

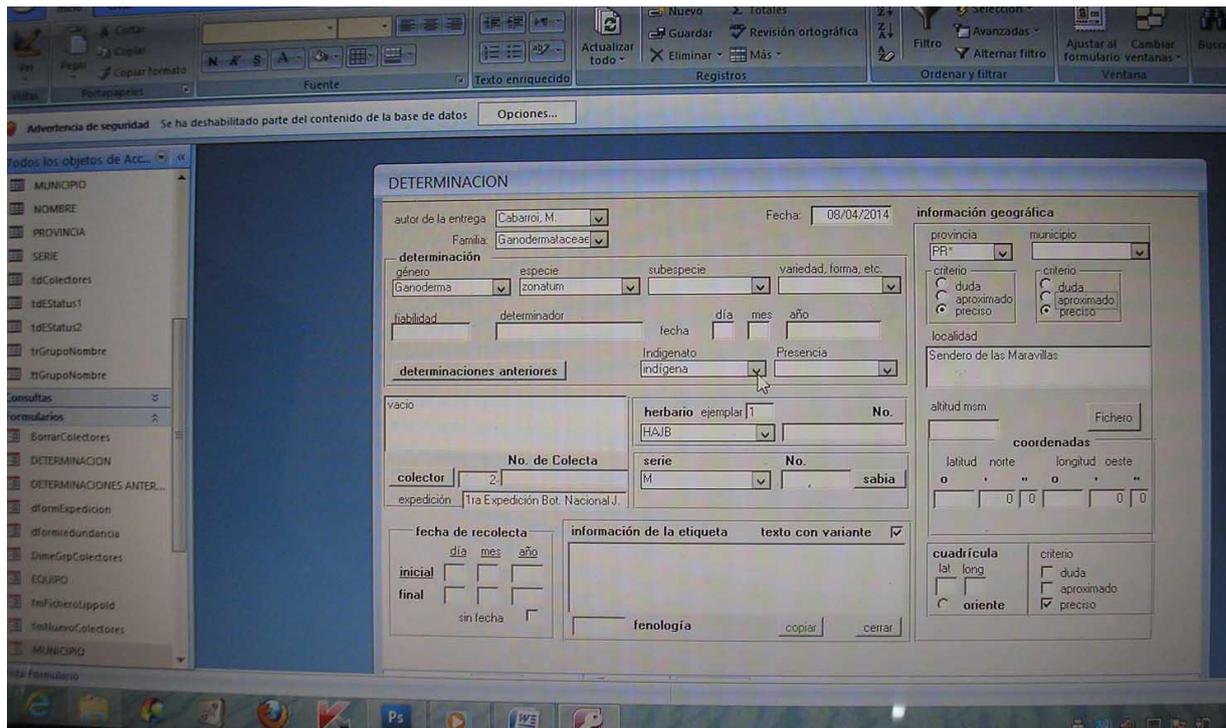
Project Update: August 2014

After field and herbarium studies, nine species of *Ganodermataceae* are reported, discussed and illustrated from Cuba, of which two taxa: *Ganoderma amazonense* and *G. weberianum* are new for this country. Seven other species: *G. austral*, *G. oesterdtii*, *G. flaviporum*, *G. colossus*, *G. coffeatum*, *G. zonatum* and *G. perzonatum* which had been reported previously are now confirmed. Part of this information will be show in the Latin American Congress of Mycology in November 2014 in Colombia and other part will be publishing in National Botanical Garden Journal and will be part of field guide from Viñales National Park.



Ganoderma osterdtii

I continue to update a database with my details about my own specimens from my fields studies in Viñales, Mayabeque and Havana provinces. (I use a Botanical Garden of Berlín Dahlem database.)



I continue with my activities as coordinator of The Mycological Section within the SOCUBOT (Cuban Botanical Society). We made some field activities with some students interested in the mycology together at the same place. This point is very important to the future mycological work. On the other hand, the fungi was, for the first time, in an important National celebrate on July 14th : SOCUBOT Anniversary 70th.

I started to evaluate (preliminary), applying IUCN conservation criteria, the *Ganodermataceae* species in Cuba.

We visited a community in Havana and we had a conference about fungi importance and we showed some pictures and a short film about the five Kingdoms. This activity was celebrated on June 5th 2014, (environmental day). We spoke with this people and they understood the difference between fungi and plants.

We printed 200 little books (with money from my institution too) with pictures of fungi to colour and they were distributed free among the children. The English book name was Fungi a Different World (Hongo un mundo diferente) (picture 8). The distribution was in some communities activities, for instance, on June 1st: children's day (I attached a picture_6), on July 5th: (environmental day) and on August 10th: in summer activity.

We continued working in the field guide from Viñales National Park. This book will be useful to develop conservation actions and will provide valuable environmental education material.

