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Poster presentation

Developments in the Important Plant Areas (IPA) Project
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Plantlife International is currently coordinating an Important Plant Areas (IPA) Project in Central & Eastern Europe with a variety of partner organisations in 7 countries. This project is being carried out with the support of the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature & Food Quality of the Netherlands through the PIN/MATRA funds of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The IPA Project aims to identify and protect the best sites for wild plants, fungi & their habitats using 3 consistent criteria: threatened species, threatened habitats and exceptional botanical richness. The results are being collated on the IPA online database, and 7 national publications and a regional overview will be published shortly after the end of this year.

Other countries in Europe and beyond are also developing their IPA projects, which will be a major contribution towards implementing Target 5 of the CBD Global Strategy for Plant Conservation.