

**Carrying out a Feasibility and Risk Assessment for
Assessing the Desirability of Plant Conservation Translocations
Examples of Questions to Consider**

SPECIES CONSIDERATIONS			
Is the species endemic/sub-endemic to the Maltese Islands?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	(Specify)
Is the species of EU community importance?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	(Specify Directive and Annex)
Is the species listed in the Red Data Book of the Maltese Islands?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	(Specify)
Is the current conservation status of the species known?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	(Specify the status)
Is the species afforded legal protection in the Maltese Islands?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	(Mention relevant legislation)
Is the species' historical range and distribution in the Maltese Islands known?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	(Specify including with maps)
Are there extant/existing populations of this species remaining in the Maltese Islands?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	(Mention remaining localities)
Are the species' critical needs known?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	(Specify)
Does the species play an important role in the ecosystem it typically inhabits?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	(Describe role)
Are the mortality factors known? Can they be controlled or eliminated?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	(Specify)
Is there a reliable stock of this species available locally?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	(Mention source, technique used and available numbers)
Will the conservation action planned for the recovery of the target species affect other species in the planting site?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	(Specify both positive and negative impacts)
HABITAT CONSIDERATIONS			
Does suitable habitat fall within the boundaries of a protected area?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	(Give details)
Are there several suitable locations where the species can be planted so as to increase the chances of long-term survival?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	(Specify)
Is there suitable habitat available locally within the species' natural range?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	(Specify)
Is there suitable habitat left outside the species' natural range?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	(Specify)
Are there any activities occurring in the intended planting site which can damage or wipe-out the planted specimens?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	(Give details)
LOGISTIC CONSIDERATIONS			
Is there local expertise to adequately plan the species recovery?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	(Give details)
Are resources available to cater for the duration of the species recovery and monitoring (to ensure the successful establishment of the planted population) as well as to deal with any problems that might emerge (contingency planning)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	(Specify)
Is EU funding being sought for the species recovery as a conservation project?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	(Specify)

OVERALL FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT	
Based on the above considerations, what are the chances of success of <i>in situ</i> and <i>ex situ</i> efforts for this species?	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent, with minimal management effort needed <input type="checkbox"/> Very Good, but with significant management effort needed <input type="checkbox"/> Bad and with considerable management effort needed <input type="checkbox"/> Very bad, unlikely to succeed
RISK ASSESSMENT	
What risks are associated with the conservation translocation option under consideration? (Give details)	<input type="checkbox"/> Risk to source populations through removal of propagules including on associated/dependent species (especially if wild sourced) <input type="checkbox"/> Ecological risk on other species, on the release site and on ecosystem functioning <input type="checkbox"/> Disease/Pathogen Transmission risk <input type="checkbox"/> Associated invasion risk of translocated specimens in the release site <input type="checkbox"/> Risk of gene exchange between translocated individuals and residents (intra- and interspecific hybridization) <input type="checkbox"/> Socio-economic risk <input type="checkbox"/> Financial risk <input type="checkbox"/> Any potentially unknown risks
OVERALL RISK ASSESSMENT	
Based on the above considerations, what are the overall risks associated with the proposed conservation translocation vis-à-vis not achieving its objectives and/or causing unintended damage?	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low
CERTAINTY LEVELS OF PREDICTIONS	
Based on the above considerations, what is the level of certainty/confidence of the assessment findings/predictions?	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low
OVERALL RECOMMENDATION	
Should the proposed conservation translocation proceed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No