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eHALOPH, a database of salt-tolerant plants: V4

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Salt-tolerant plants

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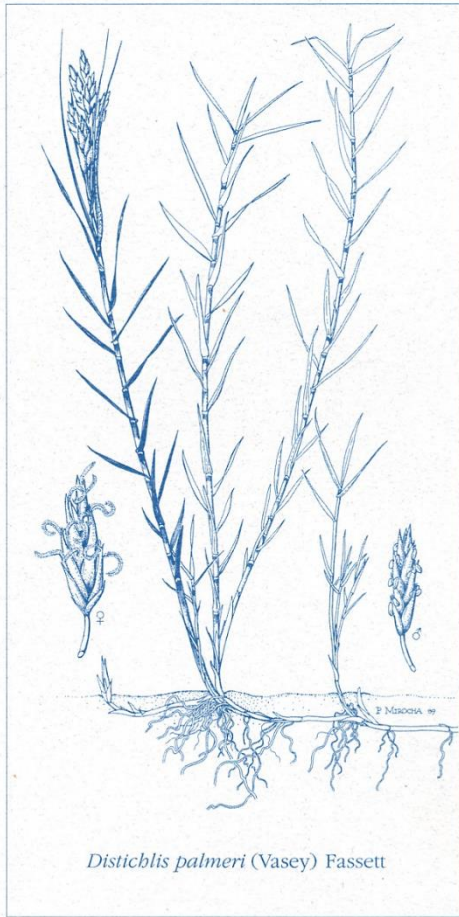
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eHALOPH, a database of salt-tolerant plants: V4

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- HALOPH and James Aronson
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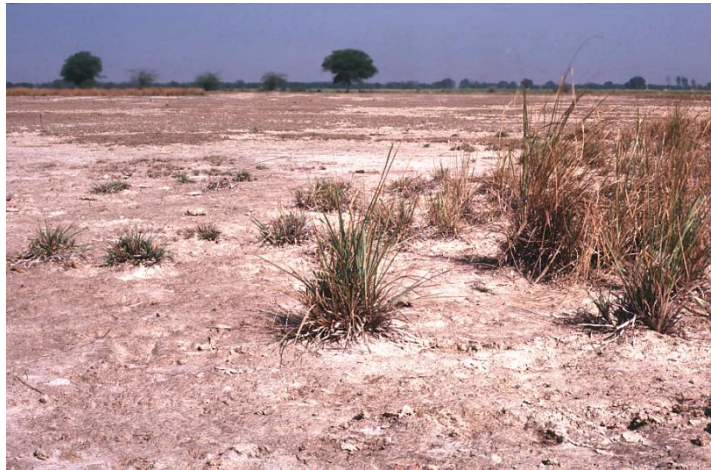
Following talks on eHALOPH

- Joaquim Santos – demonstration of using eHALOPH
- Pedro Garcia – using eHALOPH to find the economic uses of salt-tolerant plants

Why salt tolerance is important?

- Salinity affects millions of hectares of land
- Most of our crops are salt sensitive
- Food production has to rise if it is to keep pace with population growth
- Changes occurring to the world's climate are likely to exacerbate the problem of saline soils

Halophytes



Halophytes

- Halophytes are plants that grow naturally in saline habitats
- Dividing line between halophytes and non-halophytes
 - Somewhat arbitrary
 - Set between 80 and 200 mM NaCl

Assessment of salt-tolerance

Check
natural
habitats



Grow
plants in
culture
systems



Halophytes? Definitions

- Chapman (1942)
 - Survive 0.5% NaCl (86 mM)
- James Aronson 1980's
 - “at least 7.8 dS m⁻¹, during significant periods of ... life”
- Flowers and Colmer 2008
 - 200 mM NaCl
 - *Euhalophytes – those that tolerate sea-water salt concentrations*

How many halophytes?

Mudie PJ. 1974. The potential economic uses of halophytes. In: RJ Reimold and WH Queen, eds. *Ecology of halophytes*, pp 565-597. New York: Academic Press.

