Hordeum Chilense

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Introduction

Hordeum chilense **is one of many wild relatives of barley.** (*Hordeum vulgare*)

Hordeum chilense, also known as Chilean wild barley, is a diploid species of wild barley native to Chile and Argentina. It has gained attention in agricultural research due to its valuable traits that are beneficial for crop improvement, particularly in barley and wheat breeding programs.

Introduction

Key characteristics:

- **Botanical Name:** *Hordeum chilense* Roem. & Schult.
- **Common Name:** Chilean barley
- **Family:** Poaceae
- **Chromosome Number:** Hordeum chilense is a diploid species, meaning it has two sets of chromosomes (2n = 14).
- **Genom:** HchHch

A Resilient Species

Hordeum chilense is a very robust species.

This species is known for its resistance to diseases like Septoria tritici blotch and its high seed yellow pigment content, which makes it a promising candidate for improving crop resilience and nutritional quality.

Hordeum chilense collected in Chile
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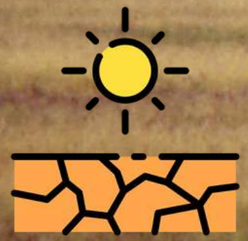
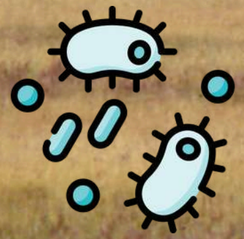
A Resilient Species

Typical traits of *Hordeum chilense* include tolerance to:



Drought



Diseases

Salinity

Cold

Poor Soils

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Ecosystem

***Hordeum chilense* typically grows in semi-arid to arid regions**, often in disturbed soils or areas with low fertility. Its natural habitat includes grasslands, scrublands, and open spaces at various elevations.

Hordeum chilense in Lonquimay region, Chile. Vivagran Collection

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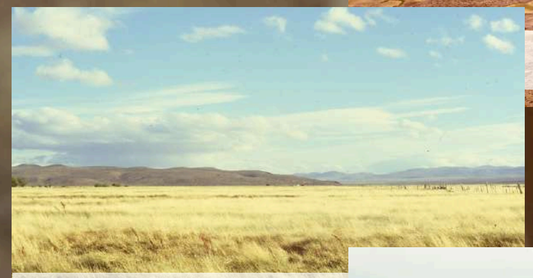
Ecosystem

Volcano Llaima

Lonquimay (4.200 m)



Patagonia

Rio Grande - Tierra de Fuego

Puerto Natales - Pacific coast

Temuco

Provincia de Santiago

Puerto Saavedra

Ibañez river

Hordeum chilense **grows in a wide array of ecosystems**

photographs from expeditions to Chile to collect Hordeum chilense in 1980's - Vivagran Collection

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Genetic Ressource

Hordeum chilense is valued for its genetic traits.

These traits make it a valuable resource for improving cultivated barley and wheat through hybridization. The resulting hybrids may possess beneficial traits such as increased disease resistance or improved adaptability to harsh growing conditions.

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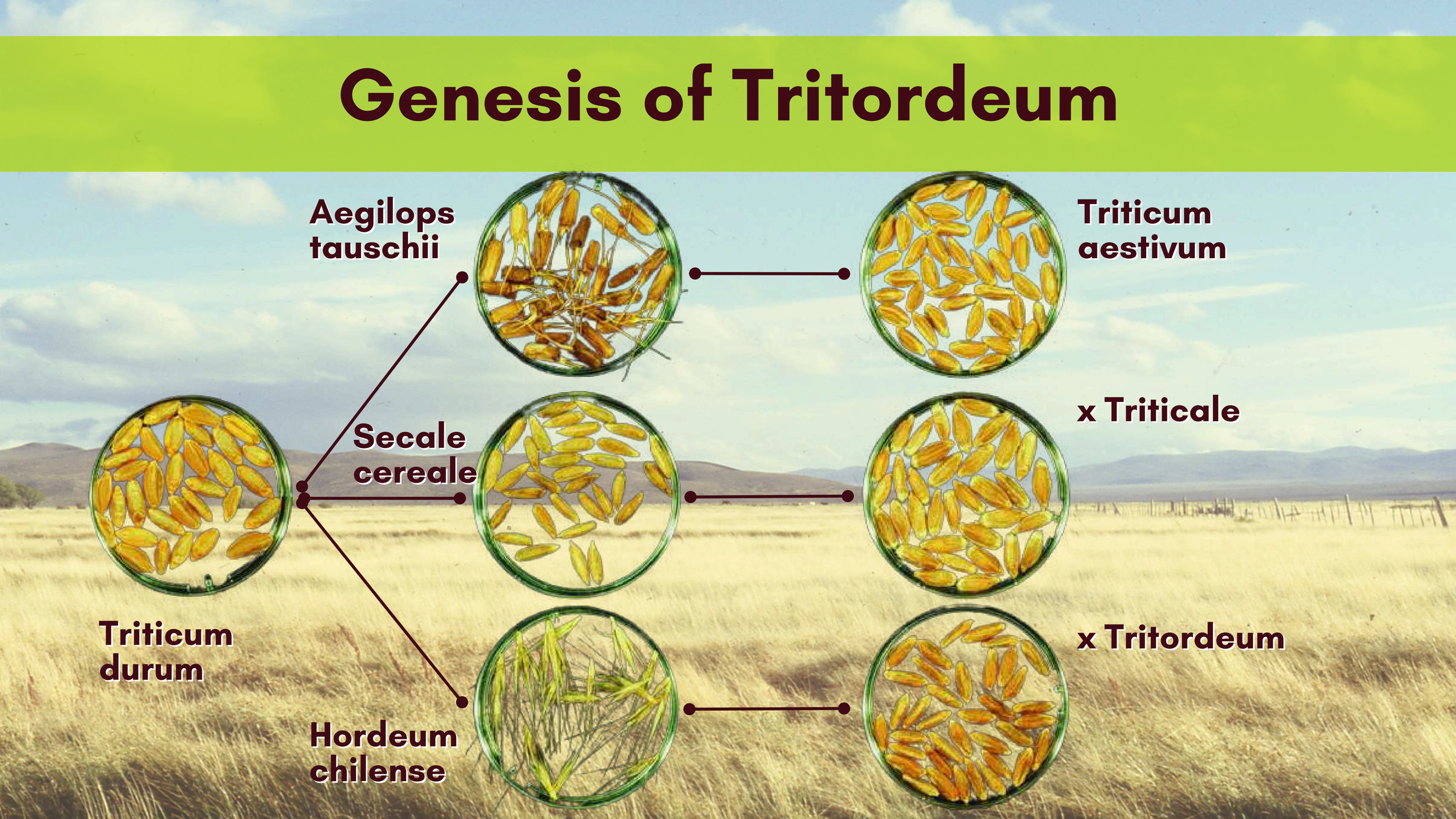

