

Project Update: August 2012

The project activities continue in accordance with the plan. This year fieldwork brought us to some very interesting botanical sites such as the habitat of the Red Data listed *Rhododendron caucasicum*, The Erebuni Reserve of wild wheats - the only crops reserve in the world, subalpine and alpine habitats on Geghama Mountain Range and other places. We also plan to visit some IPA candidate sites in the south of Armenia in August-September to study arid open forests and shrubwoods formed with wild pears, pomegranate and almond trees. Herbarium specimens collected on the territory of the "Dilijan" national park during the fieldwork of 2011 have been added to the national park's collection. The ones for the "Shikahogh" State Reserve will go there within a couple of months.

