

## **Project Update: December 2007**

August – December 2007

During this period, the team has taken the following actions:

- Two botanical field surveys during which we have identified the protected, endemic and phytogeographically important plant species, the habitat types and the plant communities;
- Discussions with several people and public authorities from Odorheiu Secuiesc, during which we were able to identify 4 land owners. One of them is the major holder of the Szökő Peatbog;
- Preparation of a database of all plant species identified so far in the field. 30 moss, 85 higher plant and 1 animal species were registered and stored in a database;
- Elaboration of protected area proposal documents in undergoing. A scientific description of the Szökő Peatbog has been prepared. Boundaries of the protected area have been established and featured on different types of maps and aerial photos;
- Agora NGO has participated to a number of 4 public presentations organized by UFF (Forum of Young People from Odorheiu Secuiesc). During these presentations, participants have been informed about the importance of the conservation of the natural values of Szökő Peatbog;
- Endangered plant populations size and habitat conservation state was registered and will constitute the base for further monitoring activities.