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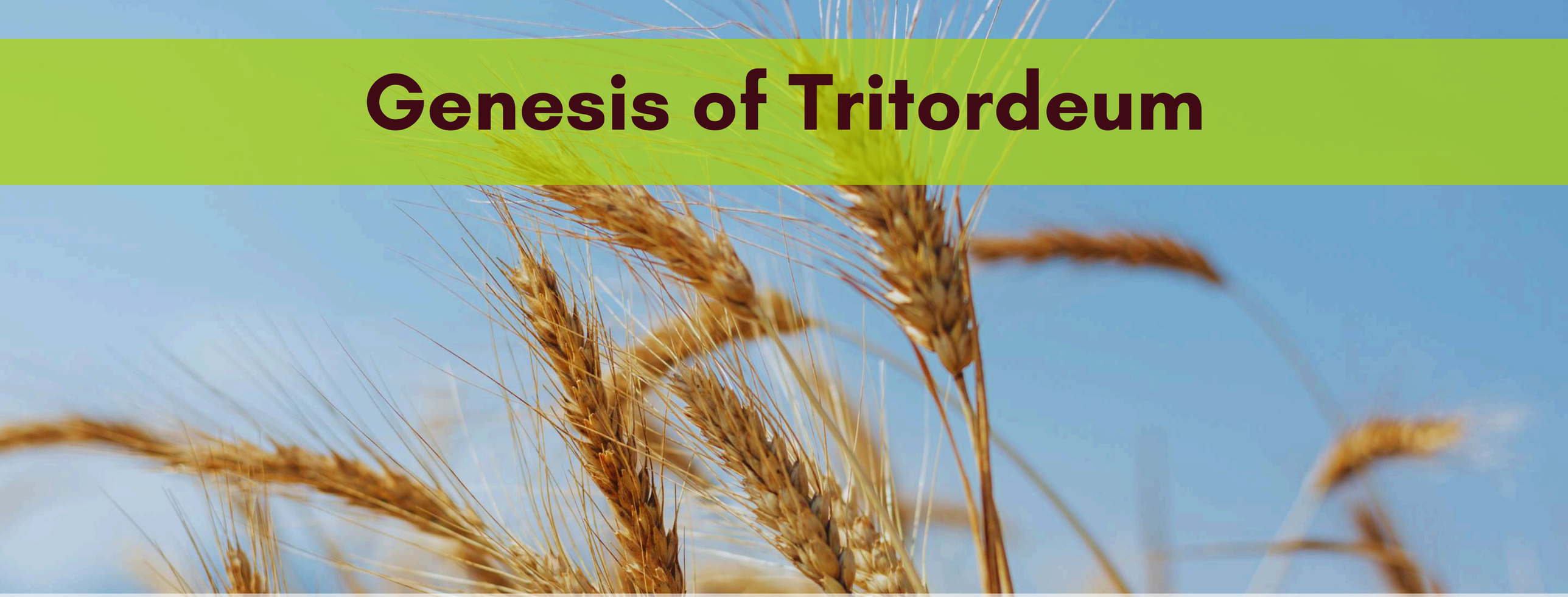

***Tritordeum* is the first cereal to successfully combine *Hordeum chilense* with a modern crop, durum wheat,** producing a resilient and technologically advanced hybrid.


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