

SAFEGUARDING OUR TREE COLLECTIONS: Gardens coordinate to manage diversity.



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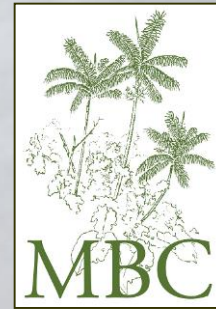
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Botanical
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Miami, Florida, USA



1932: Collection established



Colonel Robert Montgomery





**Major
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Development
1990-present**



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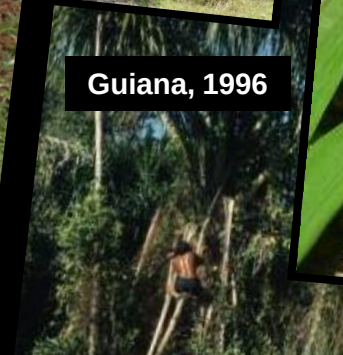
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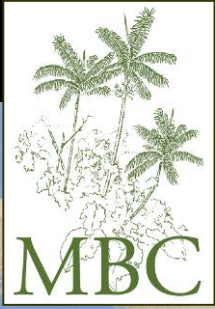


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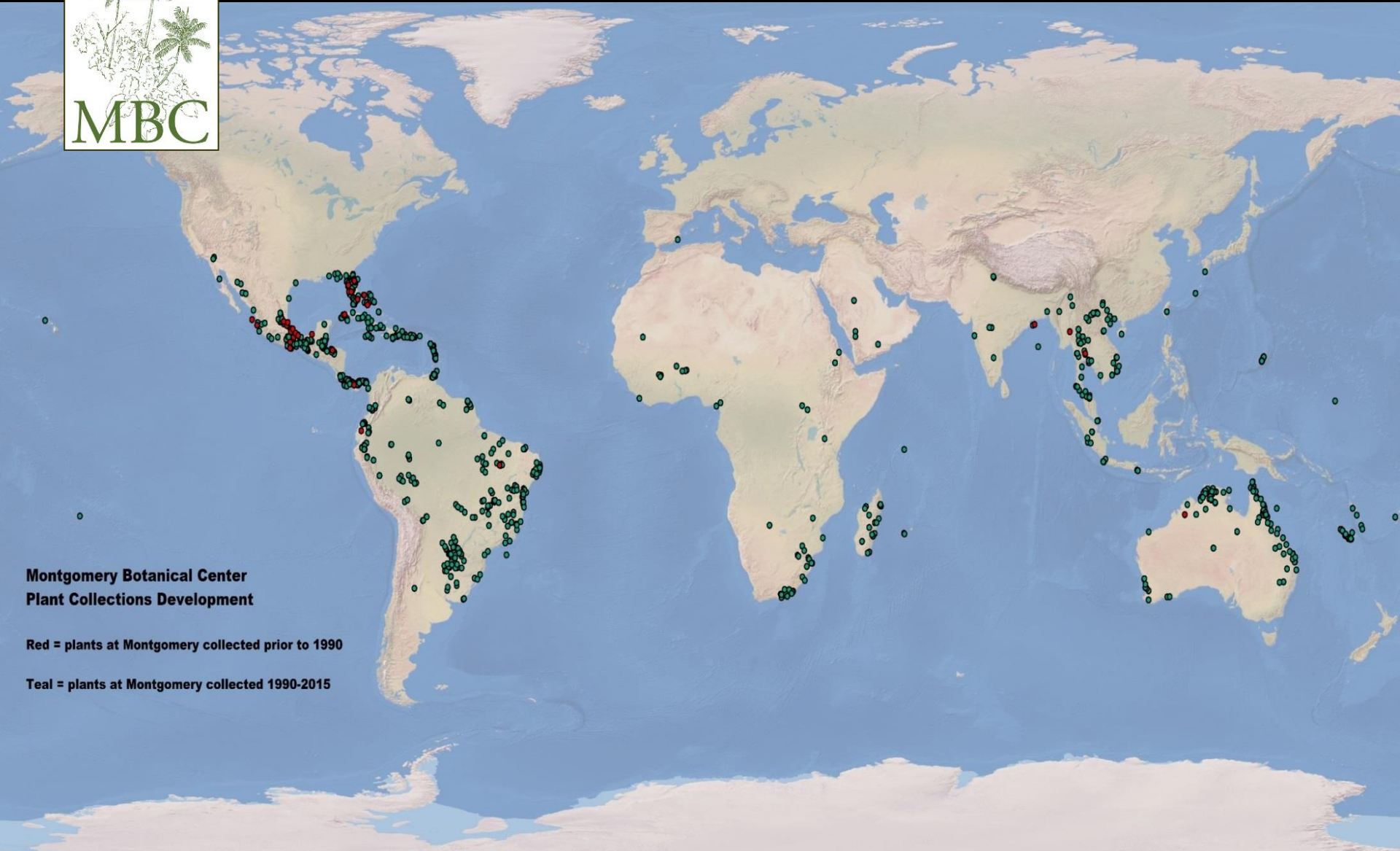
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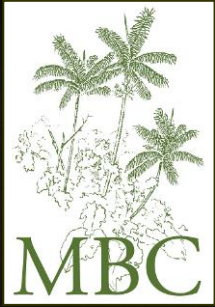
**Montgomery Botanical Center
Plant Collections Development**

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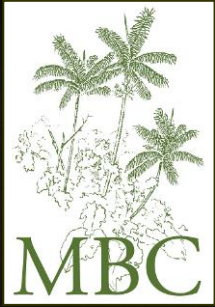
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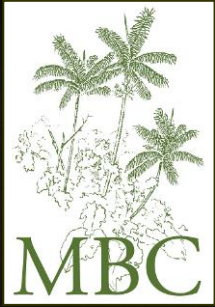
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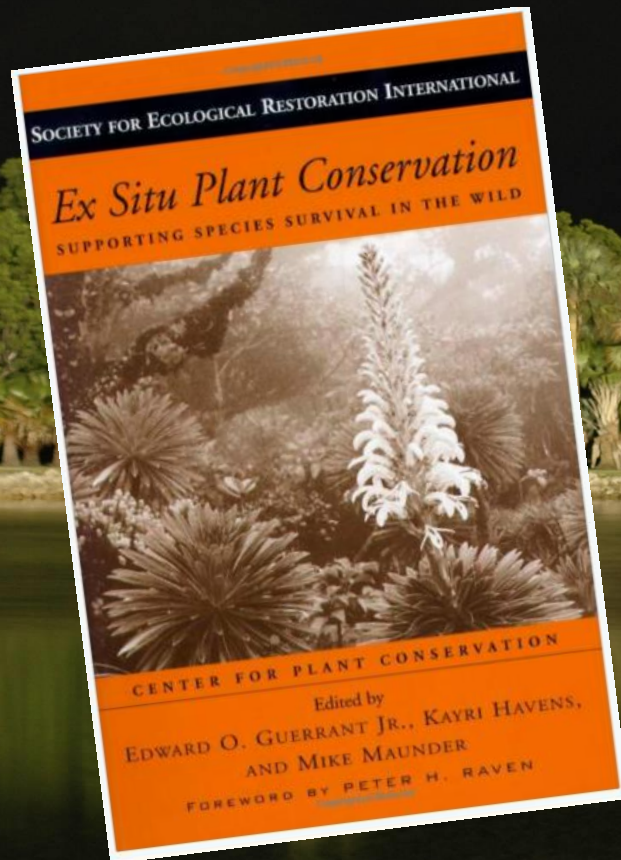
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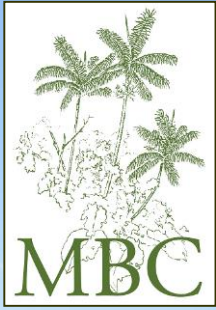
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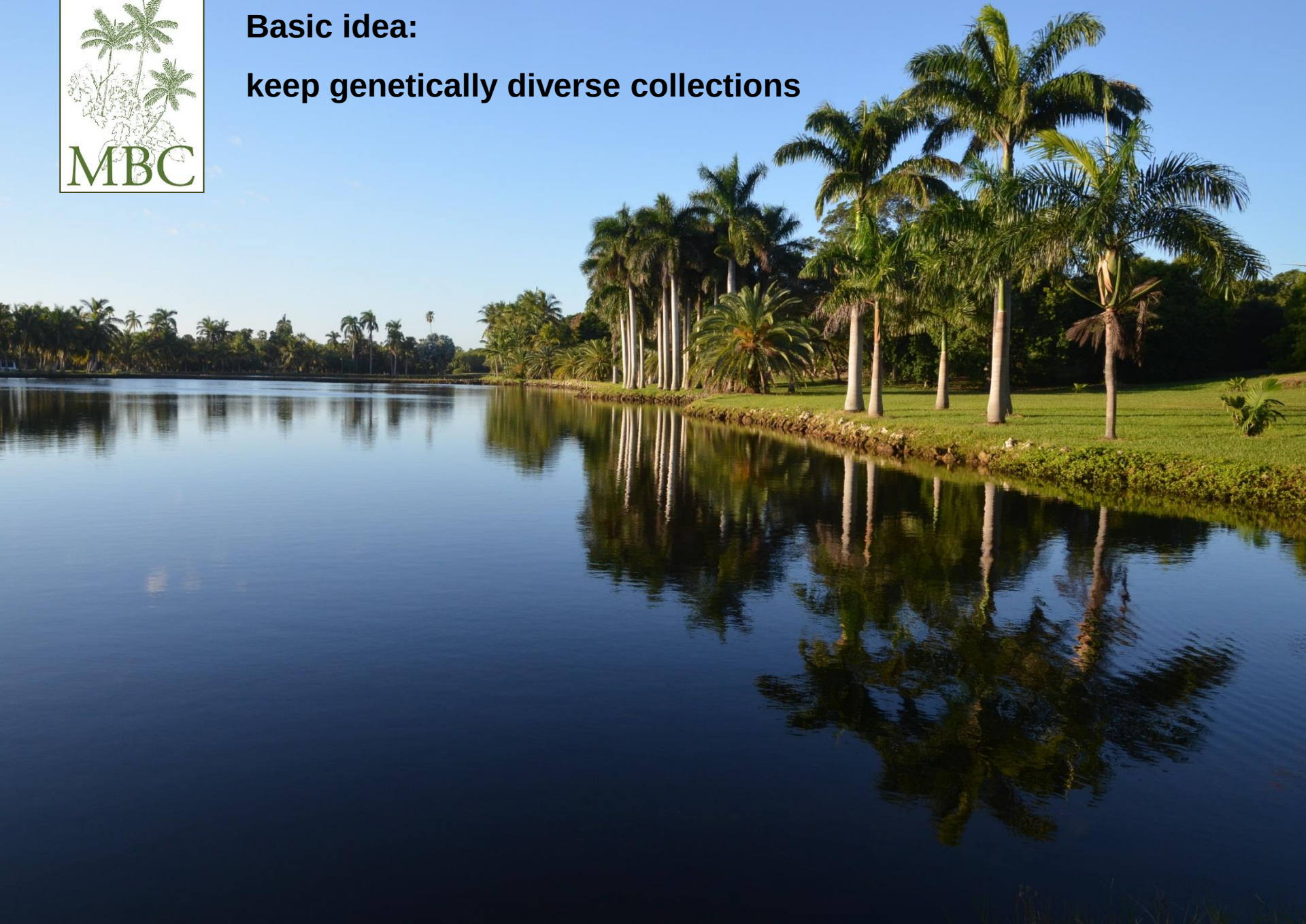


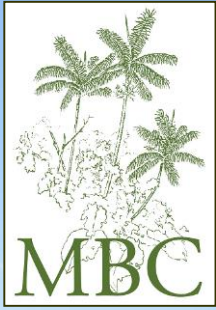
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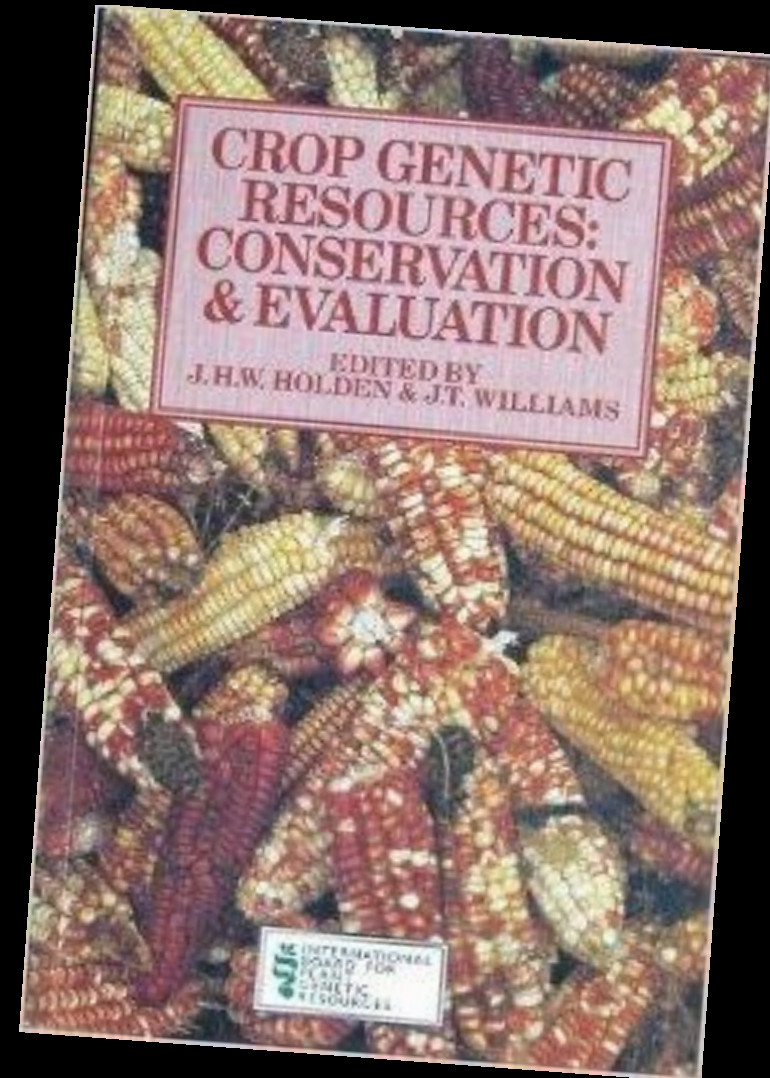
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Question: which plants and how many?

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MBC, 2018

Plants should be maintained following exemplary horticultural practices.
Plants should be incorporated into the collection in an aesthetically pleasing manner with the overall landscape design.

Acquisition of Material

Montgomery Botanical Center staff will strive to ensure that all plant material acquired from overseas on behalf of MBC has been collected, exported, and imported in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations of the country of origin and the Federal Government of the United States.. Staff are not to accept plants known to have been illegally or unethically collected from the wild.

