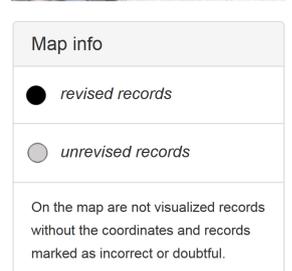
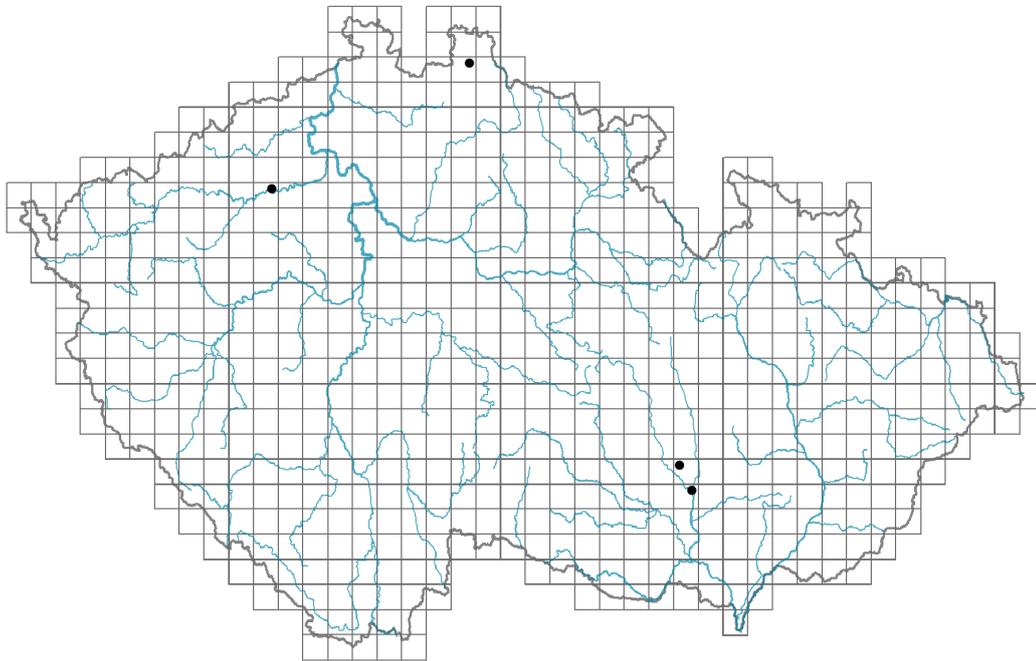


# *Centaurea melitensis*

## Distribution



## Habitus and growth type

Life form: **hemicryptophyte (therophyte)**

Life strategy (Pierce method based on leaf traits): **SR/CSR**

Life strategy (Pierce method, C-score): **18.1 %**

Life strategy (Pierce method, S-score): **41.9 %**

Life strategy (Pierce method, R-score): **40 %**

## Leaf

Leaf presence and metamorphosis: **leaves present, not modified**

Leaf arrangement (phyllotaxis): **alternate**

Leaf shape: **simple - entire**

Stipules: **absent**

Petiole: **both present and absent**

## Flower

Flower colour: **yellow**

Flower symmetry: **actinomorphic**

Perianth type: **calyx reduced, corolla present**

Perianth fusion: **fused**

Shape of the sympetalous corolla or syntepalous perianth: **tubular**

Calyx fusion: **pappus**

Inflorescence type: **corymbothyrus ex anthodiis compositus**

### **Fruit, seed and dispersal**

Fruit type: **dry fruit - achene/cypsela/samara**

Myrmecochory: **myrmecochorous**

### **Trophic mode**

Parasitism and mycoheterotrophy: **autotrophic**

Carnivory: **non-carnivorous**

Symbiotic nitrogen fixation: **no nitrogen-fixing symbionts**

### **Taxon origin**

Origin in the Czech Republic: **neophyte**

Invasion status: **casual**

Geographic origin: **Mediterranean**

Year of the first record in the wild: **1901**

Year of the last record: **1962**

Period of introduction: **Late Modern Period (1800-1950)**

Introduction pathway: **unintentional - industry**

### **Habitat and sociology**

Affinity to the forest environment

Affinity to the forest environment in Thermophyticum: **0 - taxon that does not spontaneously occur in Czech forests**

Affinity to the forest environment in Mesophyticum and Oreophyticum: **0 - taxon that does not spontaneously occur in Czech forests**

### **Threats and protection**

Red List 2017 (national categories): **taxon is not on the Red List**

Red List 2017 (IUCN categories): **LC(NA) - least concern (taxon is not on the Red List)**

Legal protection: **not protected by law**