

Polystichum lonchitis

Habitus and growth type

Plant height [m]: **0.27**

Life span: **Perennial**

Life form: **Hemicryptophyte, Geophyte**

Leaf

Specific leaf area [mm²/mg]: **7.8**

Flower

Flowering period: **May-September**

Fruit, seed and dispersal

Dispersal mode: **Anemochory**

Dispersal distance class: **3**

Trophic mode

Parasitism and mycoheterotrophy: **autotroph**

Carnivory: **non-carnivorous**

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

Taxon origin

Origin in Europe: **Native**

Ecology

Environmental relationships

Substrate humidity relationship: **Mesic**

Substrate reaction relationship: **Alkaline**

Nutrient relationship: **Mesotrophic**

Salinity relationship: **Non-saline**

Ellenberg-type indicator values

Light indicator value: **6.4**

Moisture indicator value: **5.1**

Reaction indicator value: **7.9**

Nutrient indicator value: **3.5**

Salinity indicator value: **0**

Disturbance indicator values

Disturbance frequency: **0.11**

Disturbance frequency (herb layer): **1.01**

Disturbance severity: **0.61**

Disturbance severity (herb layer): **0.14**

Mowing frequency: **0.01**

Grazing pressure: **0.18**

Soil disturbance: **0.09**

Habitat and sociology

Syntaxon

Diagnostic species of phytosociological classes: [KE \(THL\) *Thlaspietea rotundifolii*](#)

EUNIS habitat

Constant species of EUNIS habitats: [S25 Subalpine and subarctic deciduous scrub](#), [T34 Temperate subalpine *Larix*, *Pinus cembra* and *Pinus uncinata* forest](#), [T39 Mediterranean and Balkan subalpine *Pinus heldreichii*-*Pinus peuce* forest](#)

Broad habitat

Occurrence in broad habitats: **Scrub, Forest, Sparsely vegetated (incl. rock and scree)**

Distribution

Continentality amplitude: **5**