

Project Update: January 2013

According to my project in the third quarter the organisation of seminars was planned and we visited public schools in Andeziti, Akhaldaba and Kvishkheti in Borjomi district. The seminars were conducted for 9th to 12th class pupils to educate them about the importance of the threatened ant *Myrmoxenus tamarae* as an indicator of the forest ecosystems. With these seminars we attempted to give information to the local school pupils and help them to formulate correct opinion about the necessity of ant conservation. Both leadership of the schools and pupils were fully involved in our project and expressed high interest to cause weakness of the anthropogenic influence of endemic, threatened species in Borjomi district.

Morphometry of collected *M. tamarae* was studied and received data was threatened statistically. We started to reassess conservation status of this threatened ant and think that *M. tamarae* must have the category Vulnerable D2.

