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A large amount of rain fell this year creating favourable conditions for the vegetation in respect of development and growth. Therefore, people in the target areas used pasture close to their houses for their livestock and did not bring the livestock up to mountains.

Consequently, until this month the number of rare and endangered species and their dynamics of development were not under anthropogenic pressure and were not harmed by livestock. People have said that they had not seen such a rainy year in last 50 years. A 7-day expedition was conducted in mountains of Hazrati Shoh (1000 – 2000 m above sea level) in Shurobod District.

Seeds of three additional species were gathered during the expedition: *Keyserlingia mollis* (Royle) Boiss, *Ostrowskia magnifica* Regel and *Bunium persicum* (Boiss) B. Fedtsch. The longitude of target areas was identified: N 38° 00' - 38° 50' E 70° 00' - 70° 50'.