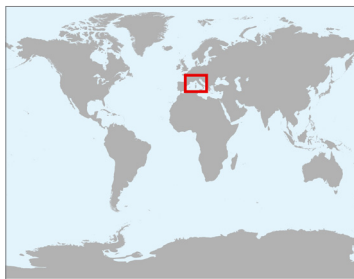




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Geographical range

Species of the Day: *Biscutella rotgesii*

Biscutella rotgesii is listed as 'Critically Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. This species grows on rocky grassland and serpentine rock in Corsica, tolerating the high concentrations of heavy metals in the soil and surviving on a limited supply of water.

Only several hundred individuals exist, in two populations, and sadly these numbers are diminishing. As *Biscutella rotgesii* is not internationally protected by any conventions, it is vulnerable to urbanization in its various forms, particularly the construction of roads, as the main population grows on cliffs surrounding a road. In addition to these direct human pressures, flooding and fires also threaten the existence of this species.

The Conservatoires botaniques nationaux français are storing and cultivating seeds. This important work should ideally be implemented by other botanical gardens. In addition, a management plan for the Natura 2000 site "Défilé de l'Inzecca" is being drafted and implemented as a way of raising awareness and saving *Biscutella rotgesii*.

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