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**Main partners: UK**

Bournemouth University

Fauna and Flora International

Botanic Gardens Conservation International

**Main partner: Kyrgyz Republic**

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## **Additional partners: Kyrgyz Republic**

Institute of nuts and horticulture, Jalal-abad  
State Agency of Environmental Protection and Forestry.  
Osh Technological University  
Kyrgyz Agrarian University  
National Academy of Sciences  
Innovation Centre of Phytotechnology  
Institute of Forestry  
Botanic Garden of the National Academy of Sciences  
TAZA  
Regional Ecological Centre (REC), Bishkek  
Kyrgyz State University

# Project origins

Workshop, Bishkek, 2006

Publication, 2008

## The Red List of Trees of Central Asia

Antonia Eastwood, Georgy Lazkov and Adrian Newton



# Project activities

- Institutional capacity building
- Training
- Research
- Outreach

# Institutional capacity building

- Purchase of equipment
- Collaborative research programme
- Technical assistance
- Stakeholder network to support information exchange

# Training

To be achieved by a programme of technical exchange:

- Visits of Kyrgyz staff to UK
- Visits of UK staff to Kyrgyz Republic
- Workshops in Kyrgyz Republic

# Research

Three elements are proposed:

- Survey of distribution of threatened fruit and nut tree species, throughout their range in Kyrgyzstan
- Socio-economic survey, focusing on use of walnut-fruit forest by local communities (3 sites)
- Impact of human activities on forest structure and composition, including modelling of forest dynamics (one site)



# Outreach

- Participatory management plans to be developed in three study areas
- Community outreach in three study areas
- Technical workshops
- Interpretation facility at national Botanic Garden