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APHYLOPHOROID FUNGI OF THE “SAMURSKIY” NATIONAL PARK
(DAGESTAN)

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Fifty-six species of wood-inhabiting basidiomycetes including two species with heterobasidia (*Aporpium caryae* and *Auricularia mesenterica*) were revealed in lowland deciduous forests of the “Samurskiy” National Park, the Republic of Dagestan, Russia. Twenty-six species (e.g. *Botryobasidium curtisii*, *Dendrothele acerina*, *Efibula tuerkulata*, *Hydnellum concrescens*, *Junghuhnia fimbriatella*, *Mucronella calva*, *Peniophora laeta*, *Phanerochaete alnea*, *Ph. calotricha*, *Ph. livescens*, *Phlebiopsis ravenelii*, *Postia subcaesia*, *Pseudotomentella tristis*, *Tomentella lilacinogrisea*, *Xenasmatella alnicola*, etc.) are new to Dagestan and the North-Eastern Caucasus. Most of species registered are presented by saprotrophs on dead wood of main forest-forming trees – *Carpinus betulus* (25 fungal species), *Alnus glutinosa* (14 species), *Quercus robur* subsp. *pedunculiflora* (9 species). The distribution of the revealed fungi species by size classes (diameter) of wood substrates showed that more species develop on medium-sized and large wood units than on thin dead branches and stems with diameter less than 5 cm. A total of 86% (48 species) of aphylophoroid fungi found in oak- and hornbeam-dominated forests of the “Samurskiy” National Park are common with deciduous forests of the Central Russian Upland. *Ganoderma lucidum* and *Fistulina hepatica* are recommended to be included to the Red Data Book of the Republic of Dagestan.

Keywords: basidiomycetes, *Botryobasidium curtisii*, broadleaved forests, the Caucasus, rare species, species diversity

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INTRODUCTION

Despite of a high taxonomical diversity, polyphyletic origin and a wide range of basidiocarp morphological types, aphylophoroid fungi form a unique ecological group of *Agaricomycetes* adapted predominantly to the development on woody substrate as saprotrophs, ectomycorrhizal or parasitic species (Bondartseva, 2000; Kotiranta et al., 2009). As wood decomposers, aphylophoroid fungi play a crucial role in the continuity of the carbon and nutrient cycles and energy transformation in forest ecosystems (Boddy et al., 2008). Some species of aphylophoroid fungi are used as indicators of biologically valued forests and to assess habitats for nature conservation purposes. It has an exclusive significance since forests with a high number of indicator fungal species normally harbor also other old-forest species from other kingdoms of organisms (vascular plants, invertebrates, etc.) (Andersson et al., 2009).

The Caucasus is known as one of the world biodiversity hotspot, where more than 600 species of aphylophoroid fungi are listed, including about 500 species mentioned for the Russian part of the Caucasus (Ghobad-Nejhad et al., 2009). At the same time, the territory of the Northern Caucasus has been studied extremely unevenly with a concentration of mycologists' attention to the Western and the Central parts with more

humid climate in opposite to the Eastern Caucasus. Along with many regions of Russia the Republic of Dagestan remains little explored area on the mycological research map. Data on aphylophoroid fungi of Dagestan is poorly presented and scattered in the literature, and special systematic studies of this group of fungi have been started here only recently. Until current research altogether 114 species were known for Dagestan (Bagdasarova, 1965; Köljalg, 1996; Ghobad-Nejhad et al., 2009; Viner, 2017; Ivanushenko et al., 2019; Volobuev et al. 2019a, 2019b), including 61 species have been registered for the territory of “Samurskiy” National Park. The aim of the present work is to obtain new data on species diversity of aphylophoroid fungi and ecological characteristics on the protected forest area of Dagestan in the Caspian Sea coast.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The “Samurskiy” National Park was established by the Decree of the Government of Russia N 1839 of the 25th of December 2019 on the basis of the previously existing regional protected areas in Akhtynsky, Derbentsky, Dokuzparinsky and Magaramkentsky districts of the Republic of Dagestan. The National Park has a total area of 482.7 km² and consists of two sites – “Shalbuzdag” and “Delta Samura”.

