

Greece

Total no. of Botanic Gardens recorded in Greece: 4 (and several other significant garden plant collections and some developing projects).

Approx. no. of living plant accessions recorded in these botanic gardens: <10,000

Approx. no. of taxa in these collections: up to 5,000 (c.3,000 spp.)

Estimated % of pre-CBD collections: c.80%

Location: ATHENS

Founded: 1975 (date when opened to the public).

Garden Name: University of Athens Botanic Garden of Julia and Alexandros N. Diomides

Address: Diomides, 405 Iera Street, Dafni, 12461 ATHENS

Status: University

Herbarium: No.

Ex situ Collections:

Native plants, including *Pinus halepensis* forest and natural vegetation containing c.450 spp. Economic plants, systematic collection, historic plants, ornamentals, a general collection of trees and shrubs from various parts of the world.

No. of taxa: 3,500

Rare & Endangered plants: Wild orchids and other threatened species from Greece.

Satellite Gardens: Botanical Garden of the University of Athens (next entry)

Special Conservation Collections: Wild flora of Greece.

Location: ATHENS

Founded: 1965

Garden Name: University of Athens Botanical Garden

Address: Institute of Systematic Botany, Panepistimiopolis, ATHENS 621.

Status: University

Herbarium: Yes Approx. no. of herbarium specimens: 60,000

Ex situ Collections:

No information is available.

No. of taxa: Unknown

Rare & Endangered plants: Unknown

Location: ATHENS

Founded: 1964

Garden Name: Filodassiki Botanic Garden

Address: Filodassiki Enosis Athinon, Dragatsaniou 4, ATHENS 105 59.

Status: Unknown

Herbarium: No

Ex situ Collections:

No information available

No. of taxa: Unknown

Rare & Endangered plants: Wild orchids of Greece.

- Special Conservation Collections: Wild flora of Greece.
- The first botanic garden in modern Greece was developed in 1839 in Athens and now survives as the National Garden. It currently contains approximately 500 species, mainly trees and shrubs. Some Greek natives are grown, from Sounio and Euboea.
- In 1964 the Kaity Argyropoulou Botanic Garden was created near the Kaisariani Monastery, situated on the west slopes of Mt Hymettus near Athens. In 1998 500 native species were included in its collection.
- The Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania, CRETE maintains a collection of about 200 species of endemic, rare or endangered plants of Crete.
- The Botanic Garden Neochori is located on the shore of Lake Plastira near NEA KARDITSA in Thessaly. Its collections include native plants of the region and exotic ornamentals.
- The University of PATRAS is planning the establishment of a botanic garden and already maintains living collections. The university also has an herbarium with 80,000 specimens.

Location: PONTOKERASIA

Founded: 1997

Garden Name: The Balkan Botanic Garden at Kroussia Mountains

Address: c/o N.A.G.RE.F, Agricultural Research Center of Macedonia and Thrace, Georgikis Sxolis,
P.O. Box 458, Thermi, THESSALONIKI.

Situated: Kroussia Mountains, near the village of Pontokerasia, Macedonia

Status: State

Herbarium: Yes Approx. no. of specimens: A small number only as the herbarium is under development.

Ex situ Collections:

Greek and Balkan native plants. Native trees and shrubs from the locality. Herbaceous perennials, old landraces of fruit trees, local plants of ethnobotanical importance and interest, rock plants, ferns, Campanula, wetland plants, annual weeds of arable crops

No. of taxa: 1,500 accessions

Rare & Endangered plants: Rare and endangered plants of Greece and the Balkans.

Special Conservation Collections: Threatened arable weeds. Local endangered plants

- The Department of Forestry and Natural Environment of the Aristotelian University of THESSALONIKI has planted an arboretum on the campus of the School of Forestry and manages experimental tree gardens throughout Greece.