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**MBC Collections
Policy**

**Strict emphasis
on deep sampling**

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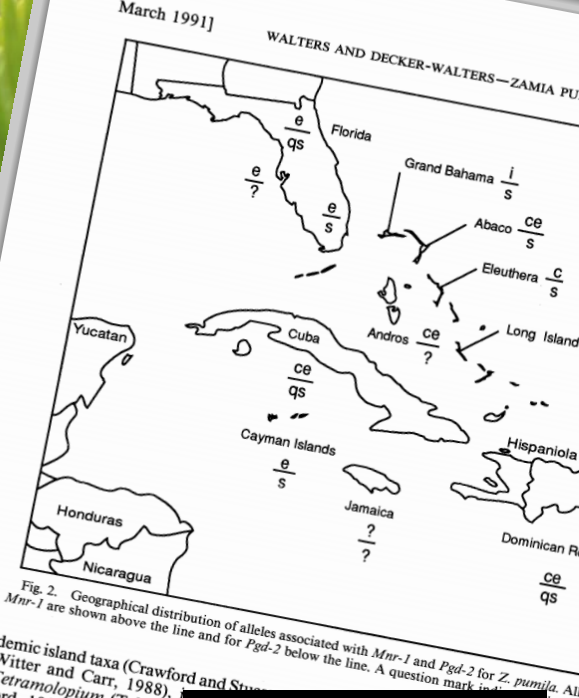
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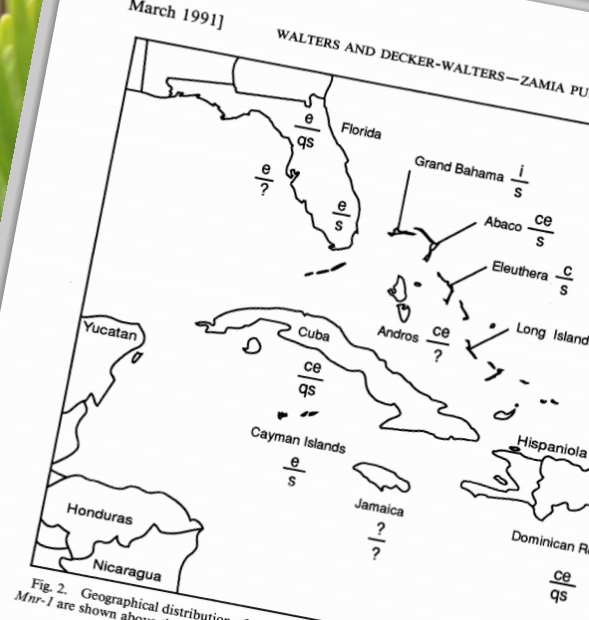
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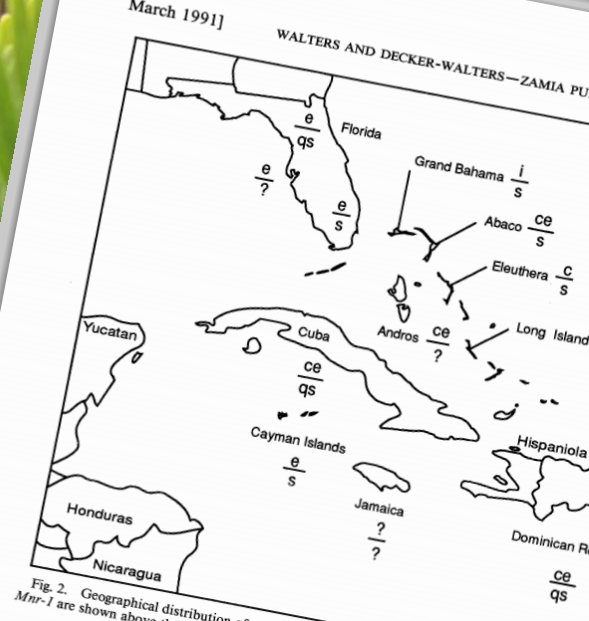


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13 plants at MBC, from one mother, from 1996

IUCN EW, ca. 20 plants known.



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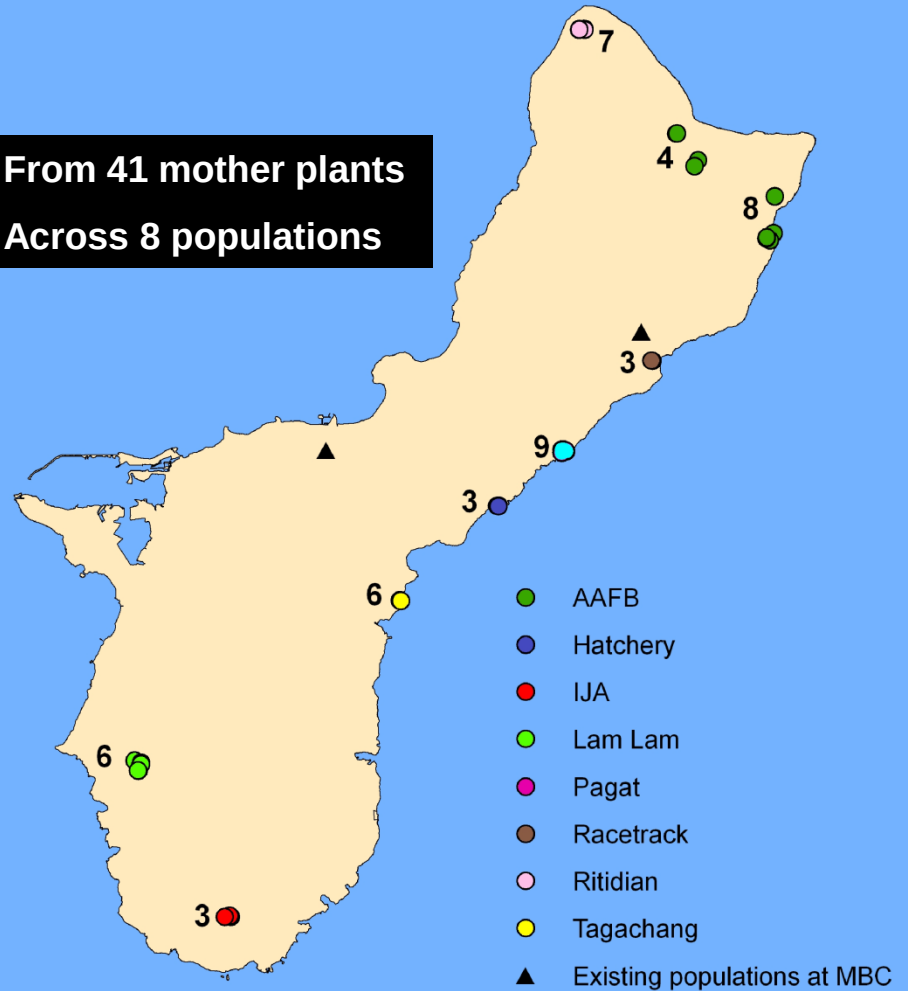
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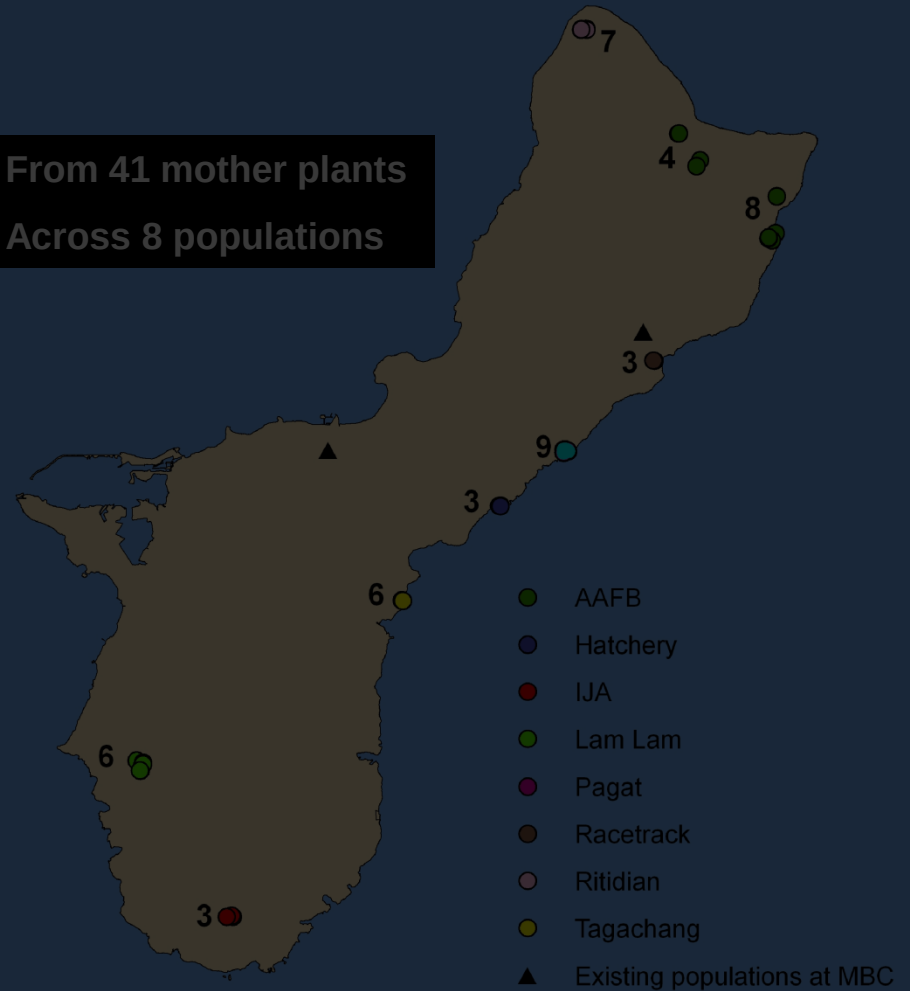
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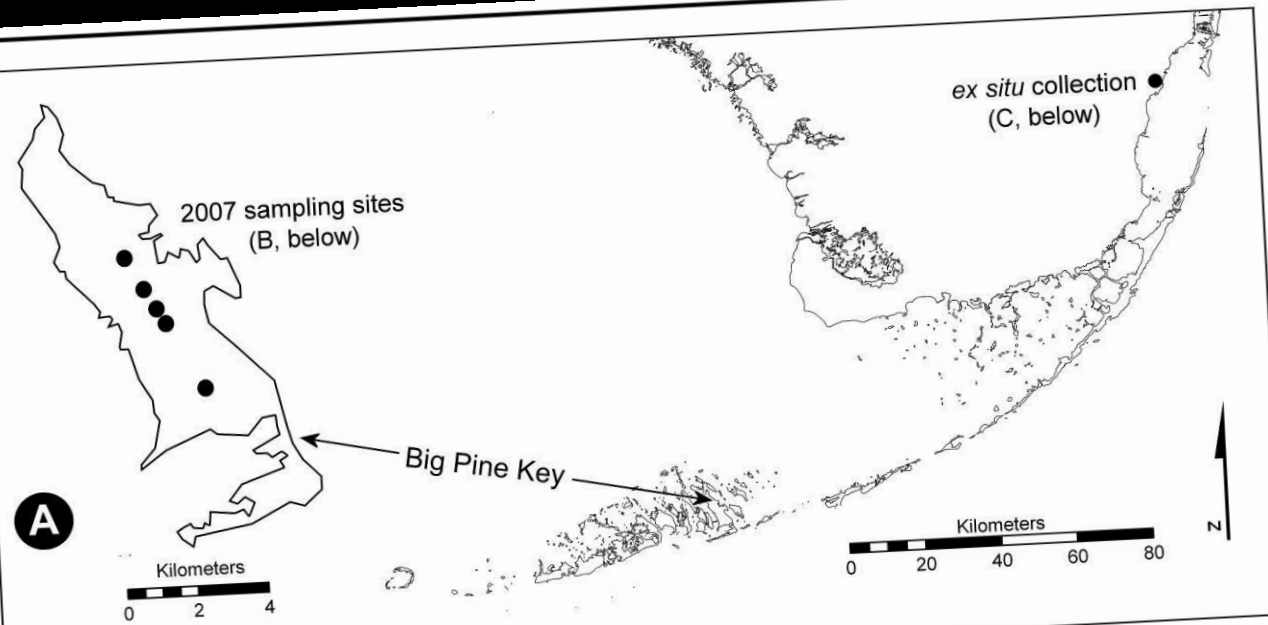


