

## Project Update: June 2014

During the last 6 months, there has been field research and project outcomes public presentation. Numerous localities in Albania have been visited in springtime, where fungal material has been collected, albeit the collection season is still ongoing. The preparation of the Checklist of Albanian Fungi has proceeded concurrently with their laboratory identification. The results have been regularly entered into the online fungi database, specifically created for this project. To date, there is data on approximately 582 species identified. The Preliminary Red List of Fungi species, categorised in compliance with IUCN criteria, has been completed. Most significantly, the List was communicated at the 4th International Conference of Ecosystems in Tirana (23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May 2014), via a lecture and discussion with Albanian officials from the relevant ministries. The ecology and distribution of lignicolous fungi in Albania was poster-presented, and a paper is pending in an international journal. More project-related information is available on <http://macfungi.webs.com/fungialbanici.htm>.



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