

**ASSESSMENT OF *HELLEBORUS CAUCASICUS* AND *H. ABCHASICUS*
(RANUNCULACEAE) RESOURCES IN THE TERRITORY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ABKHAZIA**

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SUMMARY

The study of natural resources of *Helleborus caucasicus* A. Br. and *H. abchasicus* A. Br. in various regions of Abkhazia was conducted in 2008—2013. It was found that the yield of underground phytomass in studied species varied according to altitude zones. Common stock in the studied area was 3271.79 kg, the amount of possible annual harvesting was 163.59 kg. The variations *H. abchasicus* var. *sanguineus* Kolak. and *H. abchasicus* var. *nervosus* Kolak. need special attention for the plant species conservation.

Key words: *Helleborus caucasicus*, *H. abchasicus*, resources, productivity, phytomass.