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Compared
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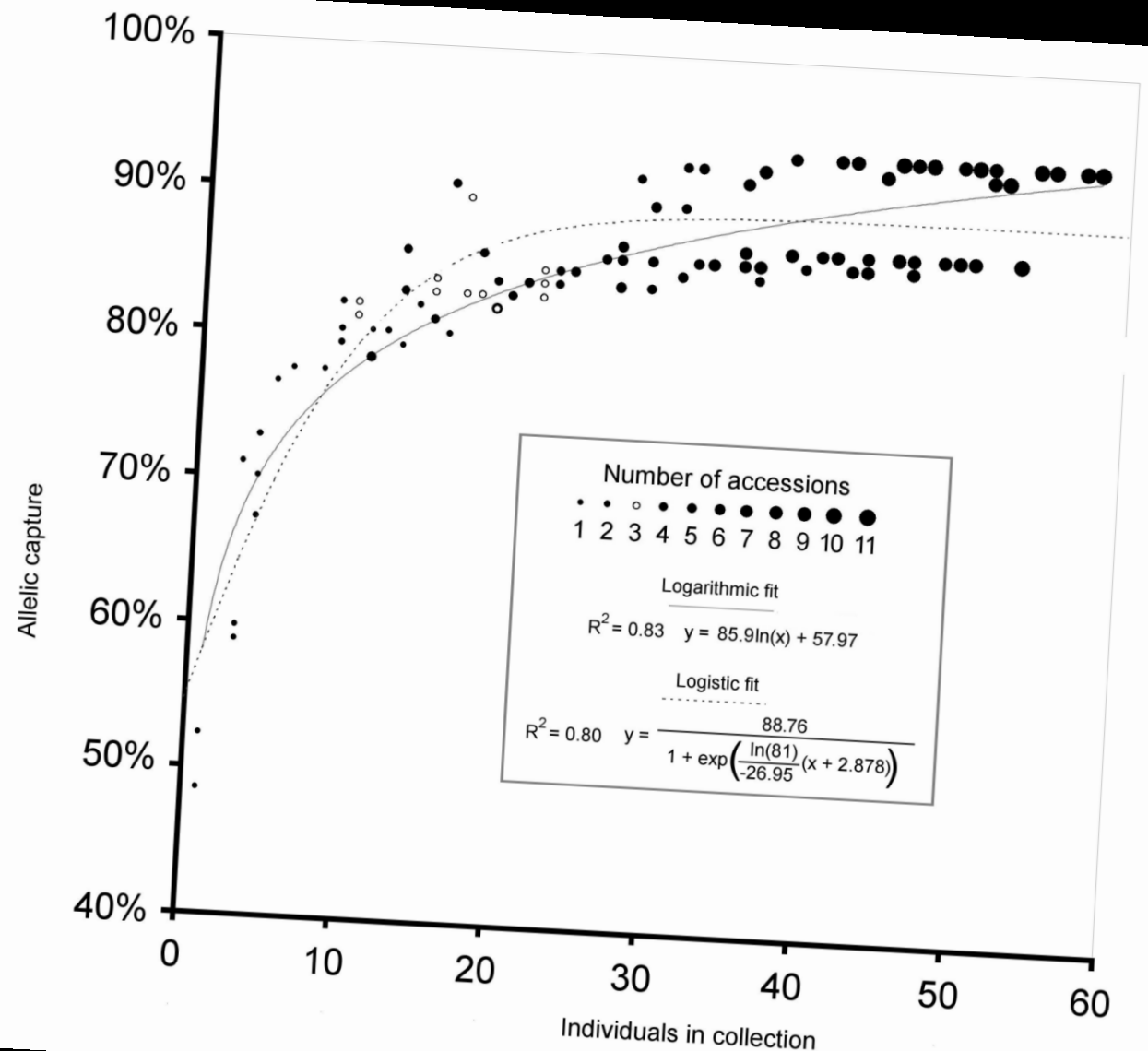
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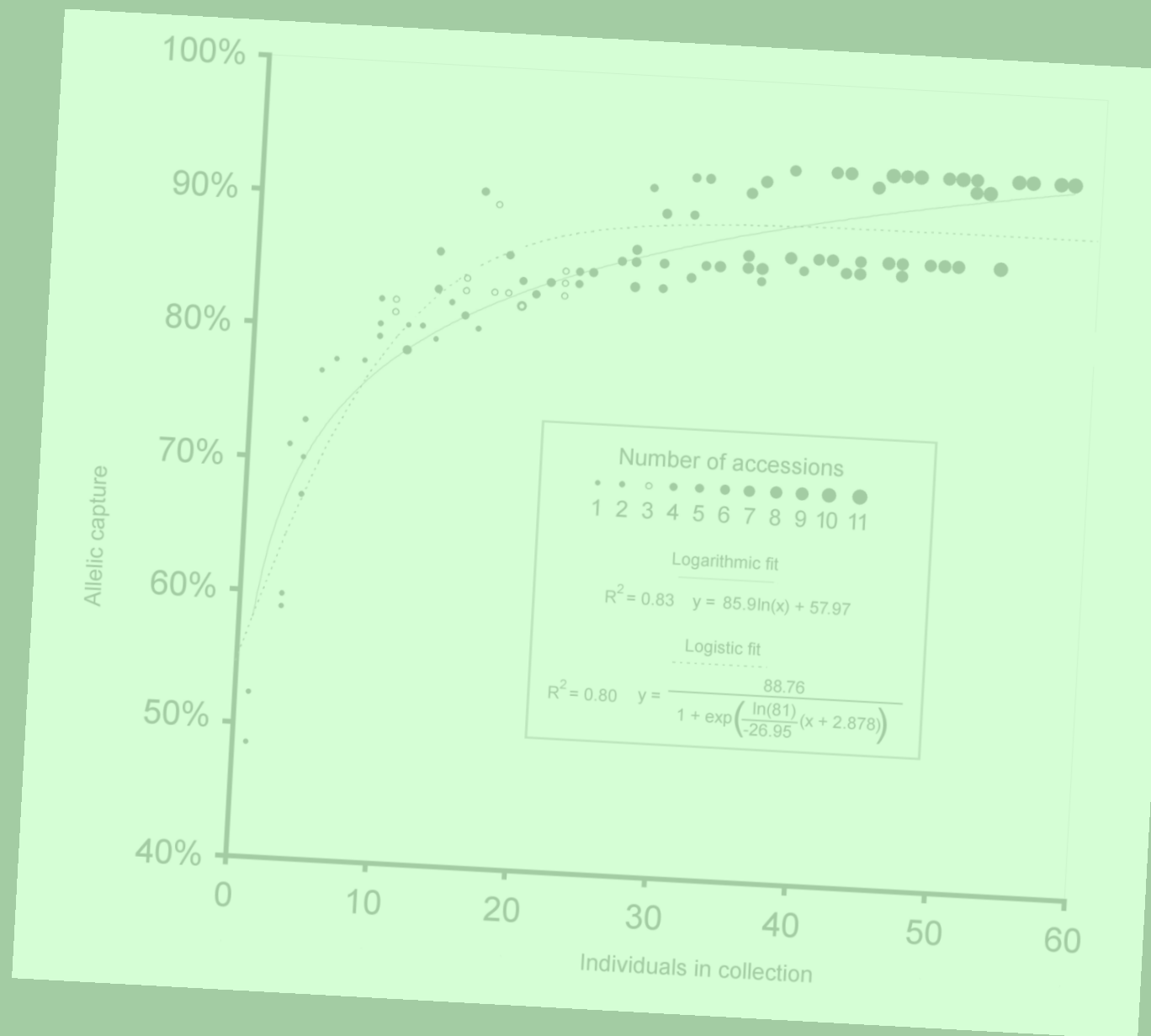
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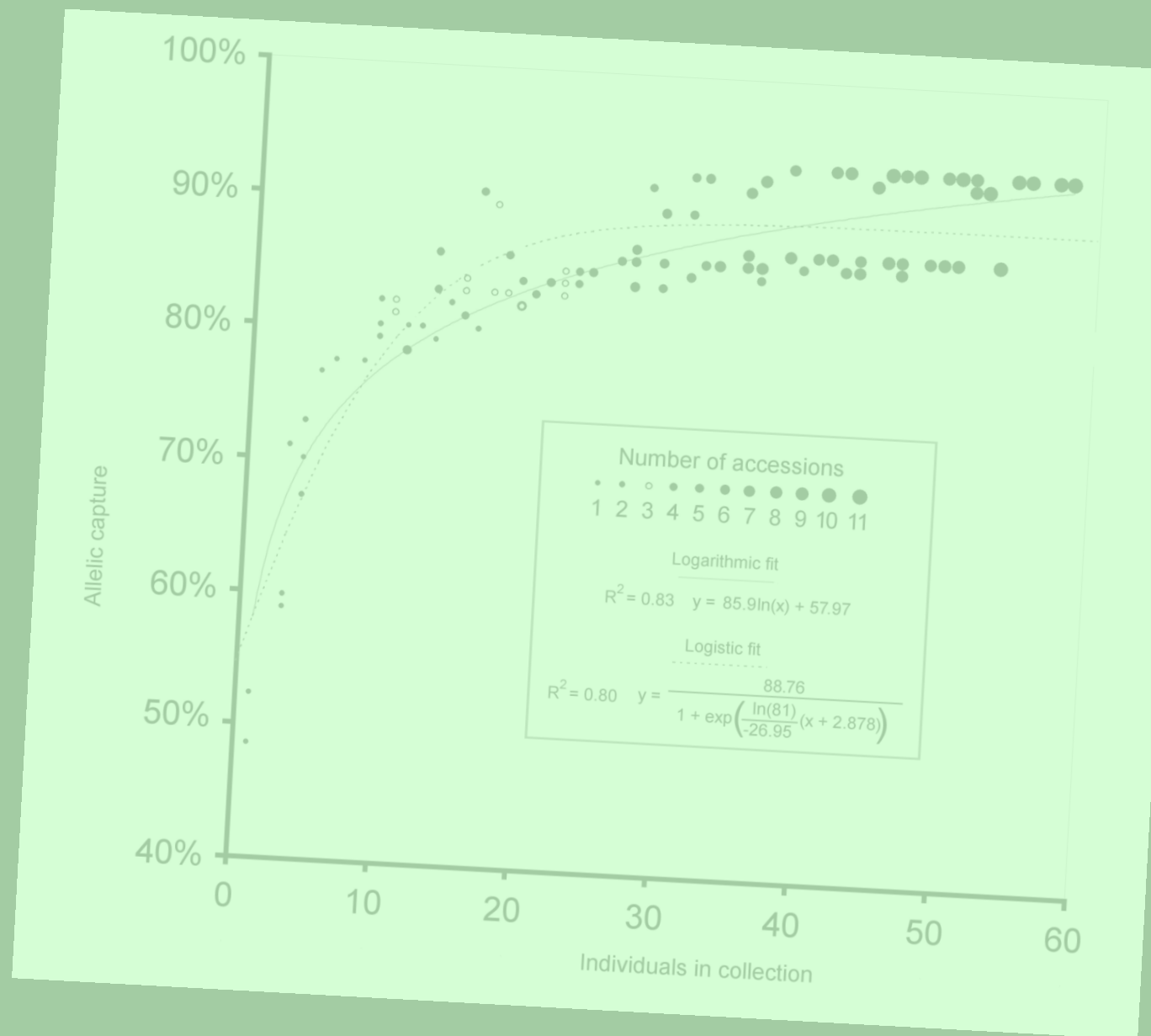
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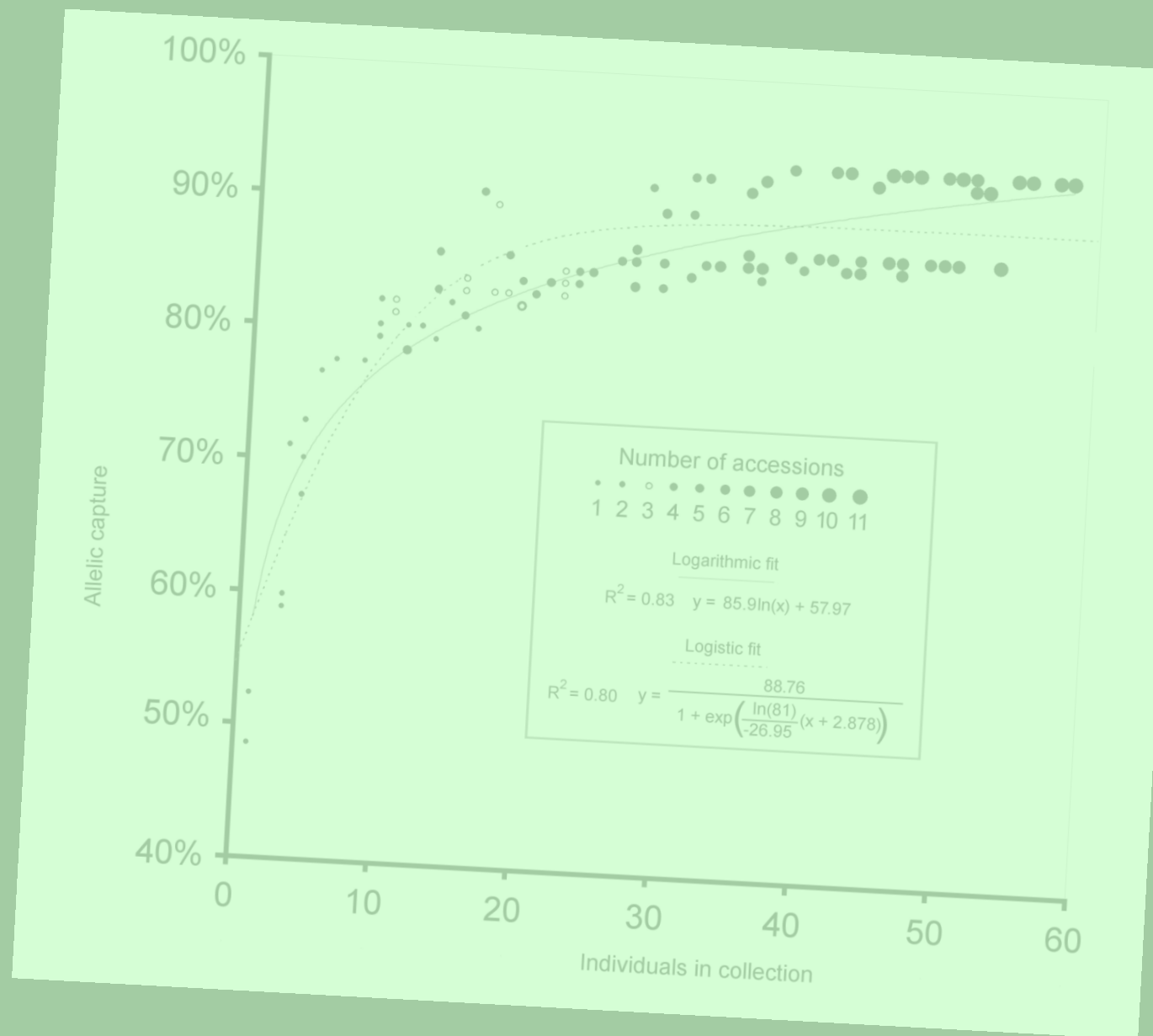
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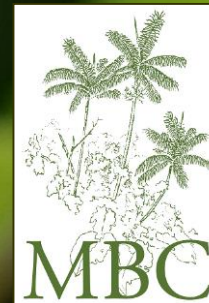


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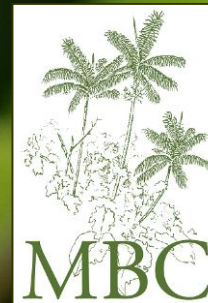


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model for ex situ cycad genetics



