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Important Plant Areas of Armenia: Research for Conservation

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Being located in the heart of one of the world hotspots for biodiversity Armenia is notable for huge biological, particularly plant diversity. About a half of species of the whole Caucasian flora grow here (3500 species from 150 families), on the area, which forms only 5% of the Caucasus. 217 of them are endemics, 387 are Red Data listed species.

Almost all the main habitats typical for the Caucasian region may be found on this area.

The present condition of plant world of Armenia is alarming. The selection of the Important Plant Areas is the first and the most important step towards ecosystem conservation and creation of the protected areas network in Armenia.

The IPA of Armenia project now on the most early stage (supporting by The Whitley Awards Foundation). Current activities include the collection and preliminary analysis of the appropriate data regarding botanically rich and exceptional areas in the republic.