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Now I am preparing the materials for publication of the brochure “Important Plant Areas: towards conservation of plant diversity in Armenia” (English/Armenian), which will include general information on the global IPAs project and its leaders and the relevant target of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC) as well as details on the IPAs project in Armenia and description of the main vegetation types etc.. The publication will be full of bright pictures and comments, introducing a few of the areas of highest botanical importance and conservation concern as well.

It is intend to be the first publication on the IPAs in Armenia and the first one in this theme in Armenian.

We are also working on the plant determination and processing the data, collected during the fieldwork.

I wish to write a few words about the field seminars, organized in 17-20 July in Sevan and Dilijan National Parks in the Northern Armenia. I highly evaluate the results of those meetings not only because some of the staff of both parks have been involved and have participated in the fieldwork together with us. What is interesting, due to these seminars some of the staff (particularly, botanists) from the two parks met for the first time and had a chance for exchange of case studies and their experience.



Left: A one-year-old yew in the small yew grove (protected area) in Dilijan National Park.
Right: Juniper relict open forests on Artanish peninsula.



Left: Participants from Sevan (director of the Sevan Botanic Garden and forester and ecologist of the Sevan National Park) on Artanish peninsula. Right: Seminar participants in the yew grove. Joint group of representatives of both Sevan and Dilijan National Parks.