

Exploration and Capturing *Brassica* Wild Relatives Diversity in the Ionian coast area of Valona, Albania

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Brassica sp – Species according to the Albanian flora list



- ▶ *Brassica incana* Ten. (Red List VU A1b)
Balkan sub - endemic;
- ▶ *Brassica cretica* Lam. (Sub - endemic);
- ▶ *Brassica oleracea* L.
- ▶ *Brassica nigra* (L.) Koch.
- ▶ *Brassica rapa* L.
- ▶ *Brassica napus* L. var. *oleifera* DC.

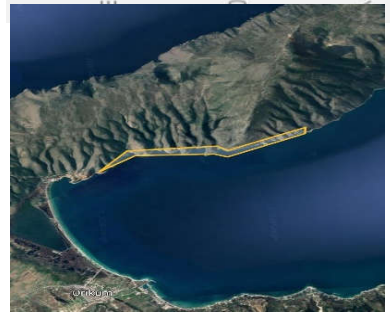
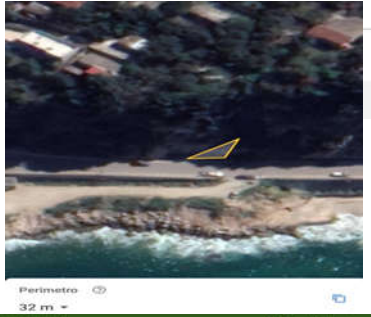
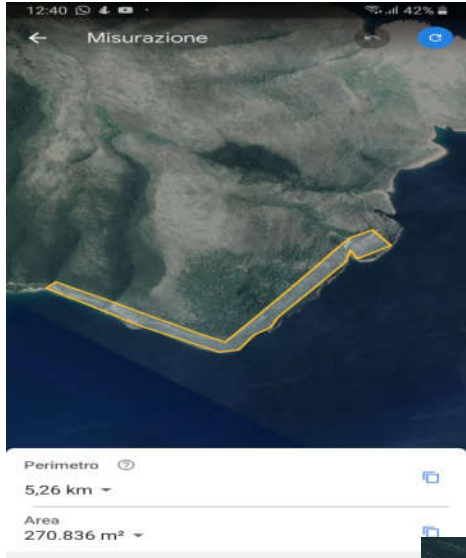
Field monitoring of *Brassica* species



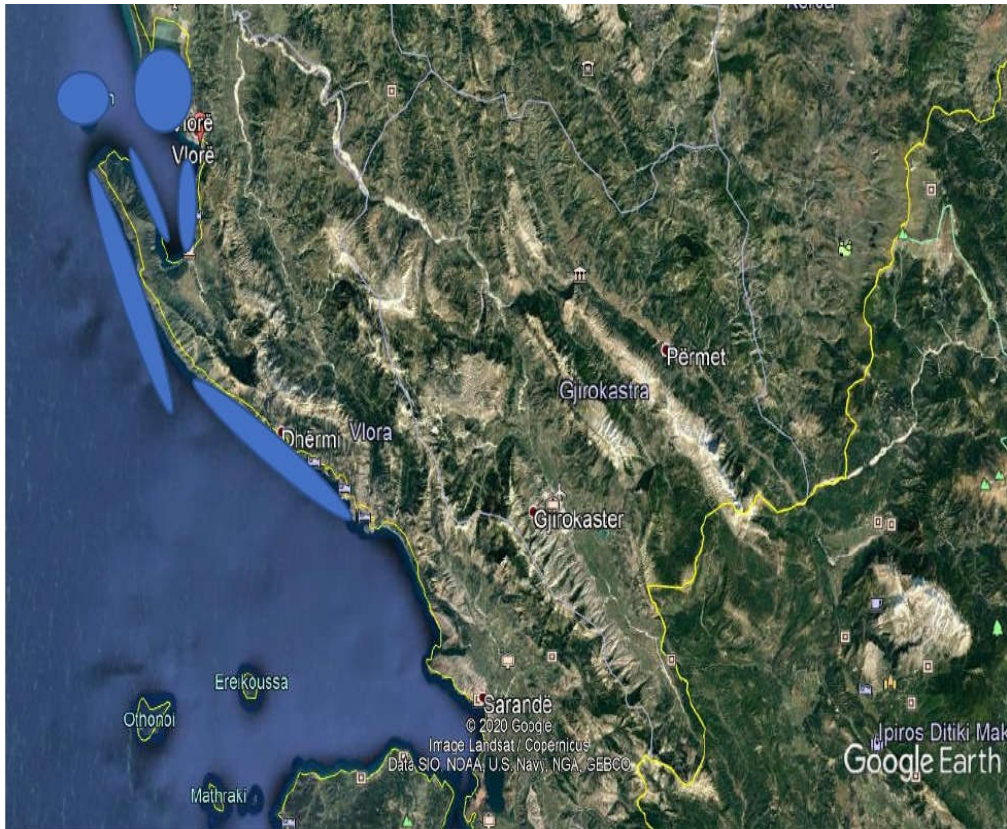
- Establishment of a group of collaborators;
- Knowledge of *Brassica* sp and their habitat.
- Preparation of a monitoring protocol.
- Selection of polygons (in sites).
- Field data collection (Coordinates, field pedology, plant development stages, plant biometrics, etc.);
- Sampling (plants, leaves and seeds);

