



GGI-Gardens Newsletter

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News, highlights, & opportunities from the botanic garden community

Global Genome Initiative for Gardens is an international partnership dedicated to collecting and preserving genome quality tissues for all species of plants on Earth



Photo (right): Staff from AGIR-Benin, a GGI-Gardens 2023 Award Partner, collect herbarium samples in Ewe-Adakplame Forest, Ketou (Benin Republic - West Africa)

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The call for award applications for the 2024 GGI-Gardens Partnership Award Program is now open!

Does your garden hold globally unique taxa in its living collections? Is your garden situated in or near a plant biodiversity hotspot? Were you a former GGI-Gardens Partner Awardee, but still have unrepresented taxa to sample?

The 2024 GGI-Gardens Partner Award Program, funded by [GGI-Gardens](#) and [United States Botanic Garden](#), and administered through Botanic Garden Conservation International's (BGCI's) Global Botanic Garden Fund, will provide **awards of up to \$4,500** in 2024 to support sampling activities from living collections with unique families and genera of vascular plants not yet represented in [GGBN biorepositories](#).

These awards aim to facilitate the collection of unrepresented genome-quality tissues and their deposition into a GGBN-associated biobank. Past recipients have used their awards to fund interns, expand their collections through wild germplasm collection, and build capacity at their institutions by improving their supplies, facilities, and training.

Prospective applicants should use the [gap analysis tool](#) to determine which taxa in their collection might qualify. [BGCI membership](#) is encouraged but not required. To submit a proposal, visit the [application portal](#). **Applications are due by 17 November 2023, and award notifications can be expected in January 2024.**

For any questions about the Award Program, please email ggi@brit.org



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Grant Applications: Advice & Tips

Carefully review all instructions well ahead of time and before submitting

If you have any questions, contact the application manager or agency as early as possible

Seek out previously successful proposals or projects to use as an example (ex: if applying for the GGI-Gardens Partner Award, [visit our website](#) to see our past newsletters for descriptions of past-awarded projects)

Ask a colleague to review your application/proposal before submitting

Plan to submit your proposal 1-2 weeks before deadline, allowing room for unexpected delays, troubleshooting, and questions

GGI-Gardens Award Partner Profile



CICY staff take a field trip to sand dunes in Rio Lagartos, Yucatán looking for the missing species

Centro de Investigación Científica de Yucatán

2023 GGI-Gardens Partner Awardee Centro de Investigación Científica de Yucatán (CICY) is a public research institute associated with the Mexican National Council of Science and Technology, and focuses on solving problems from the national to local level. The Center's mission is to carry out scientific research, develop human resources, distribute knowledge, generate and transfer technology, and promote environmentally harmonious development in society. In 2013, CICY opened its Regional Laboratory for the Study and Conservation of Germplasm (Germolab-CICY), with a special focus on the agro-ecological, medicinal and forest resources of the Mayan region. CICY's Germolab has a 2.9 hectare botanical garden, providing the focus for their Partner Award project entitled "Colecciones vivas del Jardín Botánico del GermoLab".

So far, they've collected 32 species across 29 genera and 15 families, sampled from their living collections and from wild plants they've collected through trips to Río Lagartos and Telchac, Yucatán. Catch them at the **GGBN 2023 Congress in Aguascalientes, Mexico (17-20 October)**, where they will be presenting about their protocols for this project and the advances related to their academic collaboration with Autonomous University of Aguascalientes (ADNUAA), a GGBN network biorepository.



Collections drying in the herbarium dryer at CICY