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Domestication and Genetics of Horticultural Plants

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We know well the fundamental role that the horticultural plants play in the lives of humans, by providing fruits and vegetables that can be consumed fresh or in a transformed form. In this context, a precise knowledge of the genetic diversity and domestication history of horticultural plants will have a beneficial impact for the set-up of (i) appropriate strategies for the conservation of genetic resources, (ii) studies aimed at the elucidation of the evolutionary history of a species, and (iii) novel breeding plans. In particular, the study of the origin and domestication of cultivated species has become a topic of great interest and has made important progress by combining approaches from different disciplines. In this context, the advent of high-throughput sequencing technologies enabled the simultaneous interrogation of hundreds of thousands of polymorphisms, providing an unprecedented tool for the study of the genetic diversity within and between species.

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