

## Project Update: November 2012

The field season has finished and most of the collected material is processed. Certain number of identified herbarium specimens, collected during the project work has been given to “Dilijan” national park’s and ‘Shikahogh” state reserve’s staff for further technical processing and adding to their new herbarium collections, founded thanks to the project. Almost all available literature related to classification of vegetation, the flora and vegetation of Armenia and the Caucasus, the habitats of priority conservation importance as well as the Important Plant Areas selection experience in other countries is studied. Two basic outputs are being produced: the new two-level classification scheme of habitats of Armenia, including explanations and descriptions to the habitat types and the list of threatened habitats of Armenia with the following data on each of them: the habitat type, location and ecology, approximate area, floristic composition, the main threats, motivations for conservation, etc. For each of them an Important Plant Area (criterion C) is given with the description and the measures needed to be undertaken for conservation. These materials will be put into two illustrated publications (in Armenian and English) will be produced by the end of the project: one on the classification of habitats of Armenia and the other on the threatened habitats of Armenia.



