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## Global Seed Conservation Challenge Awards

### The Global Seed Conservation Challenge (GSCC) Awards

Launched in 2015, the GSCC aims to both support and challenge botanic gardens to work outside their garden walls to collect, bank and conserve seeds of threatened species towards Target 8 of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation. There are currently over 180 institutions involved in the GSCC working to conserve threatened plant species. In order to celebrate success, the GSCC will award gardens that excel at seed banking, while encouraging other gardens to get involved.

There will be a GSCC award for the botanic garden that;

1. Has made the greatest progress in collection of seeds
2. Conserves the greatest proportion of threatened species in their collection
3. Conserves the most interesting useful species
4. Conserves the most difficult species to collect
5. Conserves the rarest or most threatened species

### Prizes

The prize winners will be announced at the 6<sup>th</sup> Global Botanic Garden Congress (6GBGC) held in Geneva 26-30<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Prizes will be awarded at the Gala dinner or the closing ceremony as part of BGCI's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. Each winner will be awarded a plaque to commemorate their achievement and have their registration costs for the 6GBGC paid.

Prize winners will be notified in advance of the Congress that they have won.

### Application process

Prize winners for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> award will be chosen by BGCI based on PlantSearch records and supporting information. GSCC members will be eligible to apply for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> award and will be asked to nominate their institution for the awards. The process for nomination will involve completing a [GSSC Awards Form](#). GSCC members can apply to multiple categories.

The applications will be open from the 27<sup>th</sup> February – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017



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### **Judging process**

The award committee will comprise of a representative from each of the following institutions.

- The Crop Trust
- RBG Kew's Millennium Seed Bank Partnership
- Botanic Gardens Conservation International

A short list of 5 applications per category will be selected for review by the committee. The committee will be asked to rank their choices from 1-5.

Judging will take place w/c 20th March.