Documenting Dutch *in situ* **CWR populations in EURISCO**

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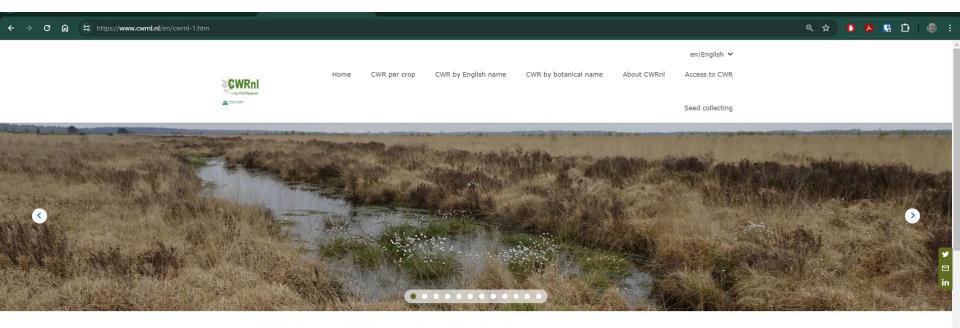


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summary

- CWR-NI for The Netherlands was compiled and uploaded to EURISCO
 - CWR-NI: 1912 records including 298 populations of threatened populations and 1614 occurrences of common species in flora districts
 - file created in Excel, complying to specifications of the EURISCO upload format, made available to EURISCO
- potential users can find out about occurrence of CWR in NL and find out about availability





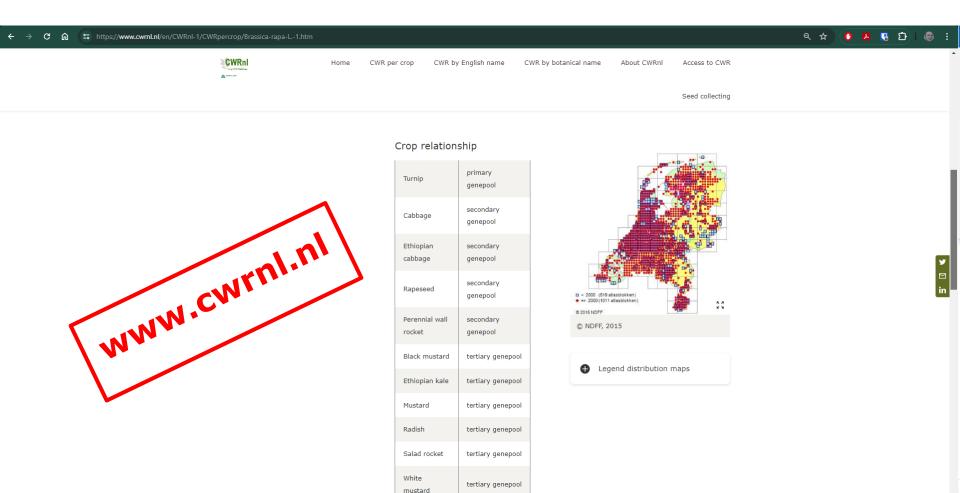
Crop Wild Relatives (CWR) in the Netherlands

Cultivated crops produce the main part of our daily food. Wild plant species that are related to cultivated crops are generally referred to as 'crop wild relatives'. CWR constitute a rich source of potentially useful traits, which can be introduced in cultivated crops through plant breeding. Improved varieties with novel traits are needed to secure our food supply when production has become at risk as a result of changing environmental conditions, such as caused by climate change. Because the continued existence of many wild plant species is uncertain due to influences such as pollution, urbanisation and climate change, it is of the utmost importance that CWR do not get lost and remain available for crop improvement. In the development of protective measures, a first step is to inventory which CWR are actually occurring within national boundaries. For the economically most important agricultural and horticultural crops, CWRnI presents the results of a CWR inventory in the Netherlands.



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identify priority taxa and populations

- priority taxa
 - species selected on well defined criteria
 - priorities determined based on niche modelling and climate change scenarios
- distribution based on existing flora and databases
- common CWR species were added based on their occurrence in 'flora districts'
 - NL is divided in 15 flora districts with similar ecogeography and associated floras



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Effects of climate change on the distribution of crop wild relatives in the Netherlands in relation to conservation status and ecotope variation



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ABSTRACT

Crop wild relatives (CWR) are wild plant taxa that are genetically related to a cultivated species and are considered rich sources of useful traits for crop improvement. CWR are generally underrepresented in genebanks, while their survival in nature is not guaranteed. Inventories and risk analyses are needed to prioritize CWR for conservation in order to ensure that they remain available for utilization. Here the effects of climate change on the distribution of 214 CWR in the Netherlands are predicted by ecological niche modelling and related to data on IUCN conservation status and variation in key ecological habitat factors. It is shown that climate change is expected to affect red list species as well as species that currently are of least concern. Particularly worrisome is the finding that already critically endangered CWR show the largest expected loss of distribution area. In general, reduced distribution areas show a geographical shift to more northern locations in the Netherlands. No clear relationship is found between changes in distribution and the habitat characteristics vegetation structure, nutrient level, moisture condition, salinity and acidity. A moderate positive correlation is observed between ecological amplitude and tolerance level to climatic change. Study results are used in developing strategies to ensure that Dutch CWR remain available for utilization.