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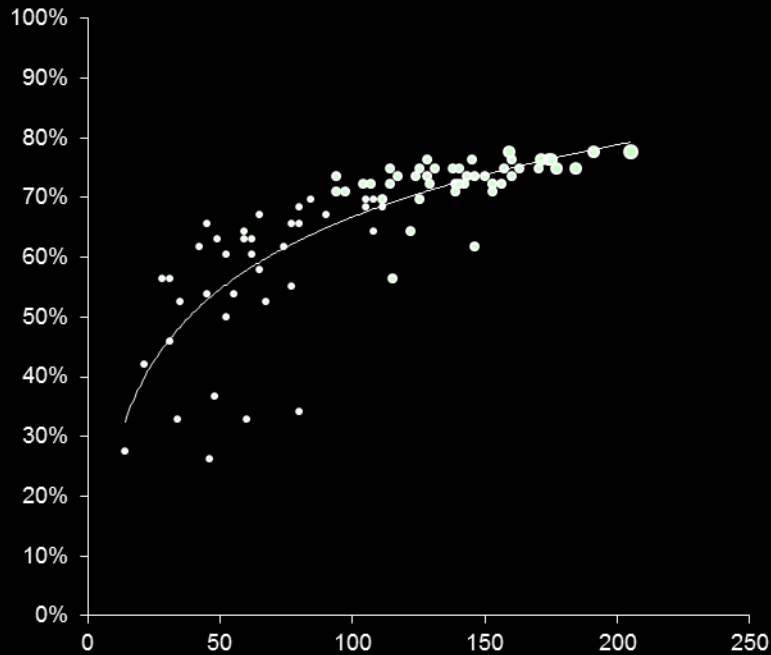
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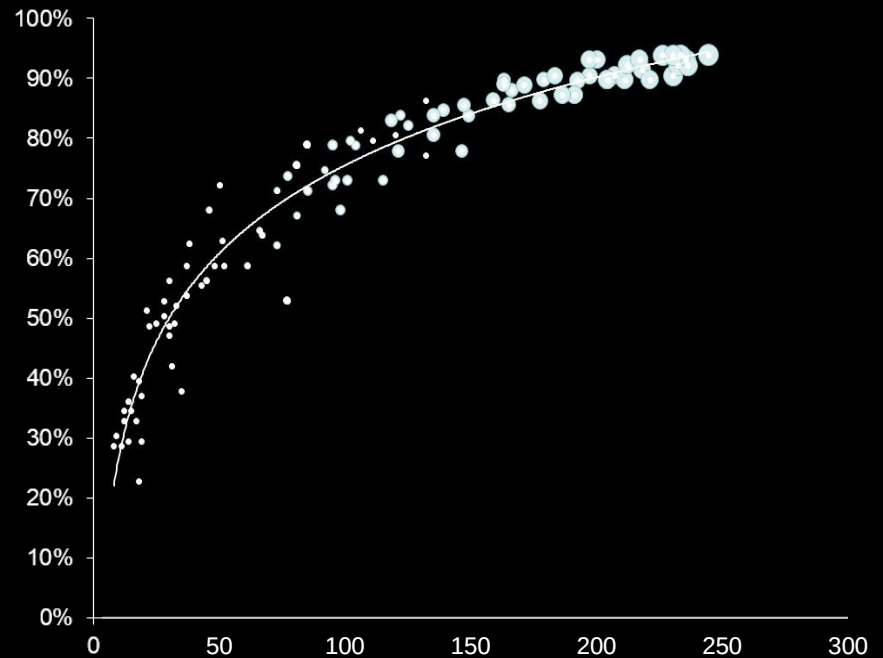
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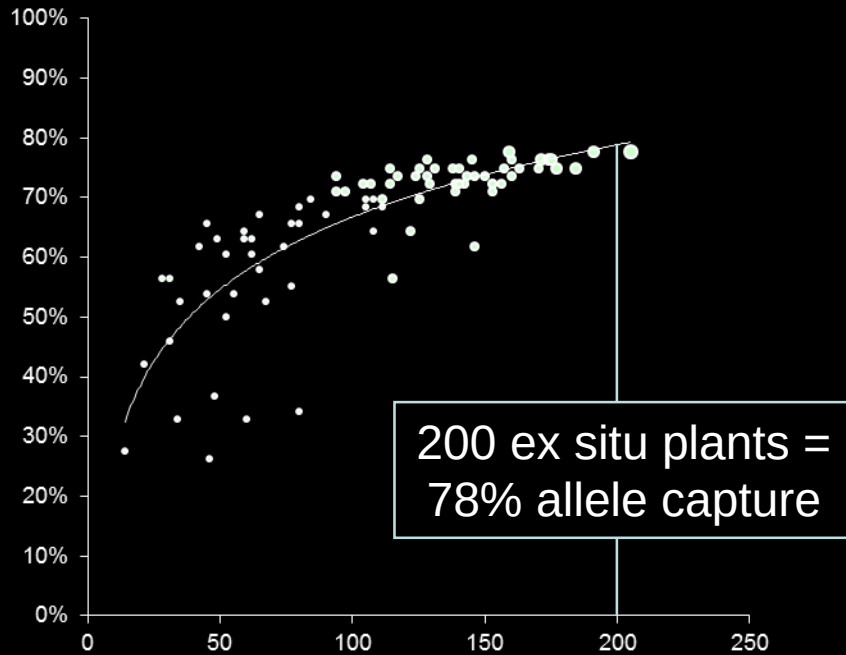
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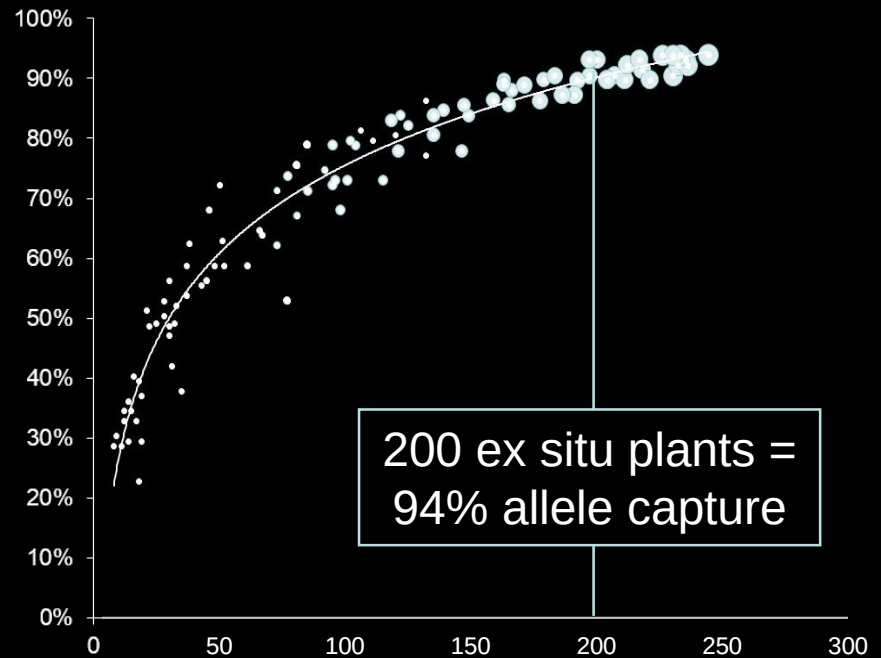
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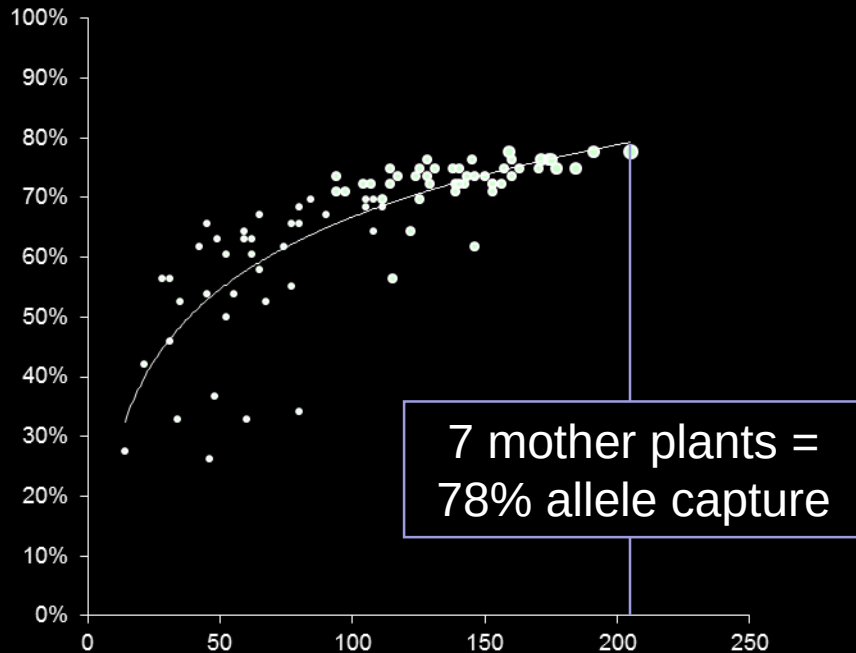
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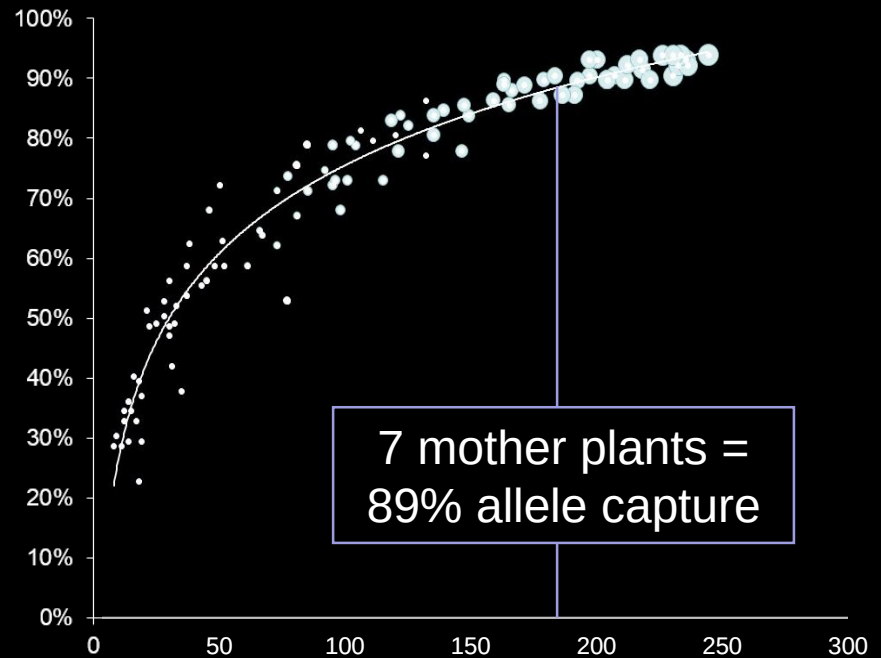
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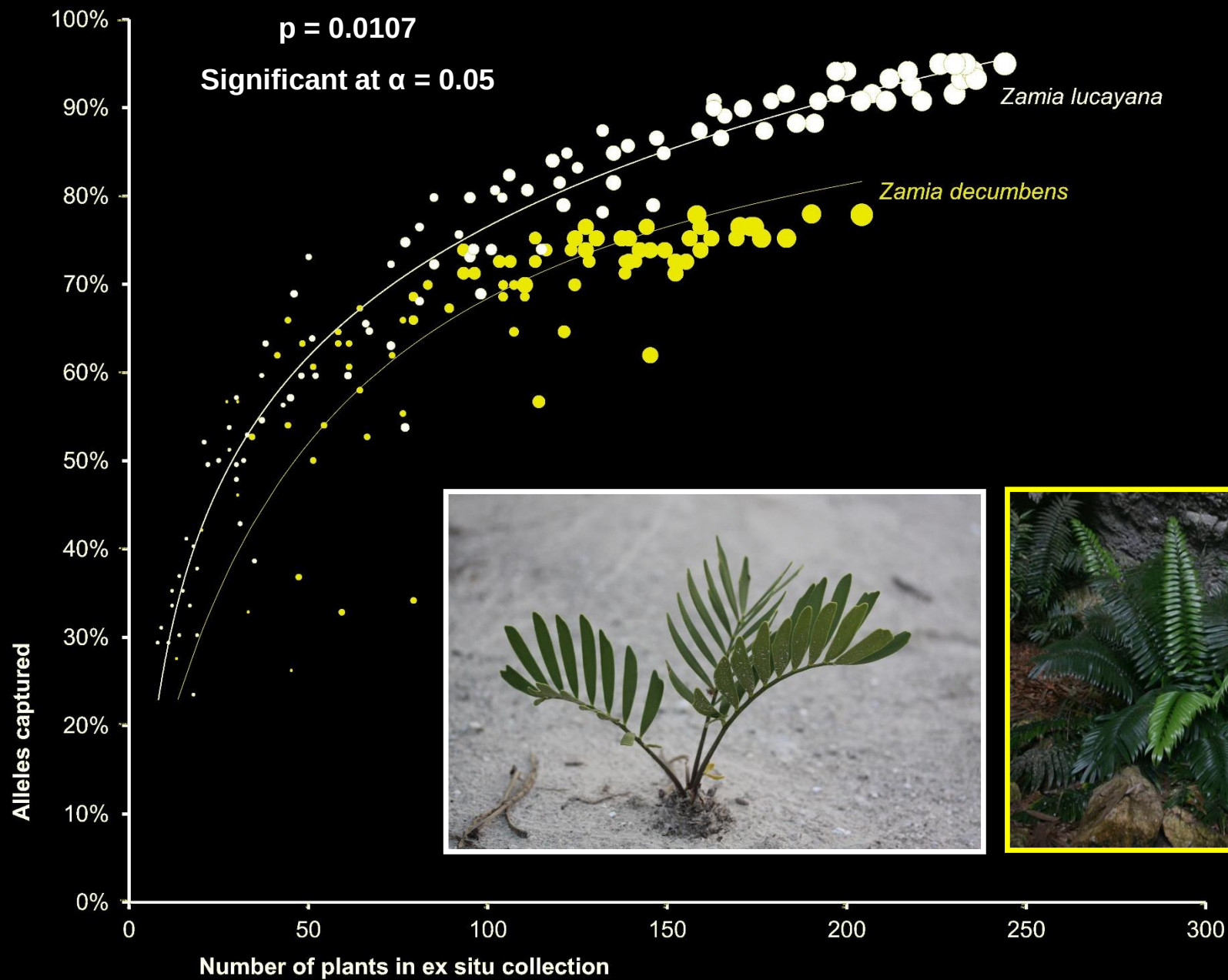
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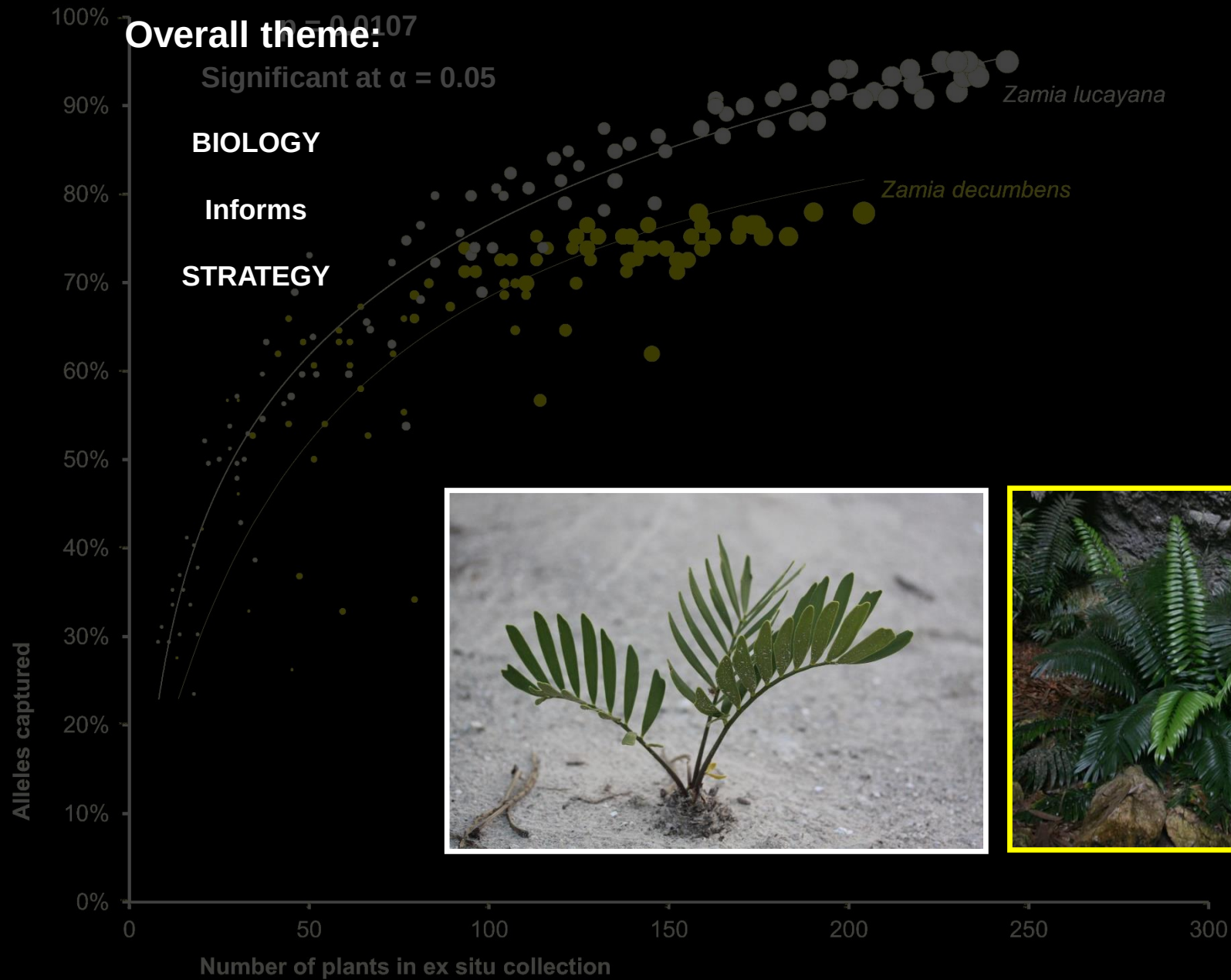
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Overall theme:

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Informs

STRATEGY

**fit
your method
to
the plant**



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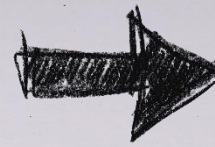
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Plants are *diverse*

Block Botanical Gardens

Plants are *diverse*

Not only palms and cycads



Morton Arboretum

**Some species are
extinct in the wild**



Arnold Arboretum

Strengthening the conservation value of ex situ tree collections

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Abstract With 10% of trees (> 8,000 species) threatened with extinction there is an urgent need for botanical gardens to protect threatened trees in dedicated conservation collections. Species conservation is mentioned in the mission statements of most major botanical gardens, yet the actual conservation value of existing ex situ tree collections is low. We conducted interviews with members of the botanical garden community and organized a symposium at the 5th Global Botanic Gardens Congress to identify challenges and collect recommendations to improve living ex situ tree collections. We summarize and evaluate this information to facilitate gardens becoming more effective agents for global tree conservation. Experts agree that gardens offer valuable strengths and assets for tree conservation. Some challenges exist, however, including a lack of strategic conservation focus, collection management limitations, gaps in fundamental biological information for trees, and a lack of global coordination. Solutions are offered to facilitate gardens and arboreta of all sizes to participate more effectively in tree conservation. Prioritizing genetically diverse tree collections, participating in conservation networks, developing tree-specific conservation models and guidelines, and strengthening tree science research efforts are a few examples. Most importantly, a more coordinated global effort is needed to fill knowledge gaps, share information, and build conservation capacity in biodiversity hotspots to prevent the loss of tree species.

