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COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT TEST GUIDELINES FOR STATICE (TG/168/1(proj.))
AND FOR WEEPING FIG (TG/171/1(proj.))

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Comments from France

- Characteristics 15, 16: To find a better French translation for “color flush” (at present “*flamme*”).
- Characteristic 26: To have the Notes 1, 3, 5.

Comments from Germany

- Authors: Should read “Boiss and Nevski.”
- Page 3 (I.): The first sentence should read “...propagated varieties of *Goniolimon elatum* (Fisch. ex Spreng.) Boiss. (syn.: *Limonium elatum* (Fisch. ex Spreng.) O. Kuntze), *Goniolimon tataricum* (L.) Boiss. (syn.: *Limonium tataricum* (L.) Mill.), *Limonium* Mill., *Psylliostachys suworowii* (Regel) Roshk. (syn.: *Limonium suworowii* (Regel) O. Kuntze) of the family ...”
- Page 3 (II.2): The sentence “It should preferably not be obtained from *in vitro* propagation.” could be deleted as taken care of in the Technical Questionnaire.
- Page 4 (IV.3): There are varieties/species which form rosettes at the ground level and others which have leaves at the peduncle. Should that be used for grouping or is it characteristic 17?
- Characteristic 1: Expressions 1 and 9 should be deleted.
- Characteristic 2: It should read “Plant: number of inflorescences.”
- Characteristic 3: It should read “*L. sinense*.”
- Characteristics 6, 9, 13: It should read “*L. bonduellei*.”
- Characteristic 15, 16: It should be added “Varieties with petiole only.”
- Characteristic 18: Does it represent characteristic 1?
- Characteristic 24: It should read “Inflorescence: type” or “Plant: type of inflorescence” and be placed after characteristic 2. In the example varieties it should read “*Psylliostachys suworowii*” instead of “*L. suworowii*.”
- Characteristic 27: Is this characteristic correlated to characteristic 24 and can be deleted?

- Characteristic 30: Replace “type I” by “campanulate”;
Replace “type II” by “funnel-shaped”;
Replace “type III” by “open campanulate.”
- Characteristic 35: There are no shapes and thus the states should read “type I, type II, type III.”
- Page 19 (X.1.1): It should read “Boiss” and “Nevski.”
- Page 20 (4.3): The order should be changed as follows: “cuttings, *in vitro* propagation, seed.”
- Page 23 (7.2): It should read “perennial,” “required.”

Comments from South Africa

- Characteristic 22: “of margin” could be deleted.
- Characteristic 26: To have the Notes 1, 3, 5.
- Characteristic 36: To have only 2 states (absent, present).

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT TEST GUIDELINES FOR WEEPING FIG (TG/171/1(proj.))

Comments from Germany

- Page 3 (II.2): The sentence “It should preferably not be obtained from *in vitro* propagation.” could be deleted as taken care of in the Technical Questionnaire.
- Characteristic 2: It should be explained which angle is meant, the outer or inner angle?
- Characteristics 17, 18: Example varieties are missing.
- Characteristic 19: It should read “Varieties with symmetric leaf blade only: Leaf blade shape elliptic (1), elliptic and ovate (2), ovate (3).” The characteristic should be placed after characteristic 20.
- Characteristic 22: It should read “Leaf blade: color of upper side of young leaf.”
- Characteristic 23: It should read “Leaf blade: color of upper side of mature leaf.” The sentence on page 4, item 3 “The color should be observed...” could then be deleted.

- Characteristic 33: Should be deleted as covered by characteristic 32.
- Characteristic 36: It should read “crystal cells”; is that characteristic useful for distinction? Should the states be quantitative?
- Characteristic 40: A drawing would be helpful, in which case the number in brackets could be deleted.
- Characteristic 41: See characteristic 40; an asterisk should be added as also characteristic 40 has an asterisk.
- Page 20 (IV.3): It should first be asked for “cuttings” and thereafter for “*in vitro* propagation.”

Comments from South Africa

- Characteristic 2: “nearly right angle” to be replaced by “approximately right angle.” There is a difference in meaning.
- Characteristic 19: The “and” in “broad elliptic and broad ovate” to be replaced by “to”?
- Characteristic 36: “crystal cells” to be plural.
- Characteristic 39: Is “torsion” an absent/present characteristic? Should it rather be “absent or very weak - 1, weak - 2, strong - 3”, or should “absent/present” be followed by a second characteristic, “weak - 3, medium - 5, strong - 7”?

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