- **550 halophytes**
- **220 genera**
- **75 families**

“all species recorded from, or in the immediate vicinity of, naturally saline habitats.”

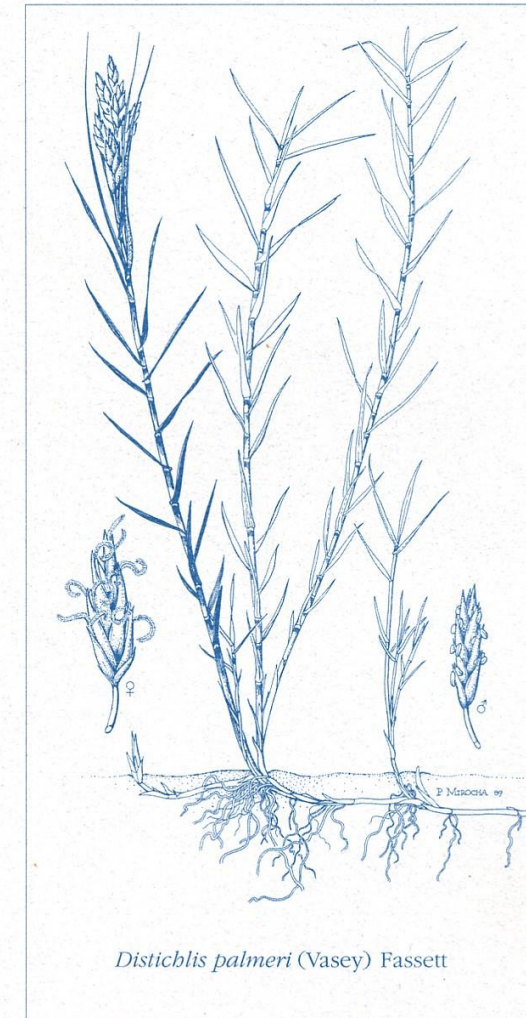
How many salt-tolerant plants?

HALOPH

A Data Base of Salt Tolerant Plants of the World

James Aronson 1989

- “known or presumed tolerance to electrical conductivity measuring (or estimated to be) at least 7.8 dS m^{-1} , during significant periods of the plant’s entire life”
- This is about 80 mM NaCl
- “Compiled for anyone growing or planning to grow halophytes”



HALOPH

Species: Life form, Plant Type,
Distribution, Maximum Salinity,
Photosynthetic Pathway and Economic
Uses

Over 1560 species in 550 genera and
117 families

Paper database

Other listings



This searchable database is provided as a cooperative effort between the USDA-ARS U.S. Salinity Laboratory and NyPa International. Information contained within the database has been provided by Dr. Nicholas Yensen.

HALOPHYTES OF PAKISTAN: CHARACTERISTICS,
DISTRIBUTION AND POTENTIAL
ECONOMIC USAGES

M. AJMAL KHAN AND M. QAISER

Department of Botany, University of Karachi, Karachi-75270, Pakistan

Khan MA, Qaiser M (2006) Halophytes of Pakistan: characteristics, distribution and potential economic usages. In: Khan M, Kust GS, Barth H-J, Boer B (eds) Sabkha Ecosystems. vol 2. Springer, Netherlands, pp 129-153

Halophyten (Salzpflanzen)

Menzel, U. and H. Lieth (2003). HALOPHYTE Database Vers. 2.0 update. Cash Crop Halophytes. H. Lieth and M. Mochtchenko. Dordrecht, Kluwer. 38: 221-223 (and compact disc).

<http://www.bogos.uni-osnabrueck.de/expo/Haloliste.html>

Halophytes in China

Zhao KF, Song J, Feng G, Zhao M, Liu JP. (2011). Species, types, distribution, and economic potential of halophytes in China. Plant and Soil, 342: 495-509.

eHALOPH
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eHALOPH

- Printed HALOPH database turned into an electronic format – Microsoft Access by Flowers, Flowers, Aronson and Flynn, at the University of Sussex in 2006
- Integrated with the Seed Information Database of the Millennium Seedbank at Royal Botanic Garden Kew
- Converted to web-based eHALOPH between 2004 and 2014 during a COST Action by Joaquim Santos
- Published in 2016: Santos et al *Plant & Cell Physiology*, 57: e10 (1-10)
- <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/affiliates/halophytes/>

eHALOPH v3

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HALOPHYTES

eHALOPH - Halophytes Database

Version 3.21

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J. Cheeseman

Sesuvium portulacastrum (L.) L.

