

Project Update: June 2013

During the first three project months, field research was done and over 20 localities in Albania were visited, where fungal material was collected. The laboratory analyses for identification of the collected fungi were conducted at the Mycological Laboratory in Skopje; the material from the spring forays has been fully processed. The results have been input in an online fungi database specifically created for this project, whereas exsiccates of the new finds have been deposited at the National Collection of Fungi. Considering both the fungi database and project research hitherto, there is data on approximately 350 specimens, whereof about 260 are different species - all new for Albania. Part of the project findings were presented at the Third International Conference of Ecosystems in Tirana. Comprehensive project-related information is available on <http://macfungi.webs.com/fungialbanici.htm>. Given that the collection season is still underway, an updated list of species will be provided in the forthcoming months.