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Ukraine

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Practical conservation activities

Thirteen *Quercus robur* plus trees and seven *Fagus sylvatica* plus trees were selected in the Chernivtsy and Ivano-Frankivsk regions.

Two progeny tests and two seed orchards of *Q. robur* were established in Kharkiv and Rivne regions (Tables 1 and 2). All plots were established by planting 2-year-old seedlings. The seedlings were grown from acorns harvested in 1996.

Inventories

The inventory of gene resource units was carried out in the Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Chernivtsy, Transcarpathian, Rivne and Ternopil regions. Table 3 gives data on the area of gene resource units including the results of the inventories, selection and establishment of new units.

Legislation

The "Main statute for conservation of genetic resources of the Carpathian region" was elaborated by the Ukrainian Research Institute of Mountain Forestry.

Research

The inventories of gene resource units included the study of diversity of oak and beech natural populations. In Rivne region two gene reserves of *Q. robur* were surveyed. The phenological types, types of bark and selection categories were determined besides the diameter and height of trees. In the Ternopil region two *F. sylvatica* and one *Q. robur* gene reserves were surveyed (Table 4.). In Crimea the studies of biodiversity of the natural population of *Q. pubescens* were continued. The morphology of leaves and acorns of 60 tree clusters was studied. Yearly observations of the flowering and fruit-bearing intensity of *Q. robur* clones have been continued at clonal seed orchards and clonal archives in Vinnitsa, Kharkiv, Kirovohrad and Rivne regions. Cytological studies of *Q. robur* clones were carried out to elucidate the causes of low fruit-bearing intensity of some clones. The buds of 18 clones with different fruit-bearing intensity were studied. The presence of unreduced pollen was found in nine clones. Three of them had polyploid pollen. The creation of the database on Social Broadleaves genetic resources has started.

Unfortunately, cuts in financial support caused reduction in research activities in Ukraine. Highly experienced specialists were lost, as well as several Research Stations. Whole regions are not covered by the studies this year. The necessary steps for gene resource conservation have not been taken because of a low level of funding for forest enterprises and they are still declining.

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Table 1. Establishment of progeny trials of *Quercus robur* in Ukraine in 1999

Region	Forestry regional enterprise	Area (ha)	Origin of trees-donors of seeds	Number of progenies
Kharkiv	Octiabrsky	0.9	Kharkiv, Donetsk and Sumu regions	31
Rivne	Klevanivsky	1.6	Rivne region	40
Total		2.5		

Table 2. Establishment of seedling seed orchards of *Quercus robur* in Ukraine in 1999

Region	Forestry regional Area Origin of trees-donors of egion enterprise (ha) seed		Number of progenies	
Kharkiv	Hutiansky	5	Kharkiv, Donetsk and Sumu regions	27
Rivne	Klevanivsky	1	Rivne region	20
Total		6	-	

Table 3. Ex situ and in situ conservation of gene resources of Social Broadleaves in Ukraine

				Plus stand (na)	No. of plus trees Clonal archive	p (e	seed	<u>a</u>		
	Gene reserve			and and	olu; arc	(iia) Clonal seed orchard (ha)	S G	Occuard Pro Area	Progeny trial	
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	Area (ha)	No.					, 0,	o (ha)	genies	
Fagus sylvatica										
Mixed forest	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Forest-steppe	324.7	20	77.6	32	0	2	6	0	0	
Carpathians	3855.5	51	10	177	0	0	0	0	0	
Crimea	0	0	0	12	Ö	Ö	Ö	Ö	Ő	
Total	4182.2	72	87.6	221	Ö	2	6	0	Ő	
Quercus					_			_	-	
robur										
Mixed forest	2526.3	80	330.3	294	11	76.9	16	2.1	92	
Forest-steppe	3295.1	130	1213.3	418	13.2	382	40.2	28	664	
Steppe	269	16	30.3	323	5.6	28.6	10	3.5	119	
Carpathians	1141.8	26	14.7	184	0	14	0	0	0	
Crimea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	7232.2	252	1588.6	1219	29.8	501.5	66.2	33.6	875	
Quercus										
petraea										
Mixed forest	52.4	1	27	30	0	0	0	0	0	
Forest-steppe	13	1	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	
Steppe	128	7	2.6	0	0.6	0	0	0	0	
Carpathians	70.2	3	0	63	0	0	0	1	14	
Crimea	33.7	0	0	99	0	0	0	5.4	120	
Total	297.3	12	29.6	220	0.6	0	0	6.4	134	
Total	11711.7	336	1705.8	1660	30.4	503.5	72.2	40	1009	
Quercus			•							
pubescens	100	4.4	^	10	0	^		0	0	
Crimea	129	11	0	12	0	0		0	0	

Table 4. Results of observations of the gene reserves in Ternopil region in 1998

		Species composition				<u> </u>			
Forestry Regional enterprises	Area (ha)	Layer	Species	%	Age (years)	Mean height (m)	Mean diam. (cm)	growing stock (m³/ha)	Trees with straight trunk (%)
Chortkovsky, Kopichinsky	1.0	1	Fagus sylvatica	100	209	41.7	86.9	693	75
Chortkovsky. Skala-Podolsky	3.7	l	Fagus sylvatica Fraxinus excelsior Acer platanoides Acer pseudoplatanus Ulmus foliaceae	94.0 3.0 1.7 0.7 0.7	102	38.2 37.1 38.1 26.4 35.8	46.0 54.1 44.5 44.4 49.1	650 26 12 3 5	79
Berejansky Pidgaetsky	18	11	Quercus robur Acer pseudoplatanus Acer platanoides Carpinus betulus Ulmus foliaceae Tilia cordata	83.3 11.1 5.6 98.1 1.42 0.47	143	29.7 27.0 27.4 22.6 20.4 19.1	67 48.2 50.2 28.9 21.6 37.6	149 3 10 130 1	81