Last Records approved

[*Prosopis alpataco* Phil.](#)
Submitted by Mohammed Al-azzawi
Dec 24th 2020, 8:22 am
Approved by T J Flowers
Dec 24th 2020, 8:42 am

[*Salicornia brachiata* Roxb.](#)
Submitted by T J Flowers
Dec 24th 2020, 5:42 am
Approved by T J Flowers
Dec 24th 2020, 6:12 am

[*Prosopis chilensis* \(Molina\) Stuntz](#)
Submitted by T J Flowers
Dec 24th 2020, 6:10 am
Approved by T J Flowers
Dec 24th 2020, 6:10 am

eHALOPH species data V3

plant type, life form, maximum salinity tolerated, photosynthetic pathway
economic uses and distribution
antioxidants, secondary metabolites, compatible solutes and habitat

and whether or not there have been publications on
ecotypes, germination, the presence or absence of salt glands, molecular data, microbial interactions and mycorrhizal status and bioremediation.

Report for *Atriplex amnicola* Paul G.Wilson

updated: Aug 26th 2022, 6:27 am [see all updates](#)
Changed fields since previous approved record are highlighted

Family	Amaranthaceae
Genus	Atriplex
Species	amnicola
Author	Paul G.Wilson
Infraspecific	
Infraspecific Author	
Pictures	
Plant type	• xerohalophyte
Life form	• Shrub
Ecotypes	unknown
Max. salinity	16 dS/m
Germination	Yes
Salt glands and bladders	Yes
Photosynthesis Pathway	C4
Molecular data	• Proteomics
Microbial interactions and mycorrhizal status	Yes
Bioremediation	Yes
antioxidants	
Secondary Metabolites	
Compatible Solutes	
Habitat	
Economic use	• 3000.0 FORAGE • 3100.0 Grazing

Ecotypes	unknown
Max. salinity	16 dS/m
Germination	Yes

Number of species in V3

- 1457 records in eHALOPH (2016)
- Present in 123 of the 642 families in 'The Plant List'
- 75% in 24 families
- *ca.* 0.1% of the approximately 350,000 accepted plant names are euhalophytes

Santos J, Al-Azzawi M Aronson J A Flowers TJ (2016) eHALOPH a Database of Salt-Tolerant Plants: Helping put Halophytes to Work .Plant and Cell Physiology doi 10.1093/pcp/pcv155

eHALOPH V3 to V4

2020-2023

- Rebuilt the entire platform of Version 3 to comply with current programming technologies
- Coding: Stephen Cook, funded by the Gatsby Foundation
- Added new fields of optimal salinity and ionomics (references to ion contents)
- Revised mapping of species distribution (Joaquim Santos)
- Licenced to the University of Coimbra

eHALOPH V3 to V4

- Completed revision of the list of species from Menzel and Lieth (2003), Zhao *et al* (2002) and Khan and Qaiser (2006); *only species with published evidence of salt tolerance have been included*
- Name change from ‘Halophytes’ to ‘Salt-tolerant plants’
- *New fields are still being populated’*
- Thanks to Moh’d Al-Azzawi



Last 5 Recently Approved

[Arthrocaulon macrostachyum \(Moric.\) Piirainen & G.Kadereit](#)
 Submitted by **T J Flowers**
 Jan 20th 2023, 9:44 am
 Approved by **T J Flowers**
 Jan 20th 2023, 10:13 am

[Atriplex littoralis L.](#)
 Submitted by **T J Flowers**
 Jan 20th 2023, 10:06 am
 Approved by **T J Flowers**
 Jan 20th 2023, 10:06 am