Monitored areas

- ▶ Bay of Vlora;
- ▶ Zvernec Hills;
- ▶ Karaburun Peninsula;
- ▶ Sazani Island;
- ▶ Bay of Gjipea;
- ▶ Bay of Himara;
- ▶ Porto Palermo area;
- ▶ **Total: 118 km of coastline;**
- ▶ **And 11km around the island of Sazani;**



Map of the presence of *Brassica sp.*



- Bay of Vlorë (Castle-Orikum-Saint Vasil);
- PK Marine: Karaburun - Sazan (Saint Vasil - Palace);
- Ionian Coast (Palace - Himare - Porto Palermo);
- Sazan Island;

Intensity of spread in grown territories



- ▶ *Brassica* sp are a very rare spread. It is installed on rocky sites, fragmentarily located from the Castle in Vlora to Porto Palermo; in small numbers located along the entire Karaburun Peninsula up to Porto Palermo.
- ▶ The best situation is in the island of Sazan, where *Brassica* sp is found in larger fires and in the form of meadows (30-40 plants per 100 m²).

Pressures and threats



- ▶ Damages from livestock grazing;
- ▶ Urban and tourist constructions in coastal areas;
- ▶ Reconstruction works of the highway Vlora - Orikum;
- ▶ Climate changes.

Evaluation for each species

(distribution, plant associations)



- ▶ Diversity of *Brassica* species
(*B.incana* , *B.cretica* , *B.villosa*)

- ▶ No. of plants for a given area;
- ▶ Associations of *Brassica* sp., With
Daucus carota and *Salvia officinalis*;



Awareness meetings with land users and livestock of the area



- ▶ Meetings with residents of the Dukati area, regarding the recognition or possible use of *Brassica* sp, as food and livestock feed.
- ▶ Meetings with farmers and ranchers of Karaburun area;
- ▶ Meetings with agronomist and forestry specialist of Vlora region

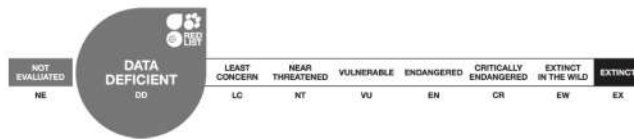
Conclusions and recommendations



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- ▶ In-depth knowledge and analysis of the situation of species, accompanied by their genetic analysis.
- ▶ Collecting and monitoring of at least 10 accessions of *Brassica* wild relatives populations
- ▶ Mapping of *Brassica* sp (GIS)
- ▶ Analysis of pressures, threats.
- ▶ Proposal for inclusion in the Red List and two other species.
- ▶ Establishing field/greenhouse collection(s) of gathered CWRs populations and their regeneration ;
- ▶ Description of morphological traits using the same descriptors
- ▶ Selection of accessions for inclusion in AEGIS ;

Thank you

