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Exploring orchid diversity, conservation, culture, and hybridisation: A comprehensive approach for sustainable development

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This study explores the importance of orchid diversity, conservation, culture, and hybridisation in promoting sustainable development and innovation. It focuses on the latest conservation strategies, innovative culture practices, and hybridisation techniques to promote orchid conservation, expand genetic diversity, and contribute to the sustainable development of orchid-related industries. The research adopts a comprehensive approach, integrating literature review, field surveys, and case studies from diverse geographical regions. Orchids exhibit remarkable diversity, but many species are endangered or threatened due to habitat destruction and illegal trade. Conservation efforts focus on habitat protection, *ex situ* conservation, and sustainable harvesting practices. Orchid culture techniques, such as tissue culture and seed germination, play a vital role in propagating orchids for conservation and commercial purposes. Hybridisation, both natural and artificial, contributes to the development of new orchid varieties with enhanced traits, fostering innovation in the ornamental and horticultural industries. Successful orchid conservation and sustainable development require collaboration between researchers, conservation organisations, horticulturists, and local communities. By integrating traditional knowledge with modern scientific approaches and promoting awareness, stakeholders can collectively contribute to the preservation and cultivation of orchids. In conclusion, this research highlights the significance of orchid diversity, conservation, culture, and hybridisation in achieving sustainable development. It offers guidance to policymakers, researchers, and practitioners in developing effective conservation plans, innovative culture protocols, and sustainable business models. The implications extend to biodiversity conservation, horticulture, and the floral industry, encouraging a deeper understanding of orchids and their critical role in ecological balance and human well-being.

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