

The challenges and successes achieved in the Chikanda orchid project

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In order to propagate the required orchids for the Chikanda Orchid project, adequate training is required for successful growth of plants both in the laboratory and in the nursery. A review of the practical issues and challenges involved in teaching *in vitro* methods and procedures developed for the conservation of the chikanda orchids in the laboratory. Various hands on methods taught in the nursery to ensure survival of collected mature plants and hardened off plants out of the laboratory. Without correct procedures followed, conservation efforts would be thwarted.

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