

Project Update: February 2012

The Macedonian Red List of Fungi has been completed. The laboratory analyses of the collected fungi material from the autumn field research have been completed. Relying upon the fungal database maintained at the Mycological Laboratory in Skopje and the project's field and laboratory activities to date, a Macedonian Red List of Fungi has been produced as a final document, pursuant to the criteria set by the National Strategy for Biodiversity Protection and IUCN categories and criteria. After detailed examination, out of the previously selected species, 213 have been included in the final List as follows: 21 are CR, 30 are EN, 71 are VU, 40 are NT, 9 are LC, and 42 are DD. The next phase is officialising of the Fungi Red List, based on which the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning will be able to prepare a rulebook on determination of strictly protected and protected wild fungal species. Important Fungus Areas will also be established in line with the already defined IFA criteria.