



Land Owner Information & Consent

About True Harvest Seeds (THS) and the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew (RBG Kew)

THS is a local charity and we would like to thank land owners for their kind permission to allow collections of seed and plant material. It is with this cooperation that THS will be able to increase the amount of local native seed available to *bona fide* individuals, stored at and coordinated from our dedicated Seed Centre in the north of Ireland. This will provide a resource of seeds, data and advice which will facilitate conservation and restoration of our native flora and help to provide this, and future, generations with a healthy and beautiful environment to enjoy.

THS is working in collaboration with RBG Kew and other funders to collect and bank seed from the native flora of Ireland to send to their Millennium Seed Bank (MSB) for processing, banking and testing.

RBG Kew is a botanical garden incorporated in the United Kingdom by the National Heritage Act 1983 and an exempt charity whose scientific vision is to document and understand global plant and fungal diversity and its uses, bringing authoritative expertise to bear on the critical challenges facing humanity today. RBG Kew is supported by the United Kingdom Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs ("Defra"), which is ultimately responsible to Parliament for RBG Kew's key aims and activities.

RBG Kew is working to increase the diversity of UK native plant species held in long-term storage at the MSB and to make these collections available for conservation and habitat restoration use via its UK Native Seed Hub.

Further information on True Harvest Seeds and RBG Kew's Millennium Seed Bank is available at:

- www.trueharvestseeds.co.uk and on facebook www.facebook.com/pages/True-Harvest-Seeds/263294033847951
- debbie@trueharvestseeds.co.uk, Tel: 07516264888
- www.kew.org/msbp and www.kew.org/seedhub

Use of Material

This document explains the uses that may be made of plant material collected for THS and RBG Kew's MSB. **By allowing plant material to be collected from your land, you are agreeing to these uses.**

Seed collections and half of the plant material will be sent to RBG Kew's MSB. After processing, seed collections will be divided and 50% will be returned to THS.

Herbarium specimens, tissue samples, data, photographs and 50% of the seed sent will be donated by THS to RBG Kew.

In summary, duplicate seed collections, herbarium specimens, tissue samples and field data will be stored at THS and RBG Kew.

Use of Material by THS

The collections will be part of a seed bank & visitor centre for Ireland and may be used for public display, interpretation and education.

Seed will be available to suitable organisations upon request and subject to quality and quantity restrictions. Criteria for supply will be for the purposes of scientific research, education, conservation and restoration. Collections may be bulked up in ex-situ seed production beds as necessary.

By allowing the collection(s) to be made, it is recognised that any collection, associated plant material and images become the property of THS, which allows THS to distribute the seeds and research data as above.

THS may loan or supply the plant material or any derivatives from the plant material and any associated data and images to other institutions for the purposes of scientific research or education, provided that such loan or supply is on terms which prohibit commercialisation.

THS may commercialise any plant material and associated data or images collected for the seed collection programme. Commercial activities which, as we are a charity, are restricted to our objects but may include:

- the acquisition or transfer of intellectual property rights including patents or other tangible or intangible rights by sale or licence or in any other manner;
- the sale of plant material including any associated data or images;
- seed studies, herbarium studies, horticultural studies or genetic studies;
- market research;
- for the purposes of education; or
- seed conservation projects.

Profits raised by the above activities are used by THS to continue our work.

Use of Material by RBG Kew

Plant material and associated data and images shall be accessioned into the RBG Kew's collections at The Millennium Seed Bank in West Sussex, or at Kew, Richmond Surrey, as appropriate.

Through its UK Native Seed Hub project, RBG Kew supplies plant material and associated data to organisations and projects able to make an effective and genuine contribution to the conservation or restoration of biodiversity in the UK. Material is supplied under licence, with use restricted to sites where the material will be appropriate to the location and where there is a high probability that it will be able to form sustainable reintroduced populations whilst posing minimal risks to local habitats, species or ecotypes.

RBG Kew may use, share and disseminate the plant material (and its derivatives) and any associated plant-related data and images in pursuance of its charitable and statutory purposes and/or other purposes including commercialisation, the profits of which are used to support RBG Kew.