

Project Update: November 2011

I gave a presentation at The Institute of Botany representing the Important Plant Areas of Armenia project with the focus on the current project.

The presentation included the following points:

- Development of the IPAs Armenia Project with the support of the RSG Foundation, the results and achievements.
- The work done in 2011.
- The plans for 2012 with expected project outputs.

The audience included the research staff and administration of the Institute. I answered some questions following the presentation and heard the research/conservation professional's opinions on importance of the current work as a base for development of the protected areas network and biodiversity conservation in Armenia.

We also had an expedition to the salted habitats in Ararat Valley. We took photo of the plant *Halocnemum strobilaceum* which is very rare and adapted to the salted soil only and included in the Red Data Book of Armenia.