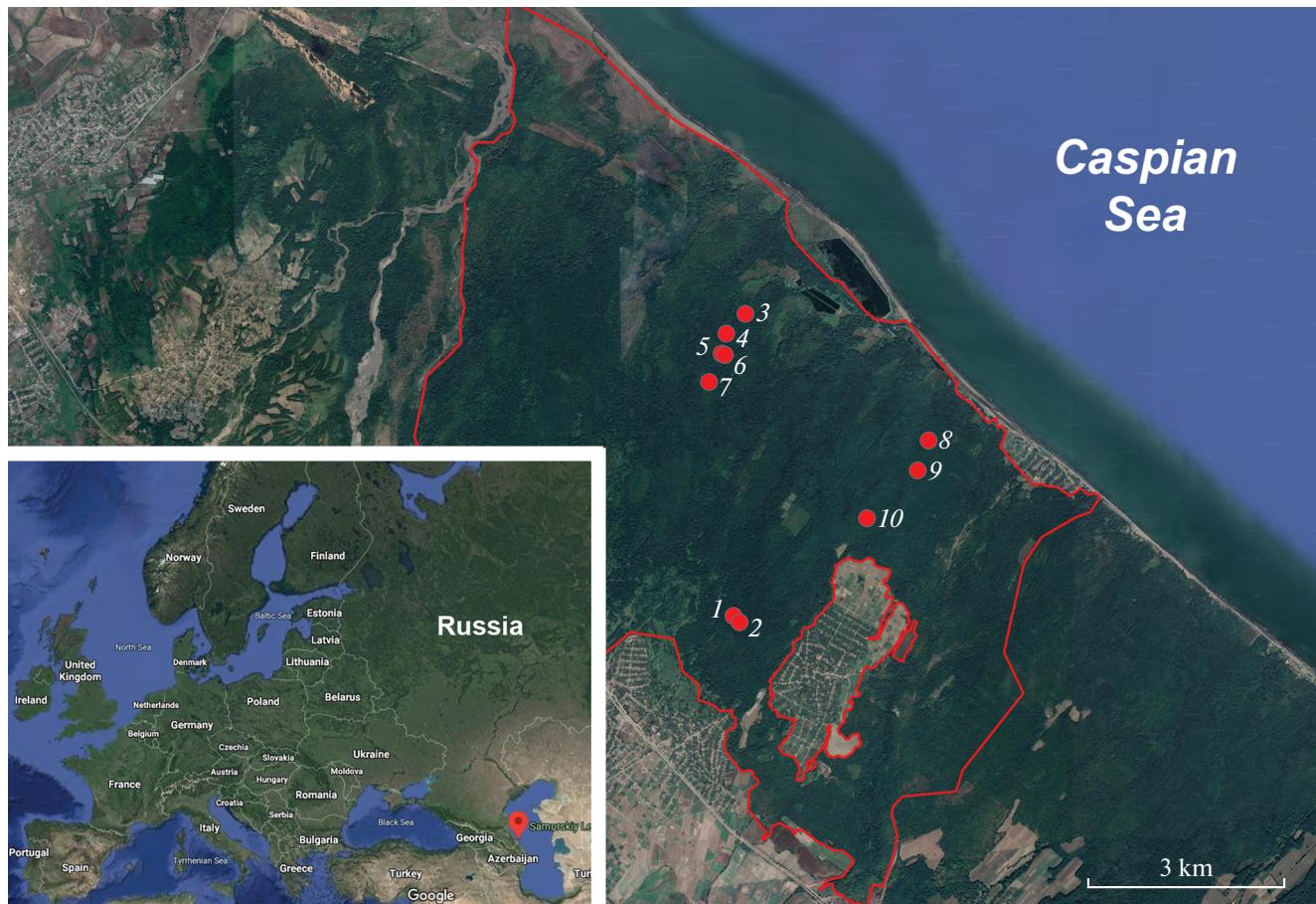


Fig. 1. The location of studied area with explored sites numbered according to the list in the text.

The collection of aphyllophoroid fungi specimens was carried out by a route method in the beginning of October 2019. All studied habitats are located within the "Delta Samura" site boundaries of the "Samurskiy" National Park in Magaramkentsky district (Fig. 1).

The "Delta Samura" site is located in the southeast of Dagestan, at the border with Azerbaijan. The altitude range of the site is between –25 and 35 m a.s.l. The climate here is warm temperate with an average annual temperature of 12.6°C (the average temperature in January is 1.4°C and 24.5°C in August). Average sum of precipitation is only 400 mm per year, but the relative air humidity is high (78%) due to the close vicinity of the Caspian Sea, the dense river network of the Samur River delta and the high groundwater level (Akaev et al., 1996).

