**Botanical name:** Delphinium malabaricum (Huth) Munz  

**Family:** Ranunculaceae  

**Vernacular name:** -  

**Threatened category:** Vulnerable (Mishra & Singh 2001, Gaikwad & Yadav, 2004)  

**Key characters:** Perennial herb, Leaves palmately lobed, Flowers recurved, irregular, blue-purple, Posterior sepal spurred, filament dilated at base, seed numerous.  

**Description:** Herbs, erect, perennial, 1-1.5 m high, Leaves 3-9 cm across, reniform, shallow to deeply, irregularly lobed, subglabrous above, strigose below on nerves and on margins; petioles 10-25 cm long, sheathed at base. Flowers in terminal racemes; pedicels 5-20 mm long, strigose; lower bracts 2-4 cm long, leafy, trifid; upper bracts 6-10 mm long, linear; bracteoles subulate. Sepals bright blue with a subterminal spot; upper sepal 10-14 x 5-17 mm, ovate; lateral sepals 13-16 x 7-9 mm, elliptic-ovobate; lower sepals 11-13 x 5-7 mm, narrowly obovate. Upper petals 1 cm long, obtusely bilobed at apex; spur 7-9 mm long; lower petals ca 7 x 5 mm, rounded to oblong; Follicle 1.5 cm long, strigulose, Seed papillose scaly covering.  

**Flowering and fruiting:** August-September.  

**Distribution:** India – Endemic to Maharashtra  

**Reported Localities:** A. Pune (1-Junnar, 2-Kamshet, 3-Khandala, 4-Purandar, 5-Varandha ghat) C. Raigad (6- Matheran), D.Satara(7-Mahabaleshwar), E.Thane (8- Harishchandra gadh).  

**Ecology:** On exposed rocky hill slopes.  

**Association:** Grasses
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Geographical distribution in Maharashtra:
Latitude (DMS): Between 19° 4’ -17° 55’N & Longitude (DMS): 73° 25’-73° 52’ E.

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Geographical regions:

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Physical map

Rain fall map

Forest types

Tropical evergreen forest
Semi-evergreen forest
Moist deciduous forest
Dry deciduous forest
Thorny forest

Konkan
Madhya Maharashtra
Marathwada
Vidarbha

Family Code: 406
Species code: 3 - 1E

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