

Making the plant value relevant and accessible to the children

Is the children's right to understand, leave and preserve a safe, clean and healthy world

A case study – Botanical Garden “D. Brandza”

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Promoting education and awareness about plant diversity is crucial for children's understanding of the need to protect and conserve the plant world, which represent in fact the background of our life.

The children's have the right to know more about the value of plants and about our impact that threaten its maintenance. The botanic gardens can perform a multitude of diverse roles in children's ecological education that no other institution can. Special education activities addressed to different children's ages can be developed using their collections of leaving plant, their herbarium, museum or their environment.

For the small children a rich programme of education started in our botanic garden in 2000. It is based on interactive activities (about 3 hours/children's group) focused on few topics as: Rare plants – *our threshold*, Green house – *our green world*, Medicinal plants – *our friend for health*, Learning about plants by printing – *our feeling in color*, Plant nursery – *our private garden*.

Each type of activity is developed in on day starting from Monday up to Friday and involves in general one group of children. We hope that at the beginning of the next year, when the Ecological Education Department will be enlarged to extend this type of ecological games to more and more interested schools from Bucharest.