Metasequoia—the living fossil: native and cultivated (1948-2008)
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Chronology:

Native Trees in China:
Number c. 5,400 (>20 cm in DBH)
Main area c. 500 km² (30x20 km)
Elevation (m) 1000-1,300 (1,500) m
Annual Temp. c. 12.5°C (55°F)
Precipitation c. 1,300 mm (ca. 52 in)

Cultivated Summary
Since the first seeds were sent from China in December 1947, this tree has been successfully cultivated in more than fifty countries on every continent of the world.

Most planted (#): US National Arboretum, DC (80); Holden Arboretum, OH (112); Arnold Arboretum, MA (122); Horticultural Farm, NJ (320); Dawes Arboretum, OH (413); Arboretum at Horsholm, Denmark (437).

Most planted in 1950s (#): Bailey Arboretum, NY (20), Secret Arboretum, OH (24), Exoitenwald, Germany (25), Botanische Garten, Germany (28); Broadmead Grove, Princeton, NJ (30); Nationale Plantentuin, Belgium (31), US National Arboretum (50), Wöltizer Park, Germany (50), Tasmanian Arboretum, Australia (53), Insel Mainau Am Bodensee, Germany (58).

Tallest Tree: 36m, Stanley M. Rowe Arboretum, OH, 36.5m, Harrisburg, PA, 36.8m, Princeton University, NJ, 36.8m, Bailey Arboretum, NY, 37.2m, NC Arboretum, NC, 38m, Parc Maymou, France, 38.2m: Broadmead Grove, Princeton, NJ.


Reference: www.metasequoia.org 
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Figs (from left to right, and from top to bottom): 1, China (shows Hubei in middle), 2, Hubei (shows Lichuan in SW), 3, Lichuan (shows valley in lower left), 4, Satellite image of valley, 5, Highest native tree (c. 42 m), 6, Type tree in Moudao, 7, Base of truck, 8, Landscape, 9, Cultivated Map in China; 10, 11 & 12, Cultivated Map (N America, Europe & World: shrub in red, greenhouse in blue, normal in green), 13, 14 & 15, Cultivated trees in National Arboretum, Arnold Arboretum and Morris Arboretum in USA.