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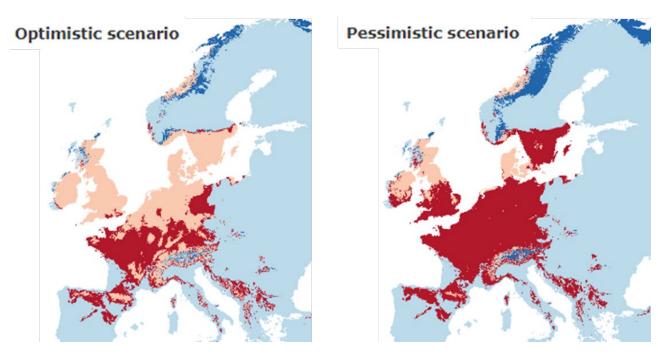
1. Introduction

The gene pools of many cultivated crops harbour wild species that to a greater or lesser extent can be crossed with the crop

results niche modelling *Blitum* (syn. *Chenopodium*) *bonushenricus* under two climate change scenario's



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prepare national inventory structure

- based on the 'Principles for the Inclusion of CWR Data in EURISCO'
 - 26 descriptors were selected for the NI-CWR
 - POPID, TAXONID, FAMILY, GENUS, SPECIES, SPAUTHOR, SUBTAXA, SUBTAUTH, USE_VALUE, RELATEDCROP, GENEPOOL, NATIONAL_CAT, LEGSTATUS, OBSDATE, SAMPSTAT, MNGINSTCODE, MNGINSTNAME, LIAISONCODE, LIAISONNAME, OTHERNUMB, ORIGCTY, FLORADISTRICT, OCCURSITE, DECLATITUDE, DECLONGITUDE and COORDUNCERT



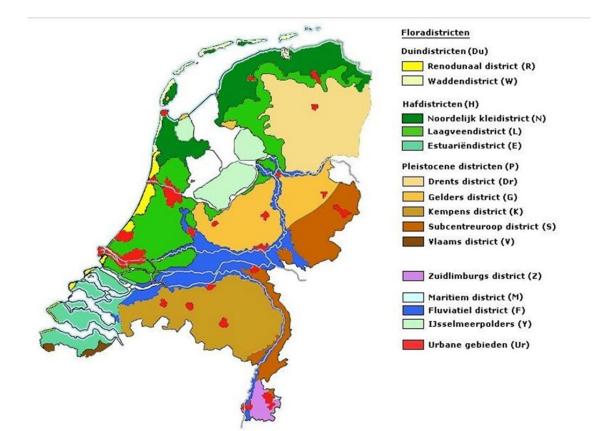
- organize network of data providers
 - not necessary for this project
 - in other CGN-project
 - awareness raising amongst nature conservation organization regarding CWR and how to deal with them
 - drafting MoU for collecting
 - prepare for requests from users



- collect and organize data according to the agreed principles and data exchange format
 - based on the already collected data
 - 298 records about 'threatened' CWR populations
 - occurrence of other 170 CWR species in 15 flora districts was checked, resulting in 1614 records
 - population IDs were given
 - 'NLDCWR' followed by a four-digit sequential number
 - simple Excel functions to create EURISCO upload
 - not sharing exact locations of threatened species
 - provide centre of flora districts with corresponding uncertainties covering entire district



the 15 Dutch 'flora districts'





part of the Dutch CWR EURISCO upload file showing recorords with common species (in yellow) and 'threatened' CWR populations (in green)

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- provide the data to EURISCO
 - CGN offered the data to EURISCO to test the new functionalities
 - now: 1912 records are part of EURISCO



observations / recommendations

- conservation and access are separate issues
 - NI-CWR is made listing CWR populations and details
 - for internal use crating overview of status quo
 - upload to EURISCO
 - possibly a selection of the NI-CWR
 - for potential access
- local CWR approach will determine details of creating an overview of (potentially) accessible CWR population
 - no standardization is needed
- EURISCO can give the exposure



Thank you for your attention !





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