

BARBARA MIHÓK

PERSONAL PROFILE

I believe that tackling ecological problems should include both evidence-based scientific research and also the understanding of the social environment these problems are embedded in. I seek opportunities to work in a research environment where I can integrate these two aspects.

EDUCATION

- 2008 PhD in Theoretical Biology and Ecology. Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest (*Summa cum laude*), “Light environment and gap-phase regeneration in beech forests”
- 2007 Advanced Diploma in Environmental Conservation (*With distinction*), University of Oxford, UK, “Forty year changes in Wytham Woods, Oxfordshire”
- 1999 MSc in Teaching Biology, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary
- 1998 MSc in Biology, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary, “Investigation of the conservation aspects of *Pinus nigra* plantations on dolomite.”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2013 Fostering participatory process in the development of Natura 2000 areas – University of Szeged
- 2004 Botanical conservation for undergraduates, Eötvös Loránd University
- 1999-2003 Plant taxonomy practice, Eötvös Loránd University

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2013 - Project coordinator, researcher, Hungarian Academy of Science, Centre for Ecological Research
- 2011- Researcher, Environmental Social Science Group (ESSRG) and Protect the Future: participation action research in marginalized groups in Szeged, South-Hungary, Project manager
- 2009-2010 Maternity leave
- 2008- Co-ordinator, Society for Conservation Biology, European Section
- 2005-2007: maternity leave
- 2003-2005 Project manager, Rekettye Association for Landscape and Conservation Research,
- 2002-2006. Secretary of the Conservation and Environmental Protection Group of the Hungarian Biological Society as a volunteer
- 1999-2003 PhD student, Department of Plant Taxonomy and Ecology,
- 2000 - Civil organisational development trainer, facilitator (trained by the Hungarian Environmental Partnership Foundation)
- 1998-2000 Hungarian Co-ordinator, CEE Bankwatch Network,

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2013- Participatory research, horizon scanning of the research priorities for Hungarian conservation
- 2013- Fostering participatory process in the development of Natura 2000 areas in the Kiskunság
- 2012 Ecosystem service valuation by River Maros using qualitative methods – an interdisciplinary research

- 2011 Participatory action research with marginalized groups, environmental justice, Szeged, South-Hungary
- 2007 Forty year changes in vegetation structure in Wytham Woods, Oxfordshire
- 2006 *Viola persicifolia* conservation monitoring, Otmoor, Oxfordshire,UK
- 2004 National Vegetation Mapping Program, vegetation mapping
- 2003-2005 An interdisciplinary research on traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) and relationship of nature and human communities, South-Borsod Floodplain, Hungary
- 2000-2006 Comparative studies of gap-phase regeneration in managed and natural beech forests in Hungary: Natural-based Management of Beech Forest, EU-project
- 2000 Cooperation in nature conservation - a national survey
- 1996-1998 Investigation of the conservation aspects of *Pinus nigra* plantations on dolomite

ADDITIONAL SKILLS: ArcView (GIS), MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), civil organizational development trainer, facilitator

LANGUAGE SKILLS:

English – proficient user; German-basic user

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- 2014- Board of Directors, Society for Conservation Biology, Europe Section
- 2013- President, Community-based Research for Sustainability Association, Szeged
- 2010- Hungarian Chapter of the Society for Conservation Biology, Europe Section
- 2006-2008 Board member of the Conservation and Environmental Protection Group of the Hungarian Biological Society
- 2005- Organising committee of the Hungarian Conservation Biology Congress series
- 2002- Society for Conservation Biology, Europe Section