

GETTING TO KNOW DIVERSITY

Plants from the collections of the German Gene Bank for Rhododendrons can be viewed in an Internet database. Search criteria facilitate the database research.

- You will find reliable descriptions of more than 360 Rhododendron species and subspecies as well as 4,000 Rhododendron varieties, including nearly 560 Indian Azalea varieties.
- Almost all descriptions are illustrated.
- The identity of the genetic resources was checked by experts.
- Species and varieties are permanently preserved in the collections.
- Varieties with historical and regional relevance are maintained.
- Plant material can be provided on request.



'Sun Star'

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Preserving diversity for the future



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DID YOU KNOW...

- that the term Rhododendron is derived from Greek and means 'rose tree'?
- that Rhododendrons have been known in Europe for more than 300 years?
- that Azaleas belong to the Rhododendrons?
- that there are more than 1,000 Rhododendron species and most of them came from Asia?
- that there are local Rhododendron species in Germany?
- that more than 30,000 varieties have been created worldwide in just 200 years through systematical breeding work?
- that more than 2,300 of these varieties have been bred in Germany?
- that a third of all known species and about 4,000 varieties are preserved in the German Gene Bank for Rhododendrons?

WHERE DIVERSITY GROWS



Rhododendron breeding history of the last 190 years is presented in the Park of Gardens in Bad Zwischenahn

Looking for information about the collections of the Gene Bank for Rhododendrons? Contact the Bundessortenamt. We put you in contact with collectors and experts.

PRESERVING DIVERSITY

The German Gene Bank for Rhododendrons is part of the German Gene Bank for Ornamentals. Its objective is to jointly preserve the genetic diversity of ornamental plants. The collections are documented and described. Information and material can be provided on request.

The German Gene Bank of Rhododendrons is a nationwide association of more than 40 public and private rhododendron collections. These include tree nurseries, botanical gardens, parks and private gardens.

The Bundessortenamt has been coordinating the genebank since July 1 2014. It originates from the model- and demonstration project 'Decentralized Rhododendron Gene Bank Network' of the Chamber of Agriculture in Lower Saxony.

The network preserves a piece of garden history and is also the basis for new diversity in our gardens by maintaining old varieties for future breeding activities.



'Kurfürstin Sophie'



'Sonnenduft'



'Hansunanna'



'Goldkrone'



'Sommertraum'