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Draft Descriptor List Carum spp.

Highly discriminating descriptors in this descriptor list are marked with an asterisk [★].

Characterization *ex situ* should be made on an average of minimum 10 plants randomly chosen per accession from the population.

Recommended spacing of plants is 40×15 cm, plot area $5m^2$, sowing in the spring (up to mid-April).

Locality: Country, GPS

Date [YYYYMMDD]:

Specimen No. (In case of *in situ* characterization):

Accession No. (In case of *ex situ* characterization/evaluation):

		In situ	Ex situ
	CHARACTERIZATION		
	7. Plant descriptors		
	7.1 Plant (vegetative)		
*	7.1.1 Life cycle 1 Annual 2 Biennial	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
*	 7.1.2. Plant growth habit Observed at full flowering of main primary umbels. 3 Prostrate 5 Semi-erect 7 Erect 	\checkmark	\checkmark

		In situ	Ex situ
*	7.1.3. Plant height [cm] Measured at flowering from soil surface to terminal branch, including umbel (See figure 1). 3 Low (<70) 5 Intermediate (70-90) 7 High (>90)		$\sqrt{}$
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	Figure 1. Plant height		
	7.2. Stem		
*	 7.2.1 Stem branching density Observed at full flowering of main primary umbel. 3 Sparse 5 Intermediate 7 Dense 	\checkmark	$\sqrt{}$
*	7.2.2 Main stem diameter [mm] Measured in the middle third of the terminal shoot.	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
	 7.2.3 Foliage density Observed at full flowering of main primary umbel. 3 Sparse 5 Intermediate 7 Dense 		$\sqrt{}$
	7.3. Leaf Measured on 20 leaves in growth.		
*	 7.3.1 Leaf rosette position (attitude) Observed in the sowing year on fully developed leaf rosette. 3 Prostrate 5 Semi-erect 7 Erect 	\checkmark	$\sqrt{}$

		In situ	Ex situ
*	7.3.2 Leaf length [cm] (See figure 2) 3 Short (<20) 5 Intermediate (20-30) 7 Long (>30)	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
	Figure 2. Leaf: length (a) and width (b)		
*	7.3.3 Leaf width [cm] (See figure 2) 3 Narrow (<10) 5 Intermediate (10-15) 7 Wide (>15)	\checkmark	\checkmark
*	7.3.4 Petiole length [cm] (See figure 2) 3 Short (<5) 5 Intermediate (5-10) 7 Long (>10)	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
*	 7.3.5 Petiole thickness [mm] Measured closely below the splitting of the first feathering. (See figure 2) 3 Narrow (<2) 5 Intermediate (2-3) 7 Broad (>3) 	\checkmark	\checkmark

			In situ	Ex situ
*	7.3.6. Leaf dissection (See figure 3) 3 Slightly dissected 5 Intermediate 7 Highly dissected			$\sqrt{}$
	signity dissected (3) intermediate	e (5) highly dissected (7)		
*	7.3.7 Mature leaf colour 1 Yellow green 2 Green 3 Dark green	(RHS colour chart code) (144A – 154D) (131A – 143D) (136B)	\checkmark	$\sqrt{}$
	7.4. Inflorescence			
*	7.4.1 Width of open primary of Average value of the 10 measure 3 Small (<5) 5 Intermediate (5-7) 7 Large (>7)	umbel [cm] ed terminal umbels.		$\sqrt{}$

		In situ	Ex situ
	7.4.2 Number of umbellets in primary umbel (See figure 4) 3 Low (<7) 5 Intermediate (8-10) 7 High (>10)	$\sqrt{}$	\checkmark
	low (3) intermediate (5) high (7)		
	Figure 4. Number of umbellets		
*	7.4.3 Flower colour 1 White (155A – 155D) 2 Green white (156A – 157D) 3 Red purple (62A – 69D)	\checkmark	
*	7.4.4 Umbels position before harvest (See figure 5) 3 Open 5 Intermediate 7 Constricted	$\sqrt{}$	
	umbellet		
	constricted (7) open(3) Figure 5. Umbels position		
	r gare of empere position		
*	7.4.5 Heading time of primary umbel Number of days from sowing to appearance of the terminal umbel, compared to check cultivars considered as intermediate: for annuals: Karzo (1994, The Netherlands); for biennials: Rekord (1978, Czechoslovakia). 3 Early 5 Intermediate 7 Late	$\sqrt{}$	

