Juniperus phoenicea

Juniperus phoenicea in Europe: distribution, habitat, usage and threats

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Juniperus phoenicea L., commonly known as Phoenician juniper, is a shrub or small evergreen tree, characterised by

- **sclerophyllous** vegetation and open woodland, forming scrubs and thickets.
- **Threats and Diseases**

There are no serious pathogens affecting this species. However, the habitats of Phoenician juniper are constantly threatened in coastal zones by the new human settlements and tourism pressure especially during summer periods. The habitat loss is also a consequence of reoccupation of coastal zones for private uses. Local authorities need to continue with the monitoring activities that allow a proper re-introduction in the coastal areas.

**References**


**Map 1: Plot distribution and simplified chorology map for Juniperus phoenicea.** Frequency of Juniperus phoenicea occurrence within the field observations as reported by the National Forest Inventories. The chorology of the native range of J. phoenicea is derived after several sources. 12, 30-33.