

Global fungal red-listing

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Date: 20 September 2019, Friday

Time: 17:00-19:30

Place: Białowieża National Park, Park Pałacowy 11, Białowieża

Quota: 50 participants

Cost: Free

Prerequisites: ability to speak and understand English; interest in fungal conservation; enthusiasm; a laptop connected to the Internet; prior knowledge of a fungus species of your choice

This workshop will provide an introduction to red-listing fungi, with an emphasis on non-lichen-forming ascomycetes and their conidial states. In the first half hour, I will describe and demonstrate the information resources needed, and the tools available for conservation status evaluations. I will focus on problems in applying IUCN criteria to these fungi (particularly in terms of defining individuals, generation times, and population sizes), and difficulties in identifying and dealing with duplicate records. In the second half hour, I will evaluate a single species as a demonstration of those resources, tools and problems. In the remaining time, participants will have the opportunity to evaluate a species of their choice using the same techniques. The workshop will end with a brief discussion aimed at strengthening the resources and tools, and seeking solutions to the problems.