Keywords Arboretum, botanical garden, conservation, Strategy for Plant Conservation

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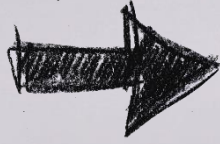
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Hibiscus



Magnolia



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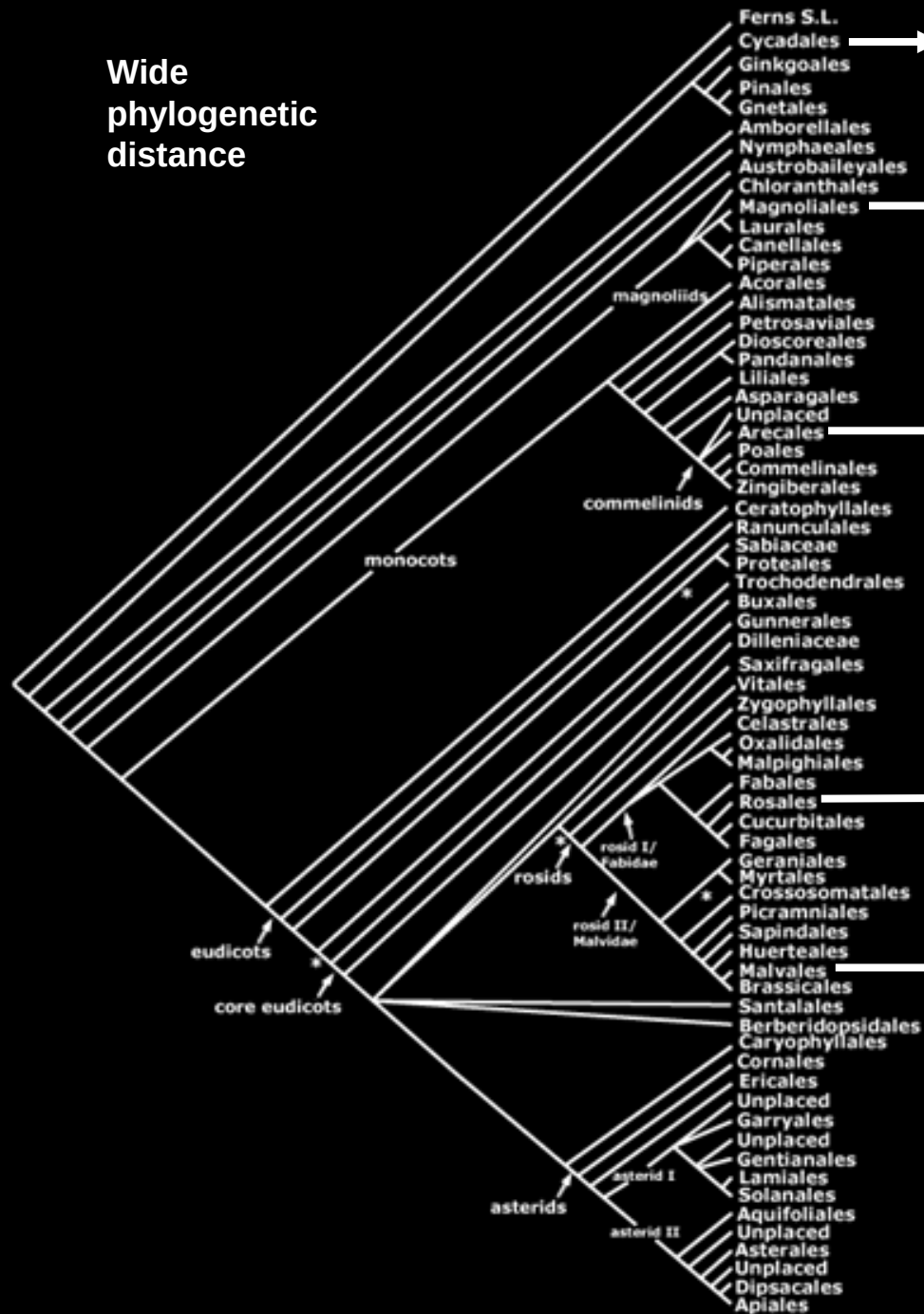


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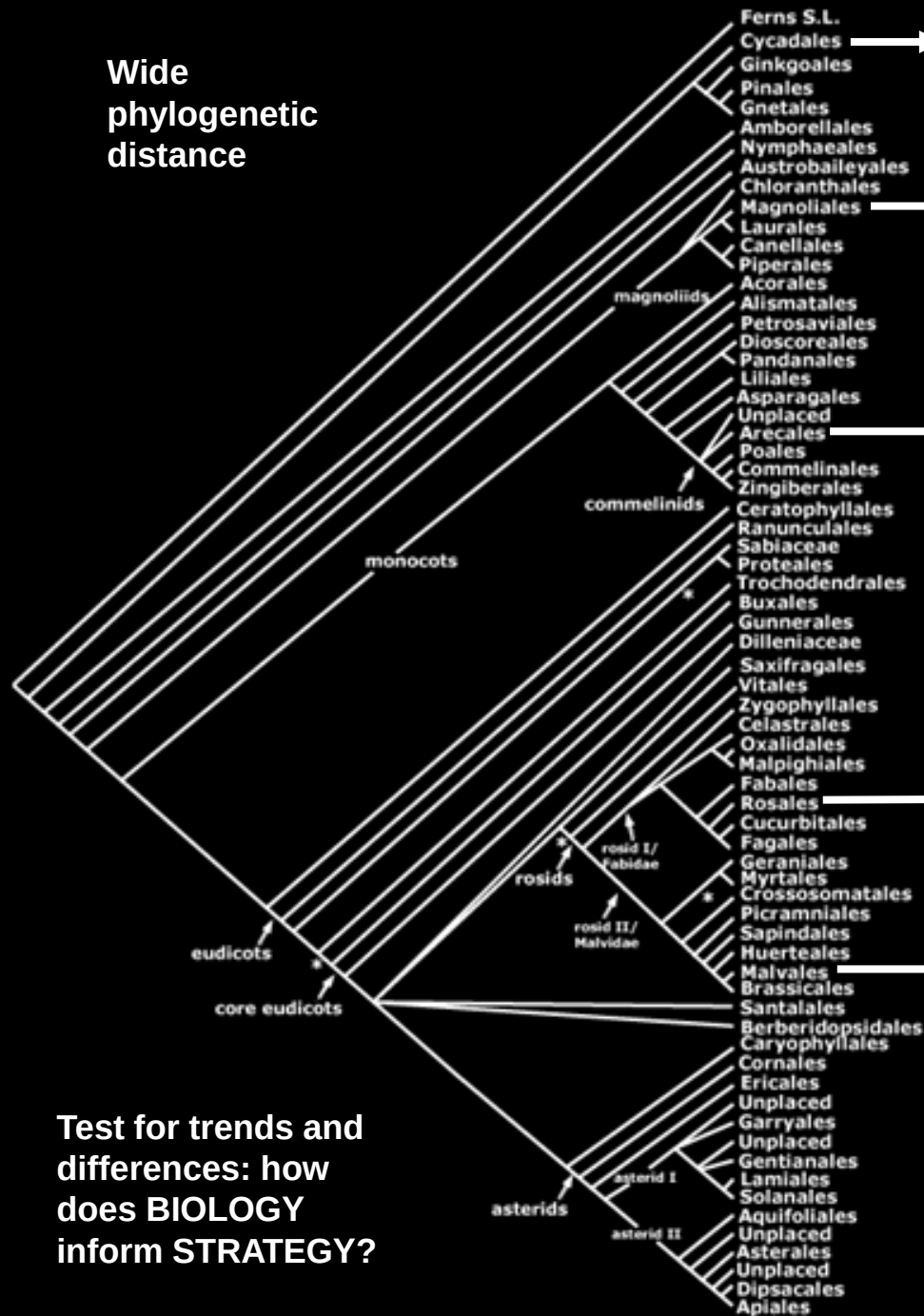


Zamia

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Test for trends and
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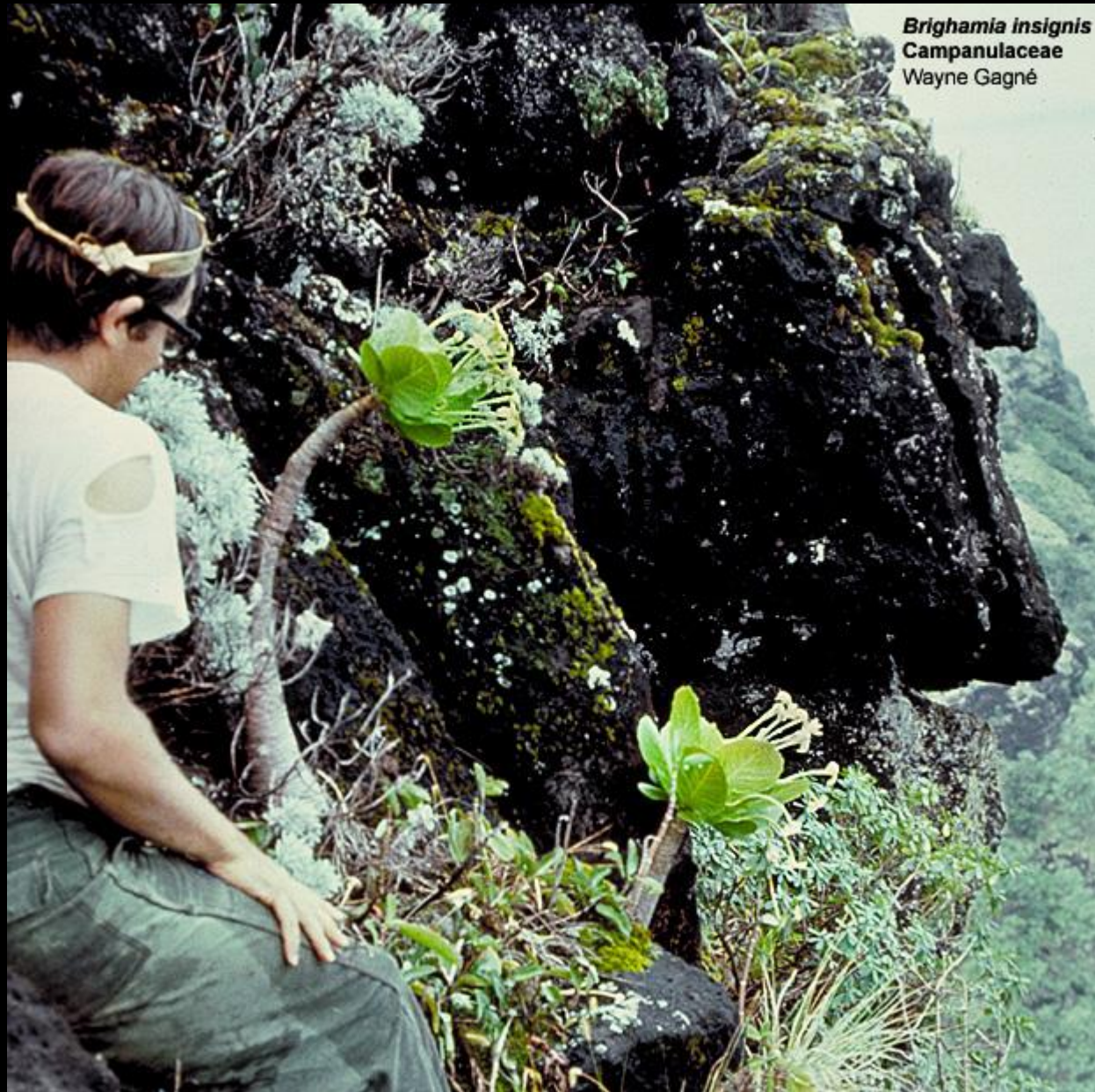
What about
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National Tropical
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Brighamia insignis

Functionally
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Good model for
metapopulation
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Zoo Meta-Population Strategies

Zoo 1



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Garden
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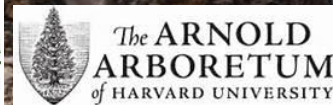
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First project meeting, October 2016,
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**Defined scope and
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Jordan Wood

Fieldwork for
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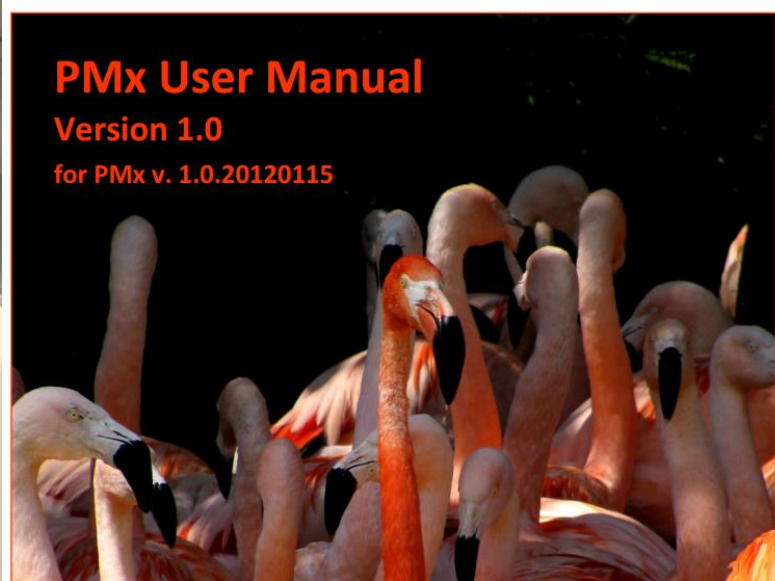
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Extensive labwork
(2016-2018)



