Special Issue

Distribution and Diversity of Orchids

Message from the Guest Editors

Orchids are disappearing worldwide, mostly due to habitat loss, but other factors like climate change are likely to increase in importance during the 21st century. Thus, one of the most worrying issues is that we still do not know the optimal abiotic and biotic requirements for population persistence of many of the ca. 30,000 species of orchids. On top of that, there are still unclear issues in orchid taxonomy, nomenclature and systematics. This all makes it very difficult to develop effective conservation methods for this endangered plant group. This Special Issue aims to fill in some of these gaps in our knowledge. To achieve this, we welcome a range of contributions (including original research articles, reviews, perspectives, and opinion pieces) on themes including but not limited to:

- Orchid species distribution models;
- Orchid diversity in individual regions/countries;
- Orchid population dynamics and its effects on orchid diversity;
- Floristic studies and taxonomic revisions of problematic taxa in orchids;
- Genetic studies of orchid species used for determination of differences between species.

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