SUMMARY

Protection of fungi

21 years after establishing of legal protection of fungi in Poland (O.J. Nr 27 of 20th May 1983, it. 34) a need of Polish regulations modification and their adaptation to the European law appeared. Nature Conservation Bill was amended. The decree of the Environment Minister of July the 9th 2004 concerning wild fungi species protected by law (O.J. Nr 168, of July the 28th 2004, it.1765) include 52 points. These are: 1) fungi protected till now, 2) fungi proposed for a long time to be protected, 3) fungi of a group proposed to be listed in Appendix 1 of the Bern Convention (33 species), 4) monitoring species of habitats included in the Habitat Directive Appendices and Natura 2000 net.

The decree complies with demands of Polish mycologists in relation to fungi conservation as well as integration of Polish and European efforts in this field.