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Molecular evidence of natural hybridization between *Pinus mugo* and *P. sylvestris* as revealed by a chloroplast DNA marker

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The existence of spontaneous hybrids between *Pinus sylvestris* L. and *P. mugo* Turra has been postulated since the second half of the nineteenth century (Christ, 1864). The most recognized places in Europe where hybrid swarm populations of *P. mugo* × *P. sylvestris* have been reported to occur are Rila Planina and Rodopy in Bulgaria (Dobrinov, 1965), Nowotarska Valley in Poland (Staszkiewicz and Tyszkiewicz, 1969), Swiss Alps (Net-Sarqueda *et al.*, 1988) and Orava region in northern Slovakia (Viewegh, 1981). Molecular evidence has been provided illustrating continuation of introgressive hybridization between *P. mugo* and *P. sylvestris* on the locality 'Medzi Borami' near Habovka (830 m a.s.l.), northern Slovakia where both species occur sympatrically.

Molecular evidence for introgression was based on a previous finding of the species-specific *Hinf* I restriction profiles of *cp*DNA *trn*V-*trn*H region in *P. sylvestris* and *P. mugo* (Kormuťák et al., 2002) as well as on the original finding of the paternal inheritance of cpDNA in conifers (Wagner et al., 1987). Simultaneous analysis of the respective *cp*DNA region using needles of a given tree along with the megagametophytes and embryos of individual seeds has accordingly enabled to score either the *P. mugo* or *P. sylvestris* haplotypes in the embryos illustrating gene flow between both species. The *P. mugo* haplotype consisted of 750, 650 , 320, 300 and 190 bp fragments and essentially similar profile was also characteristic for *P. sylvestris* hyplotype except for the 320 bp fragment which was replaced in the species by the 350 bp fragment. Restriction profiles of needles and megagametophytes of a given tree were identical, whereas the embryos exhibited either the intra- or interspecific nature of their haplotypes. Of the total number od 35 individuals of the putative hybrid population, 18 trees exhibited *P. mugo* haplotype and 17 trees *P. sylvestris* haplotype as evidenced by their needle and megagametophyte restriction profiles. In a group of 18 trees of *P. mugo* haplotype, 22 embryos shared the same haplotype as mother tree and 15 embryos were of *P. sylvestris* haplotype representing interspecific hybrids of *P. mugo* × *P. sylvestris*. Similar situation has also been found within a group of 17 trees of *P. sylvestris* haplotype with 17 embryos of *P. sylvestris* haplotype and 19 embryos of hybrid nature representing reciprocal hybrid *P. sylvestris* × *P. mugo*. Introgression between *P. mugo* and *P. sylvestris* trees seems to be rather extensive on the locality as evidenced by the 40% share of the hybrid embryos of *P. mugo* × *P. sylvestris* among 18 trees of *P. mugo* haplotype and 52% proportion of the hybrid embryos of reciprocal combination among 17 trees of *P. sylvestris* haplotype.

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