		In situ	Ex situ
*	7.4.6 Flowering time of primary umbel Number of days from sowing to when 25% of the terminal umbels start to flower, compared to check cultivars considered as intermediate: for annuals: Karzo (1994, The Netherlands); for biennials: Rekord (1978, Czechoslovakia). 3 Early 5 Intermediate 7 Late	$\sqrt{}$	
*	7.4.7 Full flowering time Number of days from sowing to full flowering, when terminal umbel ends flowering and majority of subsequent umbels keep flowering, compared to check cultivars considered as intermediate: for annuals: Karzo (1994, The Netherlands); for biennials: Rekord (1978, Czechoslovakia). 3 Early 5 Intermediate 7 Late	√	
*	7.4.8 Maturity time of primary umbel Number of days from sowing to technical maturity of the terminal umbel, compared to check cultivars considered as intermediate: for annuals: Karzo (1994, The Netherlands); for biennials: Rekord (1978, Czechoslovakia). 3 Early 5 Intermediate 7 Late	$\sqrt{}$	
*	7.4.9 Full maturity time Number of days from sowing to when 90% of plants are ready for seed harvest, compared to check cultivars considered as intermediate: for annuals: Karzo (1994, The Netherlands); for biennials: Rekord (1978, Czechoslovakia). 3 Early 5 Intermediate 7 Late	\checkmark	
	7.5. Fruit (achene)		
*	7.5.1 Fruit shape 1 Straight 2 Falcate (lunate)	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
*	7.5.2 Fruit length [mm] Average value calculated from 50 measured seeds. 3 Short (<4) 5 Intermediate (4-6) 7 Long (>6)	$\sqrt{}$	\checkmark
*	7.5.3 Fruit thickness (diameter) [mm] 1 Narrow (<1) 2 Broad (>1)	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$

			In situ	Ex situ
*	7.5.4 Fruit colour at maturit 1 Greyed green 2 Grey brown 3 Brown 99 Other (remarks)	y (RHS colour chart code) (191A – 198D) (199A – N199D) (200A – N200D)	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
*	7.5.5 1000-seed weight [g] According to ISTA (International rules: 5-6% moisture content 3 Low (<2.4) 5 Intermediate (2.4–2.7 High (>2.8)		$\sqrt{}$	\checkmark
	7.5.6 Seed yield [g per plant] 3 Low (<80) 5 Intermediate (80–12 7 High (>120)	20)	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
*	7.5.7 Seed shattering [%] Percentage of fallen seeds after seeds ured on 20 primary umbels maturity) 3 Low (<25) 5 Intermediate (25-50) 7 High (>50)	s harvested at technological	$\sqrt{}$	
	7.3 Remarks Any additional information, especiall above, may be specified here.	y in the category "99 = Other"		$\sqrt{}$
	EVALUATION			
	8. Plant descriptors 8.1 Chemical composition			
*	8.1.1 Essential oil content in [ml/kg DW] According to ISTA (International rules: 5-6% moisture content 3 Low (<20) 5 Intermediate (20-35) 7 High (>35)	Seed Testing Association)	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
*	8.1.2 Carvon rate in essentia 3 Low (<50) 5 Intermediate (50) 7 High (>50)	l oil [%]	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$

		In situ	Ex situ
*	8.1.3 Limonene rate in essential oil [%] 3 Low (<47) 5 Intermediate (47) 7 High (>47)	\checkmark	$\sqrt{}$
	8.2 Cytological characters	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
*	8.2.1 Chromosome number		

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