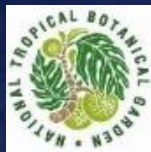
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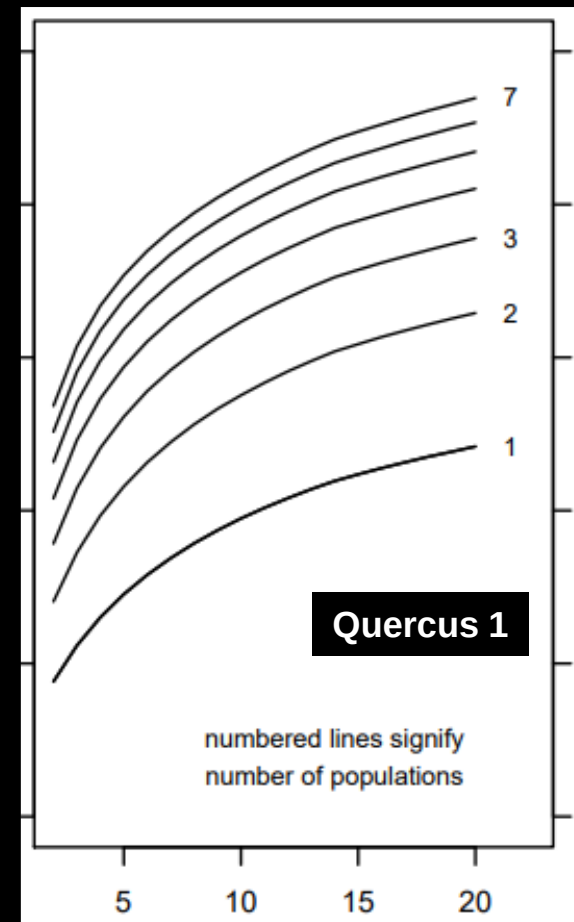
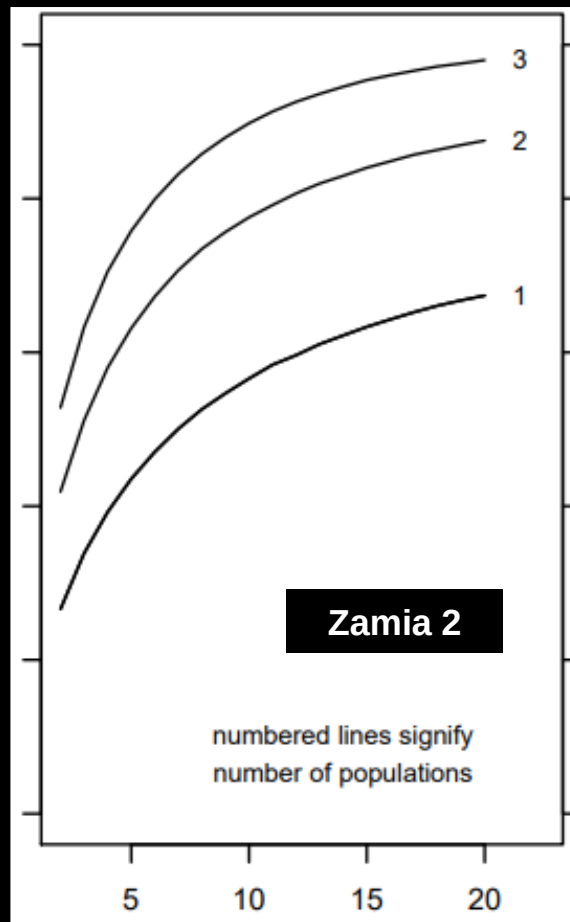
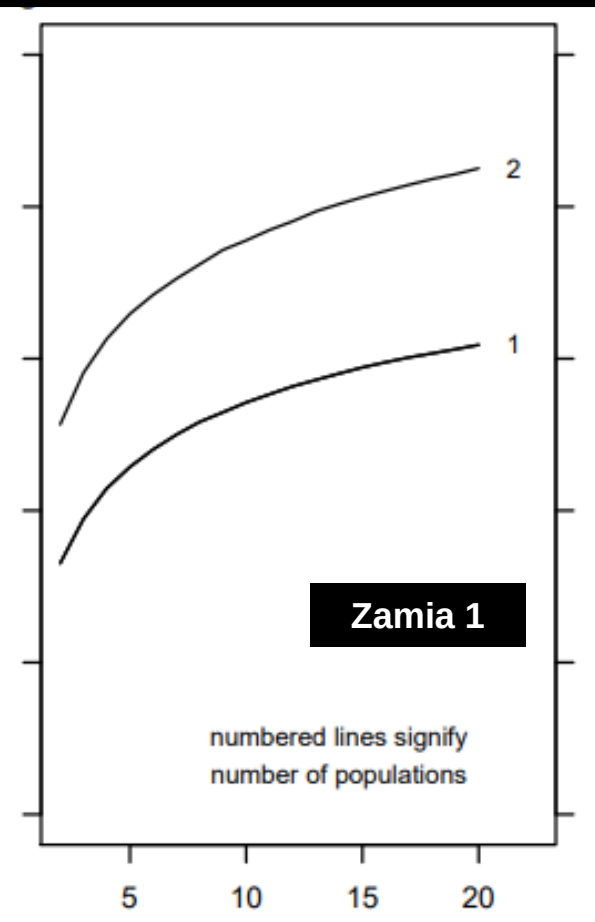
Any results yet?

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Data show similarities and differences!

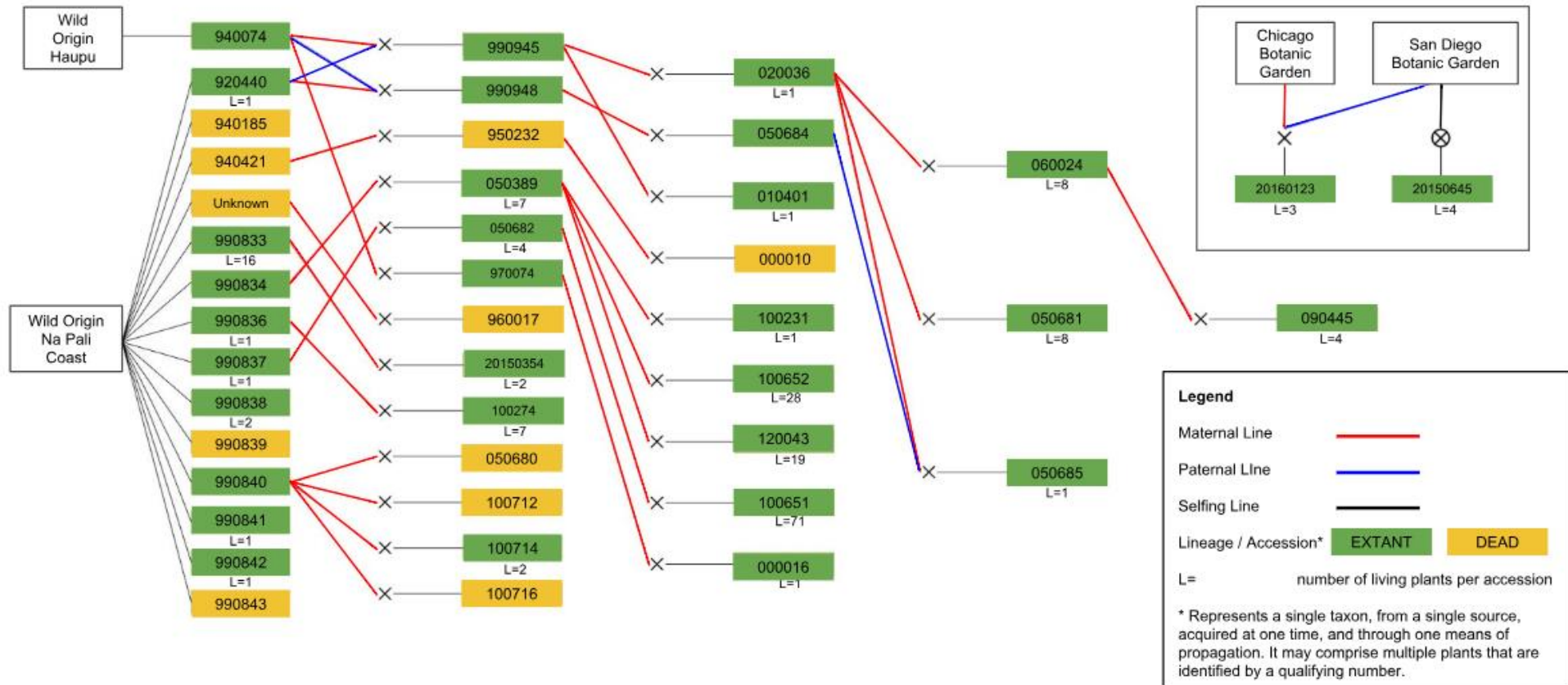


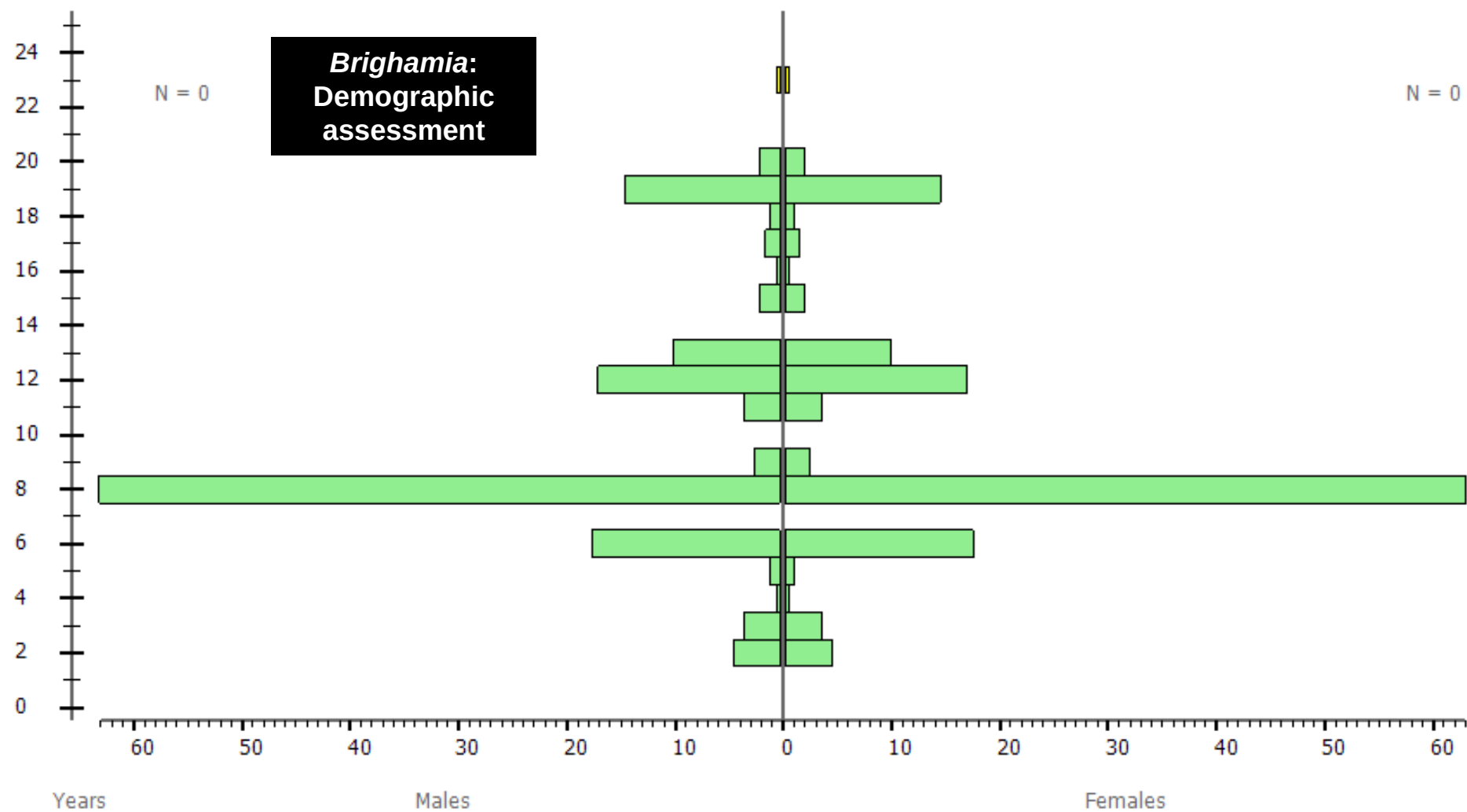
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Brighamia – 1400 records imported into PMx



Brighamia – pedigree of NTBG plants





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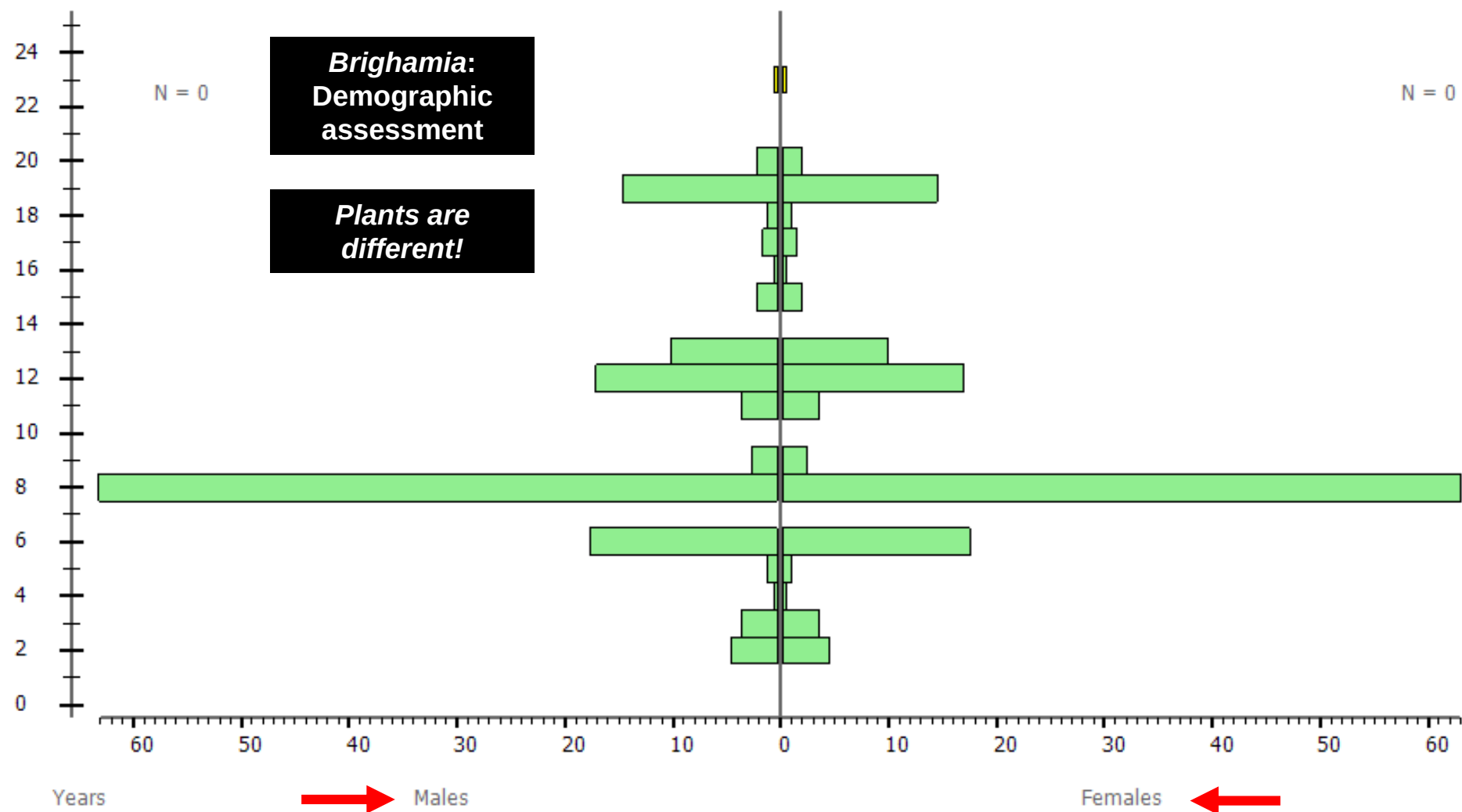
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Which plants and how many?

