

Species Datasheet

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Datasheet No. G-002.007.005
(family.genus.species)

1.Taxon:

Species: *Zamia pygmaea* Sims

Subspecies:

Variety:

Cultivar:

Hybrid:

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2. **Synonyms:** *Palmifolium kickxii* (Miq.) Kuntze, *P. ottonis* (Miq.) Kuntze, *P. pygmaeum* (Sims) Kuntze, *Z. chamberlainii* J.Schust., *Z. kickxii* Miq., *Z. media* f. *silicea* (Britton) J.Schust., *Z. ottonis* Miq., *Z. pumila* subsp. *pygmaea* (Sims) Eckenw., *Z. pygmaea* var. *kickxii* (Miq.) J.Schust., *Z. pygmaea* var. *ottonis* (Miq.) J.Schust., *Z. pygmaea* var. *wrightii* A.DC., *Z. rotundifolia* J.Schust., *Z. silicea* Britton

3.Systematic Position:

Christenhusz et al. (2011)

- Class: Equisetopsida C. Agardh
- Subclass: Cycadidae Pax
- Order: Cycadales Pers. ex Bercht. & J.Presl
- Family: Zamiaceae Horan.
- Genus: *Zamia* L.
- Species: *Z. pygmaea* Sims

Bentham and Hooker (1862)

Kingdom: Plantae
Division: Phanerogamia
Class: Gymnospermeae
Ordo: Cycadaceae Pers.
Tribus: Encephalarteae
Genus: *Zamia* L.
Species: *Z. pygmaea* Sims

4.Distribution:

Global: Endemic to western Cuba and the Isla de la Juventud

India: Planted at Botanical Garden, NBRI, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

5.Indigenous/Exotic/Endemic;Cultivated/Wild:Cultivated

6.Threat Status:

IUCN: Critically Endangered

BSI:

7.Habit and Habitat:Smallest cycad, plants of *Z. pygmaea* generally grow in open dry habitats. These vary from serpentine to limestone outcrops to almost pure sand, along with *Z. angustifolia*, is one of the most xerophytic species in the genus. Plants occur in dry brush covered hills, pine forests and areas of white sand.

8.Life Form:Phanerophytes

9.Economic Importance:Horticulture

10. Probable Progenitor of:

11.DNA

C-value Methodology

12.Basic chromosome number(s): $x=8^{1, 4, 9, 11, 14, 15}$

13. Zygotic chromosome number(s): $2n=16^{1, 4, 9, 11, 14, 15}$

14. Gametic chromosome number(s): $n=$

15.Specialized chromosomes (B chromosomes/Sex chromosomes/Polytene chromosomes/Neocentric chromosomes):

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16.Ploidy level:Diploid $^{1, 4, 9, 11, 14, 15}$

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17.Agametoploidy:

18.Nature of polyploidy (auto, segmental, allo, autoallo):

19.Genomic formula:

20. Aberrant chromosome number(s) (aneuploidy, aneusomy, polysomy):

21. Somatic chromosomes: ^{1, 4, 9, 11, 14, 15}

Karyotype Mostly median and submedian ^{1, 4, 9, 11, 14, 15}

Chromosome size Large ^{1, 4, 9, 11, 14, 15}

NOR chromosome(s) 6 ¹⁵

Degree of asymmetry Symmetrical ^{1, 4, 9, 11, 14, 15}

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22. Banding pattern(s): CMA⁺, DAPI⁺ bands ¹⁴

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23. Physical mapping of chromosomes: 45S rDNA, 5S rDNA ¹⁵

In situ hybridization

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Fluorescent in situ hybridization:

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24. Genomic in situ hybridization:

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25. Linkage map:

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26. Chromosome associations:

Female meiosis

Male meiosis

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27. Chromosome distribution at anaphase I:

28. Genetic diversity:

Chromosomal level

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DNA level

29. Any other information (Apomixis; Inversion; Male sterility; Pollen grain mitosis; Pollen stainability; Translocation etc.):