

Name: **Cut-grass**
Leersia oryzoides

UK status: [UK BAP Priority](#). Red Data List (Endangered)

London status: Very rare (1 site).

Protected status: W&CA, Schedule 8 (S.13a*). 'Species of principal importance for the conservation of biological diversity in England' (CRoW Act, 2000)

Relevant London HAPs: Tidal Thames

Citation:

A perennial grass of nutrient-rich mud on the margins of ditches, ponds and riverbanks. It has declined significantly and its last remaining stronghold is in the lower River Arun Valley in West Sussex. Cut-grass was discovered in Greater London in 2003, in the Old Deer Park, LB Richmond-upon-Thames. The population is associated with the flooded ha-ha adjacent to the River Thames, although its size and extent require further confirmation. The species is very sensitive to management changes and must be considered highly vulnerable. The site is within an extension to the River Thames Metropolitan SINC; the Old Deer Park itself is a Borough 1 SINC. Managing authority; Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club



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- Conservation priorities:**
- Monitor and maintain population [addresses UK SAP target T1]
 - Engage managing authority
 - Audit of population vulnerability
 - Review current management regimes as necessary
 - Protect any new populations emerging from further survey

References:

Cheffings CM & Farrell L (Eds.), 2005. *The Vascular Plant Red Data List for Great Britain*. JNCC

Preston CD, Pearman DA & Dines TD (Edit.), 2002. *New Atlas of the British and Irish Flora*. Oxford

*additionally protected from intentionally picking (which includes collecting seed); trade and possession for the purpose of trade (including all derivatives)