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Results

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Resulting Offspring F	0.9000	
	New Value	Change
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Gene Value	0.5437	-0.0005
FGE	1.6388	-0.0323
Analytic Known	0.5698	0.0011

Success: 1 # Offspring: 1

Selected Pairs

Sire	Dam	Success	Offspring	F	dGD	MSI	Location	Notes
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1186	1185	1.0000	1	0.0000	0.0101	--		
1178	500	1.0000	1	0.0130	0.0000	--		

Pairs = 10; # Offspring attempted = 10
Offspring expected = 10.00

Export Remove Remove All

Assumptions:

Do Not Include Founders; Parentage Assumptions = ProbParents; Unknown Weight = 0.00; Fixed Kinship Weight = 1.00

Change

Dynamic Population Variables

GD = 0.7008; GV = 0.5443; MK = 0.2992; % Known = 56.9%; N = 386.0

Which plants and how many?

Assigns best pairings
based on Mean Kinship

Parent 1

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Males Specify Pairs Read Pair File Repro Goals Females

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Results ☐ Do not show Paired ☐ Show F adjusted

Resulting Offspring F	0.9000	
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Selected Pairs

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Export Remove Remove All

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Dynamic Population Variables
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Which plants and how many?

Assigns best pairings
based on Mean Kinship

Parent 1

Parent 2

PMx :: BrighamiaKinships :: Genetics

Overview Founders Individuals Kinship Matrix Pairwise Info Pairing Culling Management Sets Graphs Settings Selection

Males

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**One last
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*Pseudophoenix
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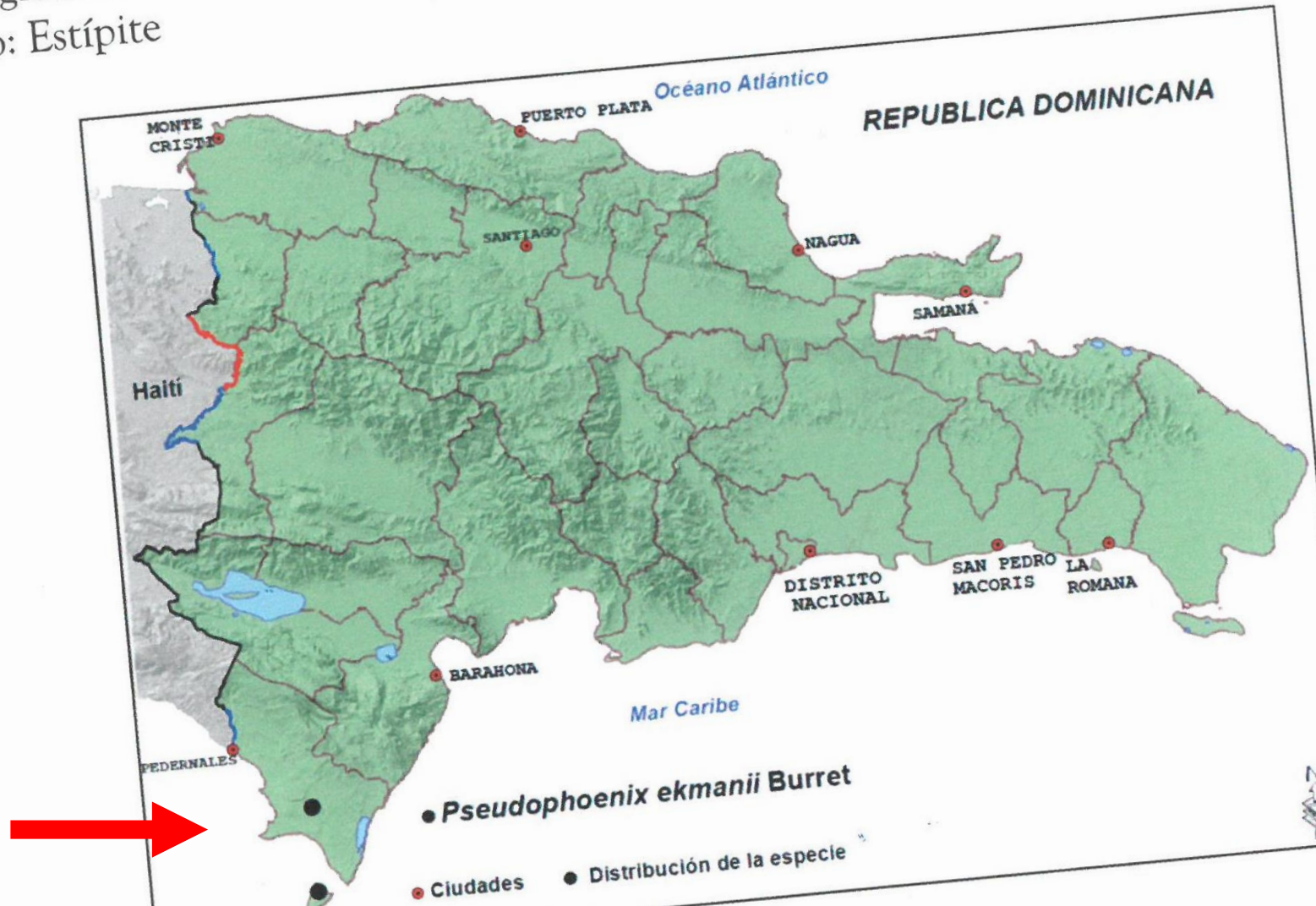
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Pseudophoenix ekmanii Burret

Estado de conservación: EN A1abcd; B1ab(i,ii,iii,iv,v)+2ab(i,ii,iii,iv,v)

Estatus biogeográfico: Endémica

Tipo biológico: Estípite





**Threatened
by poaching**

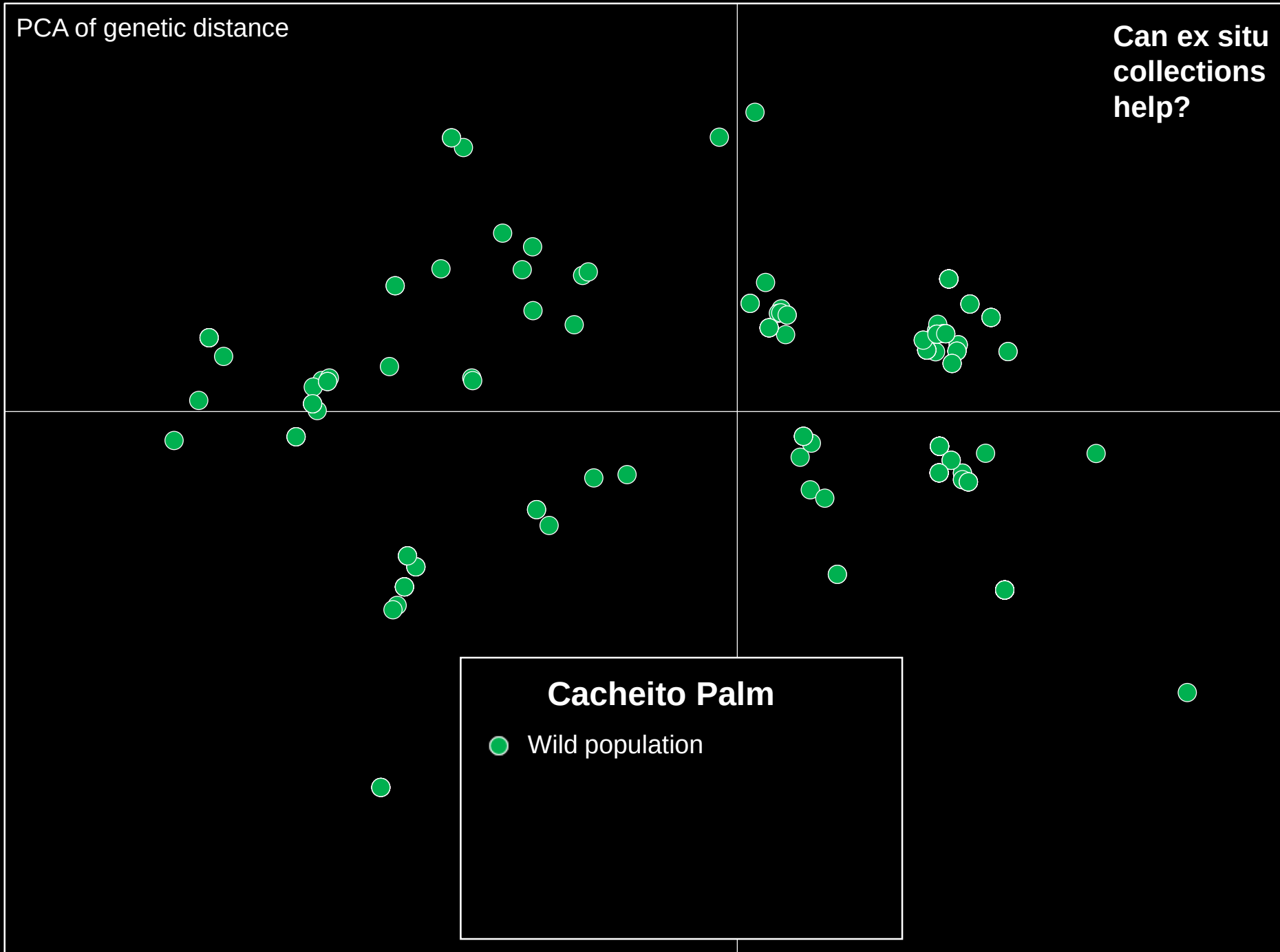
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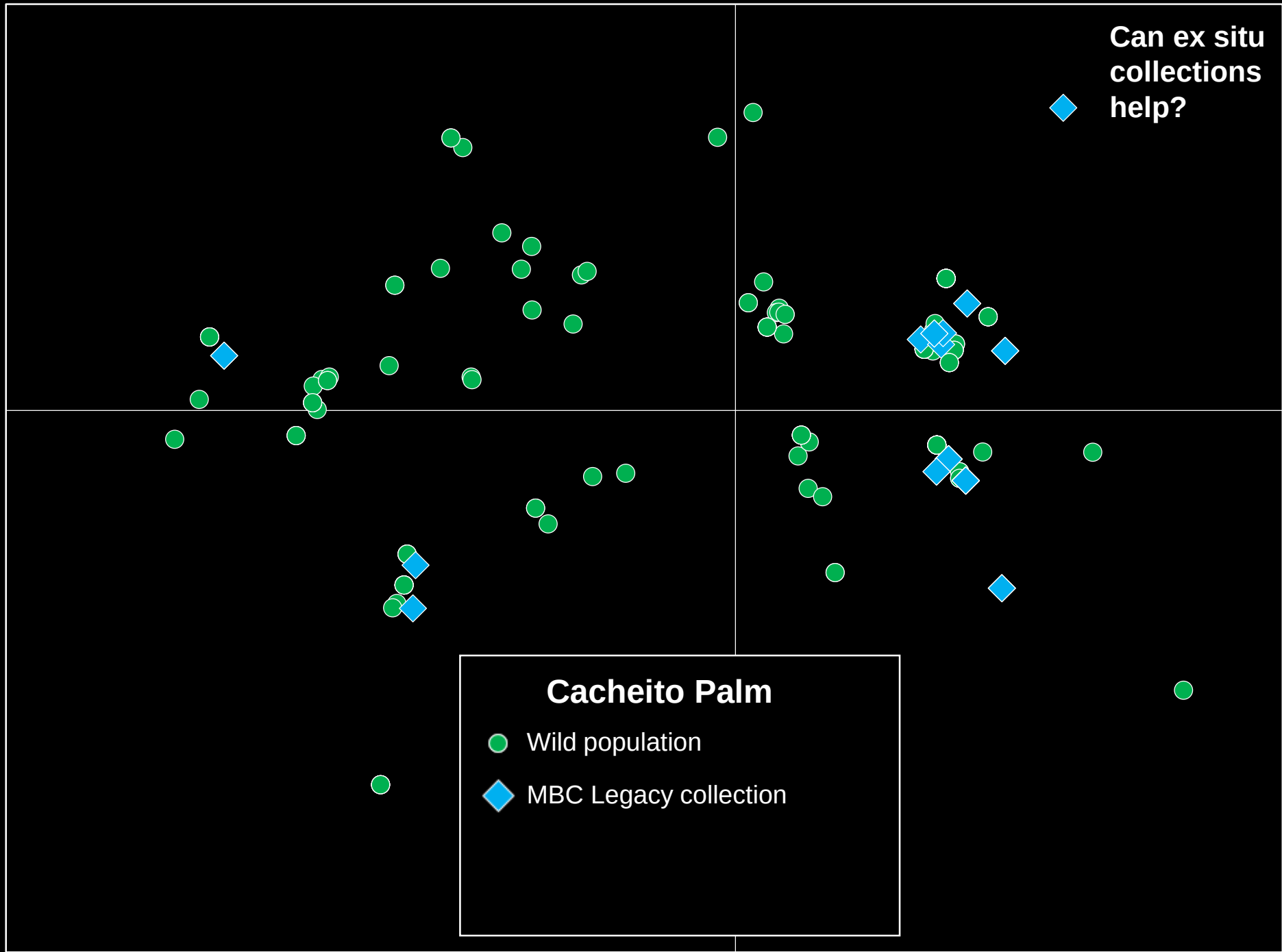
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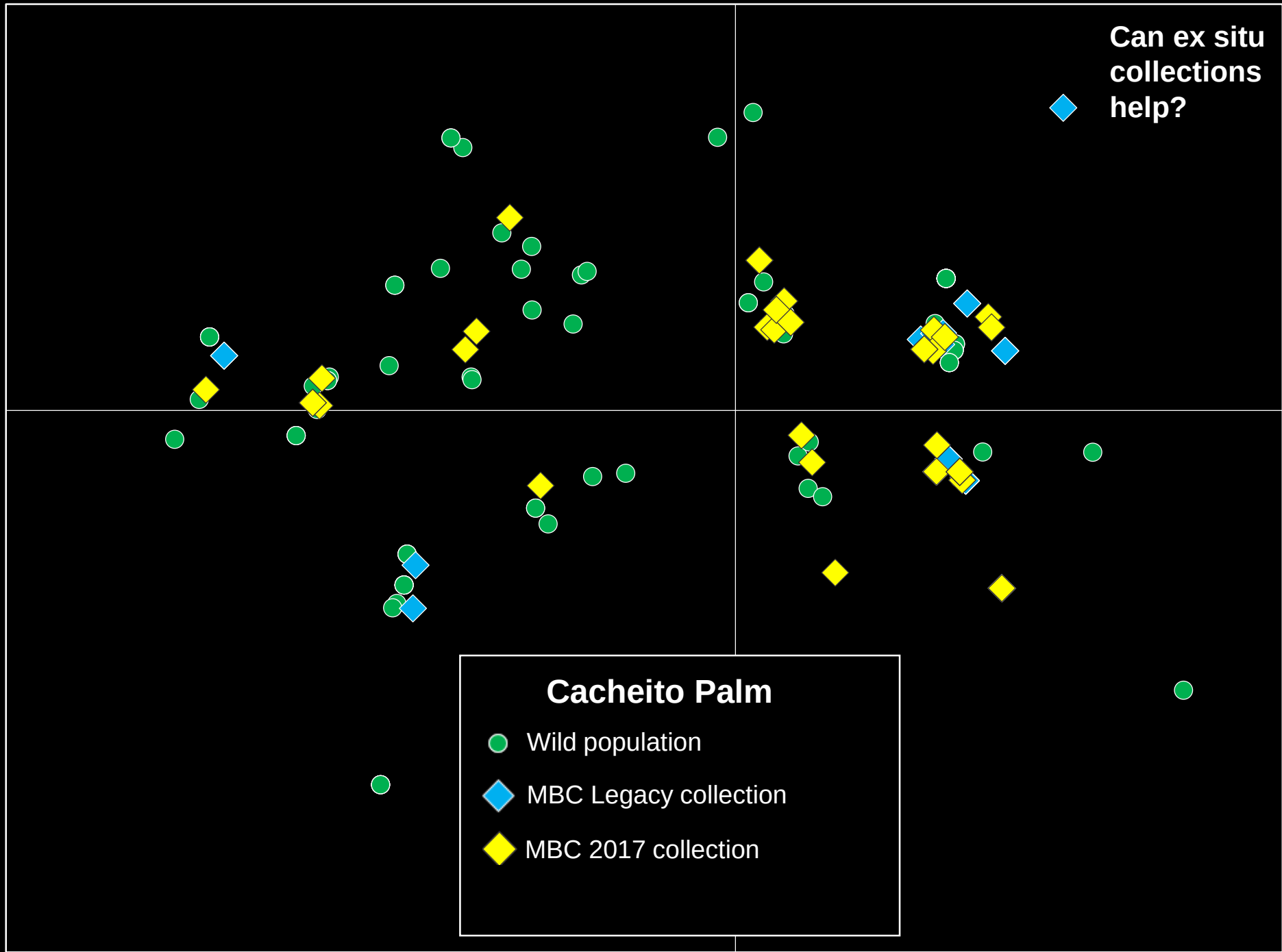


