

## **Project Update: May 2012**

The Macedonian Red List of Fungi has been used to prepare a List of Protected and Strictly Protected Fungi Species of Macedonia. The latter has been submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, which will accordingly prepare a Rulebook on strictly protected and protected wild fungal species – the officialising of which is a time-consuming process. The Red List will be presented at the 4th Congress of Ecologists of The Republic of Macedonia with International Participation in October 2012. The last quarter has been used to define the IFAs: the IFA nominated areas have been visited a number of times, the collected fungal species have been determined, preserved in the Macedonian Collection of Fungi and the related data entered in the MACFUNGI database. A few presentations on fungi species description, distribution and protection measures have been delivered in regions considered for nomination as IFAs. The brochure of protected and strictly protected fungi from the Red List and the Country Map of IFA are currently in a printing phase. Detailed information related to the project activities, specifically, the National Catalog (Checklist) of Macedonian Fungi, the booklet Mapping of Macromycetes of Macedonia, the presentations Important Fungal Areas in Macedonia, and Draft-Basic List of Protected and Strictly Protected Species in Macedonia, IFA map and a brochure are available on <http://www.esnips.com/thumbnails.php?album=4890092>