[Atriplex subcordata Kitag.](#)
 Submitted by **T J Flowers**
 Jan 19th 2023, 12:40 pm
 Approved by **T J Flowers**
 Jan 19th 2023, 12:40 pm

[Atriplex littoralis L.](#)
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 Jan 19th 2023, 12:37 pm

[Atriplex verrucifera M.Bieb.](#)
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 Jan 18th 2023, 8:39 pm
 Approved by **T J Flowers**
 Jan 18th 2023, 8:39 pm

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Version 4 of eHALOPH

All the records from James Aronson's original list in HALOPH (Aronson 1989) together with those in the lists compiled by Menzel...

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The database can be used in one of two different ways, without or with registration. Registration, which must be approved by an Administrator, allows the user to add records and...

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eHALOPH new fields

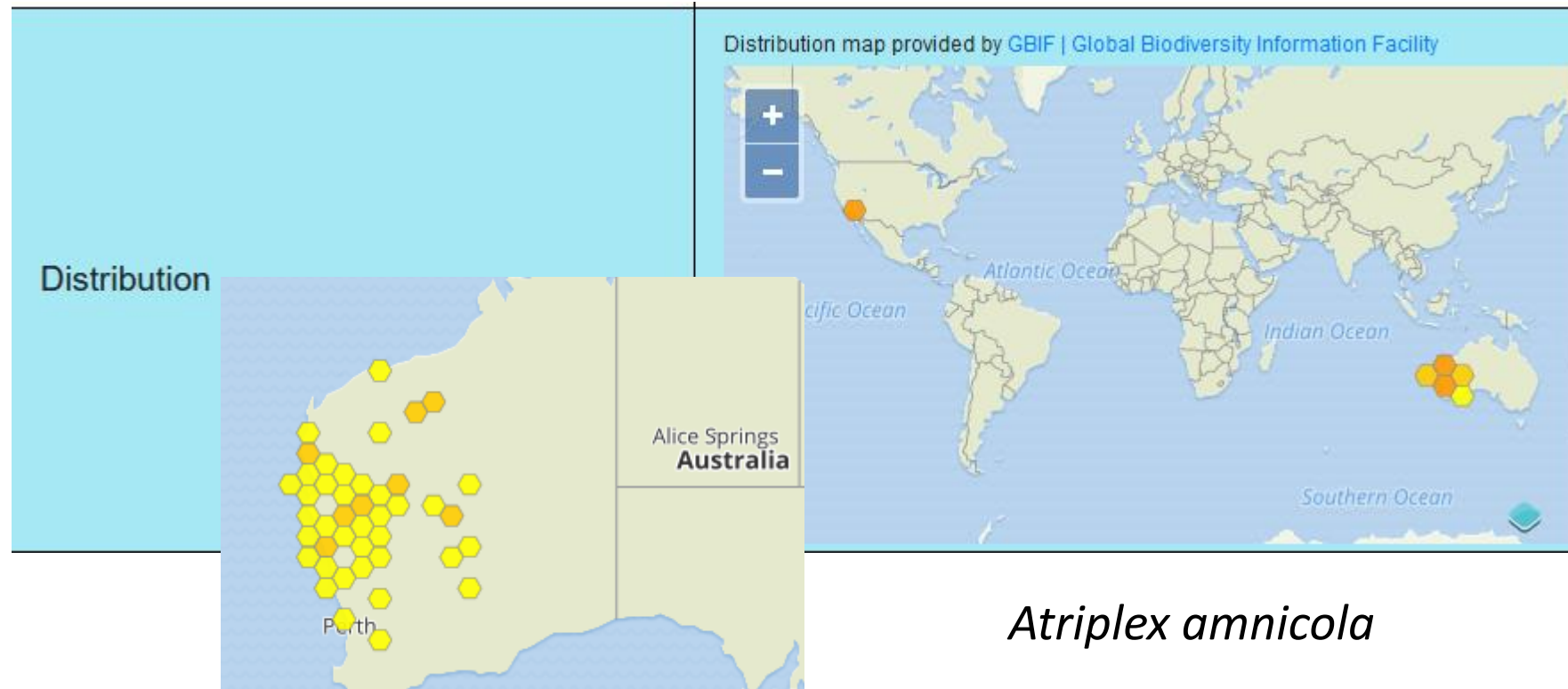
- Added detail to ‘Maximum salinity tolerated/tested’
 - Where there are several publications, the maximum salinity used is provided for each
- Added field ‘Optimal salinity’
 - A new field requiring a judgement based on published results
- Added field ‘Ionomics’
 - Cites papers where ion contents are reported