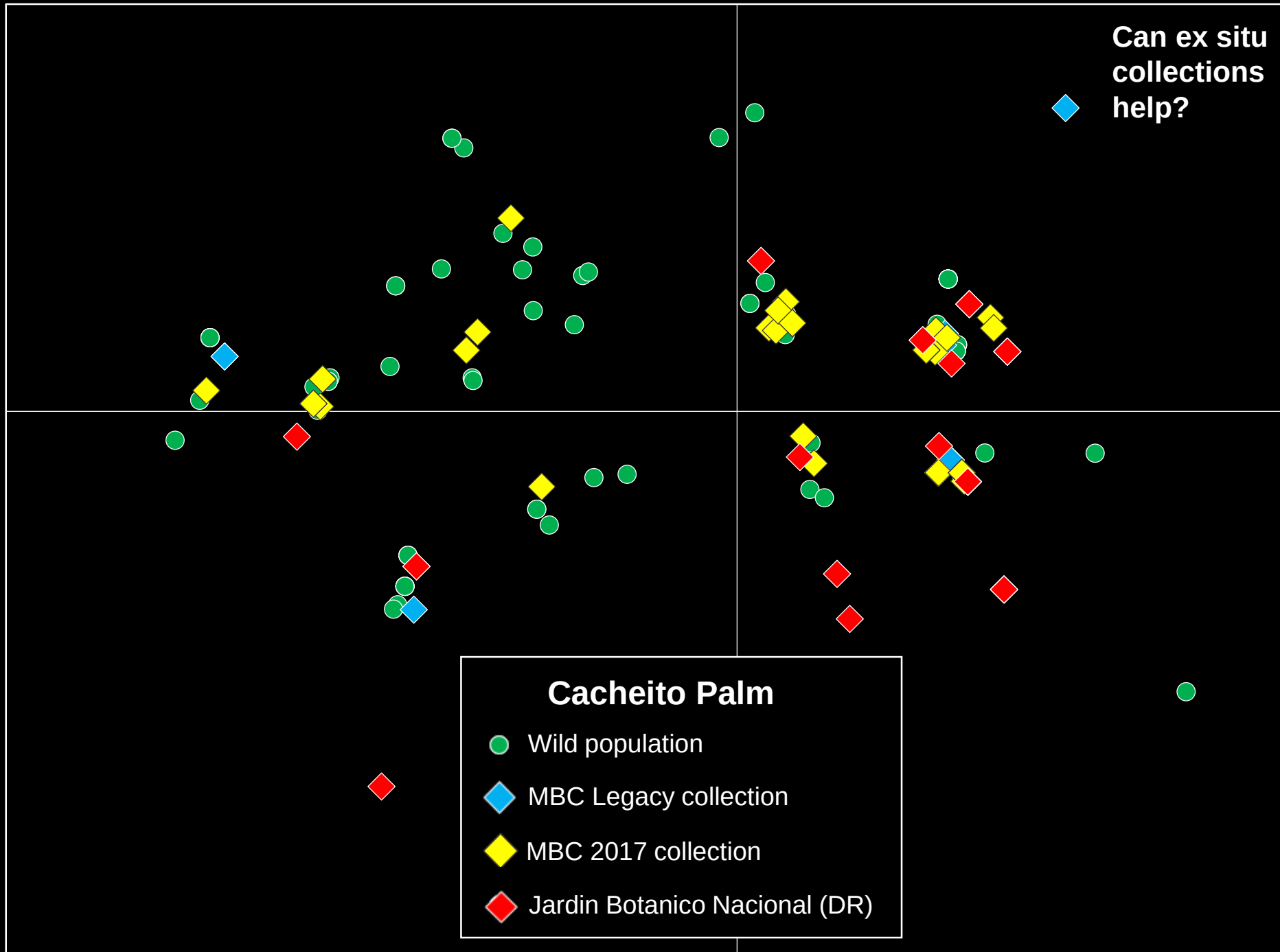
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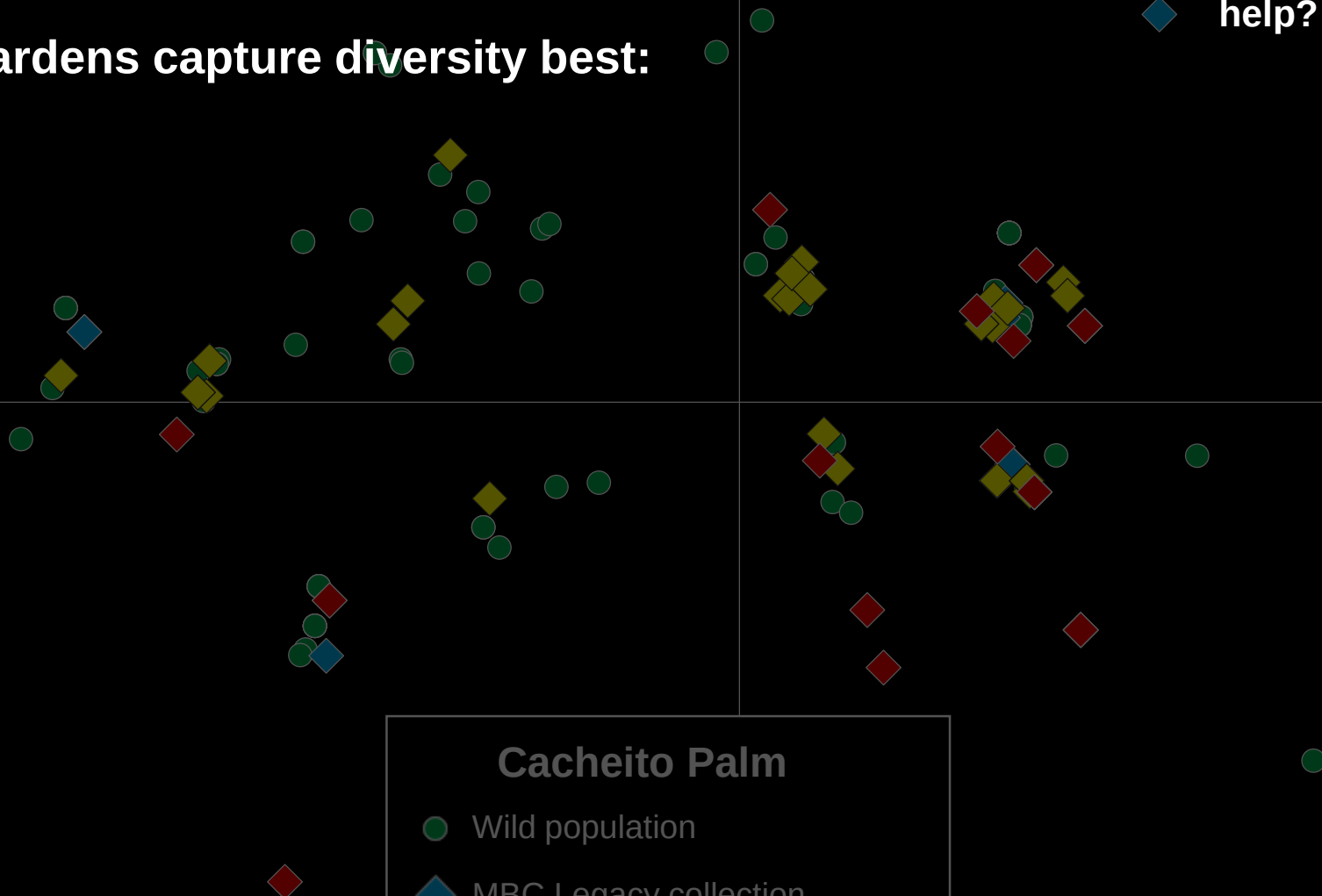


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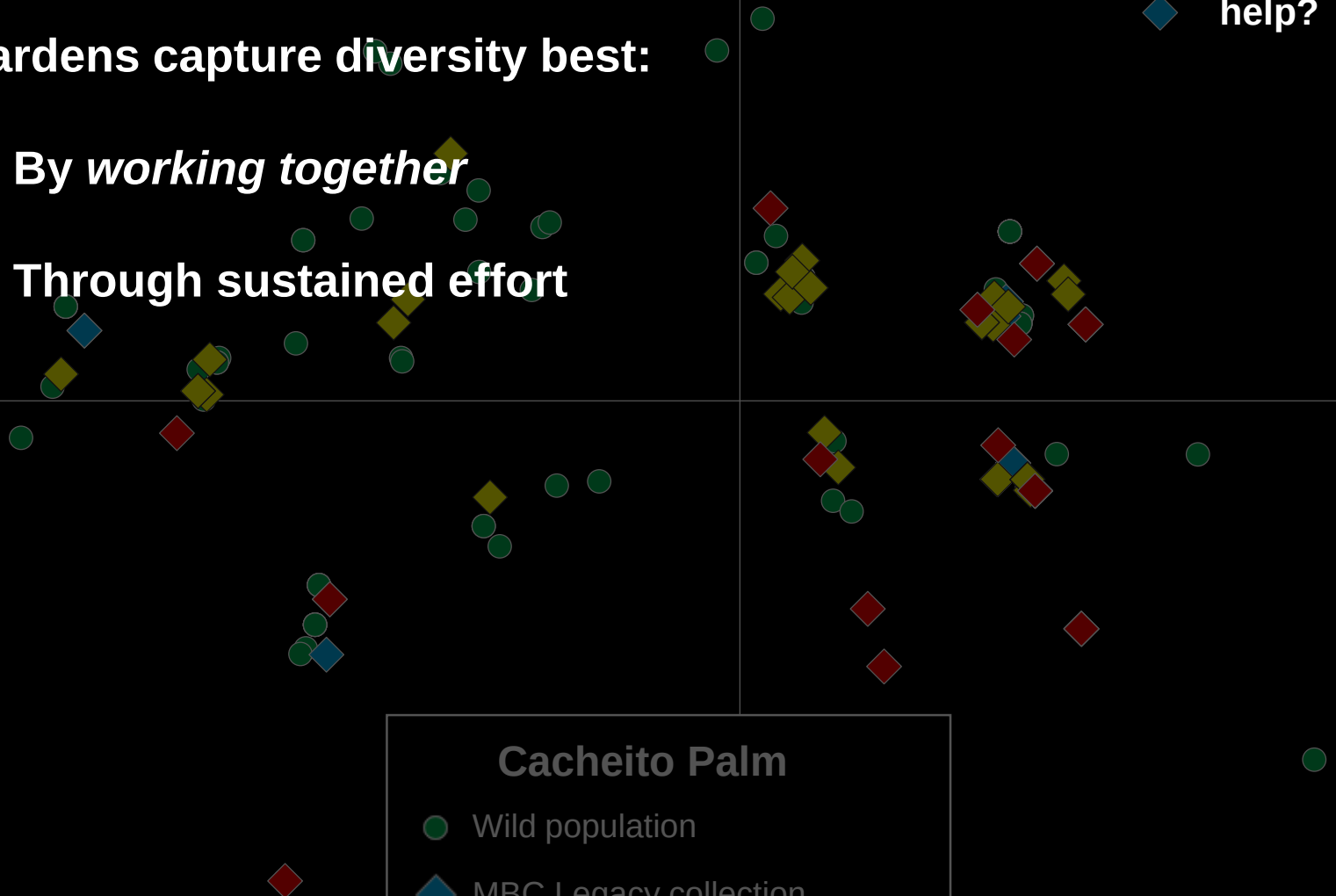
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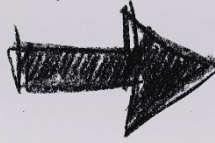
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Coordinating diversity.

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[Many hours of analysis]



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The foundation of public gardens is built
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plants, yet today more than 20% of plant
species are in danger of extinction.

The rare Sinkhole Cycad, *Zamia decumbens*
in the wild in Belize

Did you know that oaks and
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