

Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the
conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora

Protection of species

Article 13

- 1 Member States shall take the requisite measures to establish a system of strict protection for the plant species listed in Annex IV (b), prohibiting:
 - a the deliberate picking, collecting, cutting, uprooting or destruction of such plants in their natural range in the wild;
 - b the keeping, transport and sale or exchange and offering for sale or exchange of specimens of such species taken in the wild, except for those taken legally before this Directive is implemented.
- 2 The prohibitions referred to in paragraph 1 (a) and (b) shall apply to all stages of the biological cycle of the plants to which this Article applies.