

VARIABILITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIES
FROM THE *DACTYLORHIZA INCARNATA* (L.) Soó GROUP
IN CENTRAL AND NORTH-EASTERN EUROPE

by

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The investigations begun in 1985 deal with detailed population variability and distribution of several species belonging, according to Soó (in Flora Europaea), to the *Dactylorhiza incarnata* group. There were: *D. lapponica*, *D. majalis*, *D. cordigera*, *D. cruenta*, *D. incarnata*, *D. traunsteineri*, *D. russowii*, *D. ruhei* and *D. praetermissa*.

Taxonomic studies have been carried out using biometric analysis with the help of statistical methods. The diagnostic value of the characters has also been studied.

To complete these studies, karyological data were collected.

Comparative investigations on variability of populations of selected species from that group have also been started in Poland, Estonian and Latvian SSR.

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