

# Fascinating Brassicas

*Brassica oleracea*

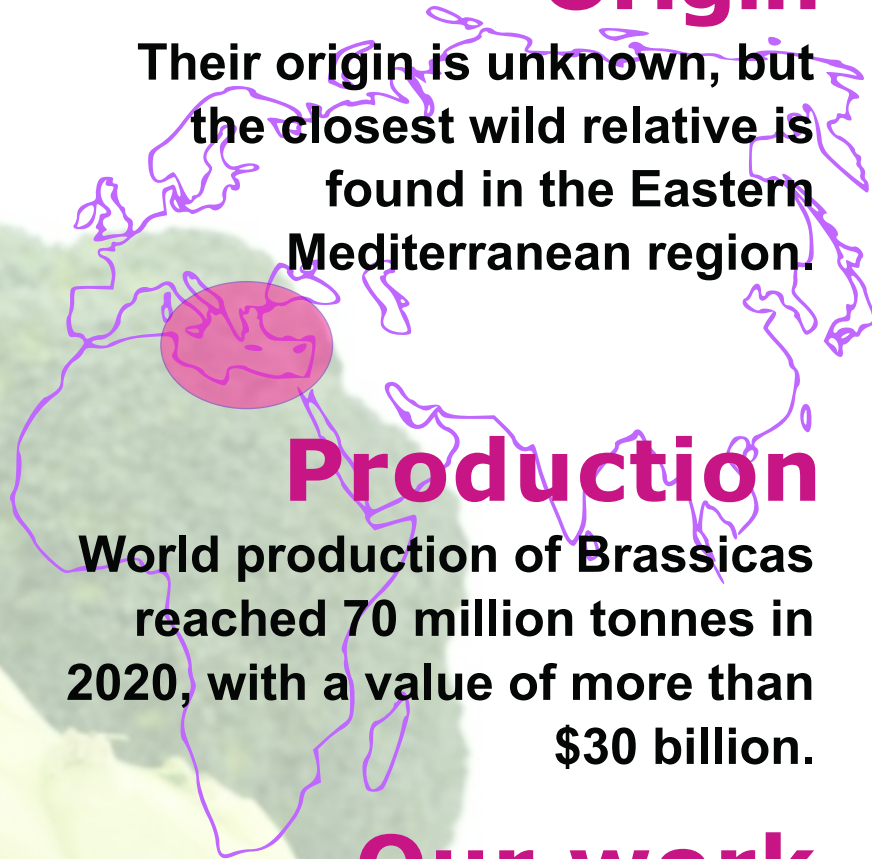
## The *Brassica oleracea* family

Domestication and cultivation of *Brassica oleracea* has led to a big variety of crops. Broccoli, Brussel sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, romanesco, kohlrabi and rapeseed among others are the same species but different varieties.



## Origin

Their origin is unknown, but the closest wild relative is found in the Eastern Mediterranean region.



## Production

World production of Brassicas reached 70 million tonnes in 2020, with a value of more than \$30 billion.

## Our work

At Lancaster University we use broccoli and rapeseed to discover methods to increase crop productivity by improving photosynthesis.