

Investigation of the flora of Albania (Zoltán Barina, Dániel Pifkó)

During our floristic research, started in 2004, the whole area of Albania was explored. The field studies resulted in hundreds of plant species reported for the first time from the country. In addition, we confirmed the occurrences of further hundreds of species, and revised previously collected Albanian voucher specimens preserved in herbariums of the Hungarian Natural History Museum (BP), Vienna (W and WU), Belgrade (BEO and BEOU), Brema (BREM), Sofia (SO and SOM) and Jena (JE).

While working on a complete evaluation of the Albanian vascular flora, we also focus on plant nomenclature and typification. Our studies include taxonomy of critical taxa based on both morphological and molecular methods.



The root-parasitic *Phelypaea boissieri* of the broomrape family (Orobanchaceae) was discovered in southern Albania in 2014 (photo: Zoltán Barina)