Species distribution

Now linked directly to GBIF

GBIF | Global Biodiversity Information Facility

Free and open access to
biodiversity data



Atriplex amnicola












Salinity V3 and V4

V3

Max. salinity 16 dS/m

V4

Added two new fields, Optimal salinity and Ionomics

Maximum salinity tolerated/tested	16 dS/m  103 mM  400 mM  	Devi, S., C. Rani, K. S. Datta, S. K. Bishnoi, S. C. Mahala and R. Angrish (2008) PHYTOREMEDIATION OF SOIL SALINITY USING SALT HYPERACCUMULATOR PLANTS Indian Journal of Plant Physiology 13 347-356
Optimal Salinity	34 mM  50 mM 	
Ionomics	Yes     	



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Search plant
name***

Search

Searches database on Genus or Species

eHALOPH Search plant name

Genus	Species	Infraspecific	Date of Entry	Show Plant
Salicornia	brachiata		Nov 13th 2023, 8:00pm	Show Plant Record

Report for *Salicornia brachiata*

Family	Amaranthaceae
Genus	Salicornia
Species	brachiata
Author	Roxb.
Infraspecific	
Infraspecific Author	
Plant Type	

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Infraspecific

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Plant Type

All Values ▾

Life Form

All Values ▾

Genotypes

All Values ▾

Maximum salinity tolerated/tested

min: max: units: **g/kg** ▾

eHALOPH ***List Plants***

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Choose the filters to define your results

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Intraspecific

Plant Type

Life Form

Showing 1 to 20 out of 93 items

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Family	Genus	Species	Intraspecific	Date of Last Revision
Acanthaceae	<i>Avicennia</i>	<i>balanophora</i>		24th Jan 2023, 10:47 AM
Acanthaceae	<i>Avicennia</i>	<i>germinans</i>		24th Jan 2023, 11:51 AM
Acanthaceae	<i>Avicennia</i>	<i>marina</i>		24th Jan 2023, 12:00 PM
Acanthaceae	<i>Avicennia</i>	<i>marina</i>	eucalyptifolia	27th Jul 2022, 2:18 PM

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eHALOPH Output

Export Plant Data

A plain text file will be exported.

Each line of the file is a data record. Each record consists of several fields.

Microsoft Excel will open .csv files, but depending on the system's regional settings, it may expect a default separator.

Please select which separator do you want to be used:

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V3 to V4

- V3 entitled Halophytes and V4 Salt-tolerant plants
- V4 inclusive of species that some authors might not call halophytes (definitions arbitrary)
- The decrease in number of (1457 to 1204) species largely due to setting a criterion of requiring published evidence of salt tolerance; are likely more species to be added
- Halophytes –those species in eHALOPH that tolerate more than 20 g L^{-1} salts or 200 mM NaCl – can be extracted from the data; about 590 species

Number of salt-tolerant plants in V4

- 1204 species and infra-specifics
- 91 families
- 80% of all species in 20 families
- 55% of all species in five families
 - Amaranthaceae 313
 - Poaceae 156
 - Fabaceae 92
 - Plumbaginaceae 56
 - Asteraceae 51

Salt tolerance is a rare phenomenon – about 0.5% of flowering plant species

Using eHALOPH

- Now have a demonstration of using eHALOPH from Joaquim Santos
- Followed by an example of how information on the Economic Uses of salt-tolerant plants can be extracted by Pedro Garcia
- And then Dionysia Lyra will talk about using species of a halophyte *Salicornia* as a crop



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