

Project Update: June 2012

Our team members searched for information about the River Alazani riparian forest and its main tributaries riparian forests in the archival materials from Natural Resources and Agency and Scientific Institutions.

We organised seven field activities to assess ecological condition of *Gymnospermium smirnowii*. The total number of individuals is about 1800-2000. We are collaborating with Biodiversity Protection Service, Ministry of Environment Protection of Georgia offering to cooperate in order to protect the distribution area of this plant (outside of protected areas) according to the Natura 2000. This plant also should be included in the Georgian Biodiversity Database. Its conservation assessment should be done and must get into Georgian National, Regional and International Red Lists with the relevant status.

Also we conducted some eco-educational events like seminars and hikes in Batsara-Babaneuri Protected Areas, with participation of student, members of local NGOs.

From May 2012, we started assessment of *Quercus longipes* and *Pterocarya pterocarpa*.

