# ANNEX PR2 E.2.1.

# ESCAPE Progress report 2

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Photo: Ville Korhonen 2015

The ESCAPE ex situ –exhibition was opened in Kaisaniemi Botanic Garden on 16.6.2015. Photo gallery illustrates the construction process of the exhibition and events around it. The 11 exhibition plexiglas posters and the ex-situ play game are presented.





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"Hei, me etäsuojellaan kasveja lähellä / Hej, vi fjärrbevarar växter på nära håll!". ESCAPE ex-situ exhibition 2015: Description and a photo gallery of building the exhibition with the 11 posters.

#### I The exhibition planning: team and ideas

The ESCAPE exhibition planning team was chaired by UH LUOMUS Head of Exhibitions Kirsi Hutri and Planners Satu Jovero, Hasse Hyvärinen and Markku Liinamaa with ESCAPE project coordinator Sanna Laaka-Lindberg. In cooperation with Action E.3 also producer Petri Keinonen from Ohjelmatoimisto Ruutikellari and LUOMUS PR officer Ville Korhonen took part in exhibition design (Fig. 1). Furthermore, LUOMUS Garden team leader Pertti Pehkonen and gardener Toomas Kangro with other gardeners carried out the construction of the exhibition infrastructure (see Fig. 3-4). The LUOMUS Public Outreach Team was responsible for the practical construction and arrangements of the exhibition in Kaisaniemi Botanical Garden (Figs. 5-7). They produced additionally an interactive board game on seed banking for the ESCAPE exhibition (Figs. 8 and 13). The board game was produced in Finnish and in Swedish.

The exhibition was designed as easily accessible. A round pavilion type glass greenhouse was bought as stage for the display (Figures 4 and 7). The 11 plexiglas information posters (size 57 x 78 cm) were placed hanging on the greenhouse walls (Chapter IV below, fig. 7). Small coffee tables and chairs were placed on lawn around the greenhouse, which was placed on lawn close to Kaisaniemi Botanical garden greenhouses and café, and in cross-roads of the main paths (Fig. 9). An interactive board game on seed banking (size 71,5 x 71,5 cm) was placed on the coffee tables in order to attract visitors to the exhibition (Figs. 8 and 9). The exhibition guide booklets (Annexes PR2 E.2.2 and E.2.3) and ESCAPE project brochures

(http://www.luomus.fi/sites/default/files/files/escape\_esite\_2013.pdf, https://www.luomus.fi/sites/default/files/files/e1\_escape\_brochure\_en.pdf) were placed in a holder inside the greenhouse easily available for the exhibition audience. Examples of ex-situ conserved plants were placed in the greenhouse for closer look (Fig. 6).

## II The exhibition manuscript and layout

The scientific contribution of ESCAPE staff members and LUOMUS Botany unit scientists formed the basis for exhibition information texts on the posters. Scientific and educational approach was given a high priority on the poster texts which were divided in 11 themes (see pp. 4-6, Figs. 6 and 7). The exhibition manuscript was based on an idea of the presentations focusing on the people





working in the project for promoting the ex-situ plant conservation. The practical work brought in front was described by stories. The information posters and the guide booklets were produced both in Finnish and Swedish (Annexes PR2 E.2.2 and E.2.3). The translation to Swedish was made by LUOMUS Senior Museum Technician Roland Skytén. Photographs were taken by ESCAPE staff members and LUOMUS scientists. Thus copyrights of the illustrations belong to ESCAPE project. A cartoon style characters (Fig. 5) shown on the greenhouse wall and on the posters were designed by Tuomas Naulapää.

The original layout of the exhibition (Photo 2) was later modified since the access of the audience was considered easier in a round greenhouse than in oblong greenhouse. Additionally, in oblong greenhouses there was only one exit causing potential congestion inside the building.

#### III Publicity and feedback

For publicity and marketing, ESCAPE exhibition organizers consulted LUOMUS PR team officers who provided information on LUOMUS website e.g. on exhibition visiting hours. Furthermore, the exhibition team was rewarded a special PR status in Helsinki University 375 festivities in 2015 giving visibility to the exhibition on UH Celebration calendar. Entrance to the exhibition was free.

ESCAPE ex-situ exhibition was opened in Kaisaniemi Botanical Garden on 16.6.2015 in an open-to-public opening seremony. ESCAPE members and co-operative partners, NGO's and other people including LUOMUS staff members and other people interested in plant ex situ conservation were also invited to the exhibition opening in Kaisaniemi on 16.6.2015 (Fig. 10). The opening seremony was conducted by ESCAPE project leader Marko Hyvärinen (Fig. 11). Ohjelmatoimisto Ruutikellari performance group played for the first time to the public the ESCAPE theme composed for the Action E.3 children's workshop (Fig. 11, see also Annex PR2 E.3.1).

