# ARCTIC SEA BUCKTHORN IN LATVIA AND OTHER TEMPERATE CLIMATE ZONES

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"Breeding of sea buckthorn for specific climate conditions"

#### SEA BUCKTHORN INTRODUCTION

- Sea buckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides* L.) was introduced to the European North of Russia at the end of 60-th last century.
- It is sufficiently resistant in the Arctic conditions, fully adapted, regularly bear fruits of normal size and quality.

- Existing Sea buckthorn cultivars, created in other climatic zones, are not stable enough in Nordic conditions.
- They are subject to frequent winter freezing and to damping out of the root systems in mild snowy winters.

## SEA BUCKTHORN SELECTION IN THE RUSSIAN NORTH

- Successful introduction of Sea buckthorn to the North is not possible without its selective improvement aimed at obtaining local highly winter-resistant cultivars.
- Fenno-Scandinavian Sea-buckthorn population is the most resistant in the North.

- The plants are characterized by high winter hardiness, resistance to root system's damping out, big berry size and the content of biologically active substances.
- Diseases and pests were not detected for the entire period of the test in the Nordic conditions.
- The weight of 100 fruits varies from  $71.5\pm1.8$  g till 112,9  $\pm$  4,0 g depending on weather conditions of vegetative period.

#### HYBRIDS BIOCHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- The plants produce 5,5-7,0 kg fruits per bush.
- The vitamin C content -103,5 mg/100g, in terms on absolute dry weight: 445,5-1094,5 mg/100g.
- B-carotene: 0,92-1,42 mg/100g, in terms on absolute dry weight: 8,23-17,1 mg/100g;
- Sugar 0,57-1,42%, in terms on absolute dry weight: 5,04-12,2 %.

#### COLLABORATION

- Started at the end of 90<sup>th</sup> last century.
- Several best selected forms were transferred to Latvia for the test for its sustainability as for climate conditions, as for fruit quality.
- All of those forms are hybrids between selected plants originated from Khakassia (Russia, mother plant) and Finland (father plant).

#### ARCTIC SEA BUCKTHORN INTRODUCTION

- Selected SBT Arctic forms have been growing and producing fruit in Latvia for more than 20 years.
- They have also been successfully introduced in Finland,
  Canada and Ukraine, where they are winter-hardy and disease-resistant.

#### VARIETY 'EVA'

- One of the selected Arctic form got a name 'Eva'
- It is a popular variety in amateur gardens, especially in Finland, due to the large size and sparse arrangement of the fruit, which makes it easier to pick it with fingers.

### FEATURES OF VARIETIES

	Eva	Tatjana	Mary	Bot.Ljub.	37-89-321	82-90-434
Place of	Riga, Latvia				Arkhangelsk, Russia	
Number of inflorescences on 10 cm of shoot	7	12	15	10	-	-
Number of fruits in one inflorescence	2,6	4,9	5,2	5,3	-	-
Number of fruits on 10 cm of shoot	18	60	78	51	54	46
Proportion of wood weight in fruit clusters, % (fresh)	30	8	9	10	17	12
Weight of 100 fruits, g (fully ripe)	115	88	82	97	96	104





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