

## Project Update: March 2014

The cultures of different edible and medicinal mushroom species such as *Pleurotus* sp., *Ganoderma* sp., and *Auricularia* sp., were prepared using different growth media (PDA and ME), PDA was the best growth media. Maintenance of culture was done in a refrigerator. Cultivation trials were carried using different locally available substrates (sawdust, empty palm fruit bunch, corn cob, leguminous trees and bagasse), and different concentrations of the substrates were used. The results on the diversity and distribution of macro fungi were presented in AETFAT 2014 Congress from 13th- 17th January 2014 in Stellenbosch, South Africa. The Rufford logo was used on the PowerPoint presentation and Rufford Foundation was acknowledged verbally. The cultivation of the different mushroom species is ongoing.

