

## Malawi

Total no. of Botanic Gardens recorded in Malawi: 4

Approx. no. of living plant accessions recorded in these botanic gardens: Unknown but probably 5,000 to 10,000

Approx. no. of taxa in these collections: Unknown but perhaps 3,000 to 4,000

Estimated % of pre-CBD collections: Unknown but perhaps 60% to 70%.

Location: BLANTYRE

Founded: Unknown

Garden Name: Blantyre Synod Botanic Gardens

Address: Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Synod of Blantyre, General Secretary, P.O. Box 413, BLANTYRE

Status: Private

Herbarium: Unknown

Ex situ Collections:

No information available.

No. of taxa: Unknown

Rare & Endangered plants: Unknown

Location: LILONGWE

Founded: 1989

Garden Name: Lilongwe National Botanic Garden

Address: P.O.Box 30766 Capital City, Lilongwe 3.

Status: State

Herbarium: No

Ex situ Collections:

About 50% of the plant collections are of native species. A programme on the cultivation of rare and endangered plants is currently being initiated but few are presently in cultivation. A collection of economic plants is maintained in a demonstration orchard including cultivars of mango, guava, orange, granadilla, peach and apple. 18 plant families are currently represented in the collection. No count of the number of taxa in the collection has been made.

Location: MZUZU

Founded: 1989

Garden Name: Mzuzu Botanic Garden.

Address: P.O. Box 689, Mzuzu.

Status: State

Herbarium: No

Ex situ Collections:

Almost all of the plants cultivated in this garden are native species. Few rare and endangered plants are maintained but a programme is being developed to expand the work of the garden in this regard. 33 plant families are currently represented in the collection. No count of the number of taxa in the collection has been made but most of the plants in cultivation are derived from the original Uapaca-Brachystegia vegetation on the site.

Location: ZOMBA

Founded: 1891

Garden Name: Zomba National Botanic Garden

Address: P.O.Box 528, ZOMBA.

Status: State

Herbarium: Yes    Approx. no. of herbarium specimens: c.100,000

This is the headquarters garden of the National Herbarium & Botanic Gardens of Malawi.

Ex situ Collections:

Approximately 80% of the plants in cultivation in the garden are indigenous species. The collection includes species of economic importance. The plant families represented include Aloiaceae, Araucaceae, Euphorbiaceae, Fabaceae, Meliaceae and Zamiaceae. An associated arboretum, Mulanje Arboretum, contains a collection of native woody plants.

No. of taxa: More than 300 but the number is uncertain.

*Key reference:*

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