ESCAPE ex-situ exhibition was planned to function as a touring exhibition, which is displayed in ESCAPE associate beneficiaries premises after the original display in UH. The first stage on the tour was opened in UO Botanical garden on 16.11.2015. The opening seremony (Fig. 12) was similarly as in Kaisaniemi Botanical garden in June 2015, an open-to-public event, with about 25 visitors. The opening seremony was conducted by UO Innnovation director Matti Saren (Fig. 12).

Direct feedback from the visitors has been positive. People see the exhibition as informative, but also nicely presented. The stories of special events in the field work, especially a landowner's cat who had a special role in species reintroduction received deserved attention. The texts were strictly written following scientific principles, even though some humour and mystery was intermingled among the facts. The cartoon style characters (e.g. in Fig. 5) on the posters were also considered as attractive, especially for children. For making the terminology and ideas of ex situ conservation familiar, a board game appeared as very popular (Fig. 13). In august in Kaisaniemi, the board game tables were occupied by visitors through out the warm, sunny days. It was noteworthy that none of the tiny pawns were lost during the exhibition!





IV ESCAPE ex-situ exhibition posters presented in Kaisaniemi Botanical Garden 16.6.-4.10.2015 and on the touring exhibition from 2015-2017.































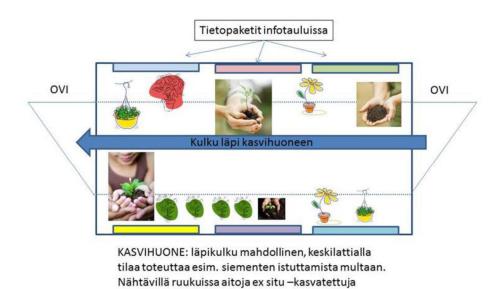




### ESCAPE ex-situ exhibition photogallery



Figure 1. ESCAPE exhibition team in a planning meeting in spring 2014 at LUOMUS, UH. Photo Sanna Laaka-Lindberg



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Photo 2. The original exhibition layout. The round greenhouse was later selected as the audience access to the information posters appeared better so. The model plants were placed below the posters.







Photo 3. The exhibition greenhouse disassembled packaging on lawn in the Kaisaniemi Botanical Garden in late April, 2015. Photo: Sanna Laaka-Lindberg



Photo 4. Different phases of ESCAPE greenhouse construction in Kaisaniemi Botanical garden, May 2015. On the left: Aluminum skeleton of the greenhouse. On the right: Skeleton elected on the plinth upon. Photos: Sanna Laaka-Lindberg







Figure 5. Erecting ESCAPE ex-situ exhibition in Kaisaniemi Botanical garden in eraly June 2015. Up on the left: glas walls of the greenhouse and concrete slab floor finished. Up on the right: Placing the posters. Note the cartoon gardener character on the outer wall by the door. On the left below: The parts of the exhibition display waiting to be placed. On the right below: Tweaking the LIFE flag outside the exhibition greenhouse. Photos: Sanna Laaka-Lindberg 2015, except on the right below: Kirsi Hutri.







Figure 6. On the left: The posters were hanging on the walls of the greenhouse by metal hooks. On the right: Real ex-situ cultivated model plants were placed on small shelves below the exhibition posters. The plant behind: *Astragalus glycophyllos*, in front: *Sesleria caerulea*. Photos: Kirsi Hutri 2015.



Figure 7. The whole set of exhibition posters on the walls of the round greenhouse. Photo: Kirsi Hutri.







Figure 8. Ex-situ board game belonging to the ESCAPE ex-situ exhibition. The board game was produced both in Finnish and Swedish, the last mentioned in the photo above. Photo: Kirsi Hutri 2015.



Figure 9. The ESCAOPE exhibition greenhouse on the lawn in the corner of the main paths in Eastern part of the Kaisaniemi Botanical garden. One of the coffee tables with the ex-situ board game in the front. Photo: Sanna Laaka-Lindberg 2015.









Figure. 10. Audience at the ESCAPE ex-situ exhibition opening in Kaisaniemi Botanical garden, UH on 16.6.2015. About 60 visitors attended the opening seremony in rather cold and variable weather. Photos: on the left: Sanna Laaka-Lindberg, on the right: Ville Korhonen.





Figure. 10. On the left: ESCAPE ex-situ exhibition was opened by ESCAPE partner leader Marko Hyvärinen. On the right: ESCAPE workshop theme song Talvikkipaju, composed by Petri Keinonen had its premiere in Exhibition opening on 16.6.2015. Theme song was performed by Ohjelmatoimisto Ruutikellari performance group (Kati Kovalainen and Petri Keinonen). Photos: Sanna Laaka-Lindberg.







Figure 12. The first stage of the touring ESCAPE ex-situ exhibition was opened by UO Innovation director Matti Saren (in the middle) in Oulu Botanical garden lobby in 16.11.2015. Photo: Annikki Kestilä.



Figure 11. The ESCAPE ex-situ exhibition board game was very popular and often played with children and their parents. Selecting a role made the play interesting and personal, and by the interest created by the roles enhanced getting the ex-situ terminology familiar. Photo: Annikki Kestilä.