THE ICPS SEED BANK CAN NOW DISTRIBUTE ENDANGERED SPECIES SEED WITHIN THE USA!

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The ICPS is pleased to announce that it has obtained a permit from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (US F&WS) to distribute seed of threatened or endangered (T&E) carnivorous plant seed within the USA. This permit allows the ICPS seed bank to distribute seed of Sarracenia alabamensis (=Sarracenia rubra subsp. alabamensis), Sarracenia jonesii (=Sarracenia rubra subsp. jonesii), Sarracenia oreophila, and Pinguicula ionantha. Restrictions and policy on ICPS seed bank trade of T&E species are described below.

1) The US F&WS permits only allow trade within the USA. We do not have CITES permits to ship seeds of these plants internationally.
2) Donations of T&E species seed must only be from cultivated plants. Potential donors that have ownership or direct stewardship of wild, native populations of T&E plants are encouraged to contact the ICPS Director of Conservation Programs for alternative donation possibilities.
3) Anonymous donations of T&E species will not be accepted. Such seed will be destroyed.
4) International donations to the seed bank are permitted only if the donors have appropriate CITES permits. Seed sent internationally to the seed bank without CITES documentation may be in violation of CITES—such seed will be destroyed.
5) All seed bank donations must be accurately labeled. Location information for all seed will be printed in ICPS publications only to county level.
6) Unfortunately, donors of T&E seed cannot be awarded seed bank credit. The Endangered Species Act prohibits barter unless the donor also has US F&WS permits.
7) Hybrids involving T&E species (e.g. Sarracenia jonesii × alabamensis) are exempt from Endangered Species Act restrictions.

It is our hope that an active seed bank, that can provide seed of T&E species to as many people as possible, will help decrease poaching pressures on wild populations of these plants. Please donate your seed of T&E species to the ICPS seed bank!

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