	Before the end of October 2009	
- Reply to Å. Asdal, adding relevant MAP species to the list and indicating which species they consider as priorities in their respective countries	All WG members	Before the end of November 2009	
- Compile the information about Red List status provided by WG members and develop a document showing the level of threat and the Red List status for MAP species in Europe	Ali Osman Sari		
Prepare a protocol with basic procedures for the regeneration and multiplication of the MAP accessions and send it to ECPGR Secretariat for upload on the MAP WG page	Karel Dušek	By end April 2010	Completed in September 2010. Monograph on “Methodology for using insect pollinators in heterogamous vegetable species, medicinal, aromatic and culinary plants grown in technical isolation” uploaded on the MAP WG Web page.