Forest ecosystems of the "Delta Samura" site can be divided into two groups. The first one includes the forests of the central part with dense tree cover and dominated by *Acer campestre* L., *Carpinus betulus* L., *Quercus robur* subsp. *pedunculiflora* (K. Koch) Menitsky, *Ulmus campestris* L. Various shrubs [*Cornus mas* L., *C. sanguinea* subsp. *australis* (C.A. Mey.) Jav., *Crataegus* spp., *Euonymus europaea* L., *E. verrucosa* Scop., *Mespilus germanica* L., *Prunus caspica* Kovalev

et Ekimov, and *Rosa* spp.] are common in this forest type, but lianas are absent on most of the trees. Among herbs, *Brachypodium sylvaticum* (Huds.) P. Beauv., *Buglossoides purpureoerulea* (L.) I.M. Johnst., *Carex sylvatica* Huds., *Euphorbia amygdaloides* L., and *Sanicula europaea* L. are prevailed.

The second forest type with sparse tree cover is presented by liana forests (Fig. 2, B) dominated by *Alnus glutinosa* subsp. *barbata* (C.A. Mey.) Yalt., *Juglans regia* L., *Populus nigra* L., *Pyrus caucasica* Fed., and *Salix alba* L. with a rich plant species diversity (70 woody plants and about 300 species of herbs) (Novikova, Polyanskaya, 1994). This warm temperate so-called Liana-tugai forest is a single place in Russia where some Hyrcanian elements occur (e.g. *Hedera pastuchovii* Woronow, *Pyracantha coccinea* M. Roem., etc.) (Yarovenko et al., 2004). Tree trunks here are usually strongly covered by lianas (e.g. *Clematis orientalis* L., *C. vitalba* L., *Hedera pastuchovii*, *Humulus lupulus* L., *Lonicera caprifolium* L., *Periploca graeca* L., *Rubus* spp., *Smilax excelsa* L. and *Vitis silvestris* C.C. Gmel.) (Litvinskaya, Murtazaliev, 2015).

The following numbers pointed in the Fig. 1 are corresponding to the investigated localities and habitats:



Fig. 2. The habitats of the “Delta Samura” site: a – dead-floor forest dominated by *Carpinus betulus*; b – liana-tugai forest.

1 – N 41°49'36.4", E 48°31'40.0", 33 m a.s.l., dead-floor forest dominated by *Carpinus betulus* (Fig. 2, A);

2 – N 41°49'33.6", E 48°31'43.7", 17 m a.s.l., herb-rich mixed forest dominated by *C. betulus* and *Quercus robur* subsp. *pedunculiflora*;

3 – N 41°51'58.7", E 48°31'44.3", –11 m a.s.l., forest dominated by *Populus nigra* with lianas;

4 – N 41°51'49.9", E 48°31'35.1", –19 m a.s.l., herb-rich mixed forest dominated by *Quercus robur* subsp. *pedunculiflora* and *Carpinus betulus*;

5 – N 41°51'40.6", E 48°31'32.4", –18 m a.s.l., herb-rich mixed forest dominated by *Quercus robur* subsp. *pedunculiflora* and *Carpinus betulus*;

6 – N 41°51'40.2", E 48°31'33.8", –15 m a.s.l., herb-rich forest dominated by *C. betulus*;

7 – N 41°51'27.0", E 48°31'24.1", –2 m a.s.l., herb-rich forest dominated by *C. betulus*;

8 – N 41°50'59.5", E 48°33'42.9", –7 m a.s.l., herb-rich mixed forest dominated by *C. betulus* and *Quercus robur* subsp. *pedunculiflora*;

9 – N 41°50'45.4", E 48°33'36.2", –9 m a.s.l., herb-rich mixed forest dominated by *Carpinus betulus* and *Quercus robur* subsp. *pedunculiflora*;

10 – N 41°50'23.1", E 48°33'04.3", 5 m a.s.l., herb-rich mixed forest dominated by *Carpinus betulus* and *Quercus robur* subsp. *pedunculiflora*.

Microscopic identification of 120 collections was performed using Axio Imager A1 microscope, LOMO Mikmed-6 microscope and a standard set of chemicals (5% KOH, Melzer's reagent, 0.1% Cotton Blue). Voucher specimens are deposited at the Mycological herbarium of the Komarov Botanical Institute RAS, St. Petersburg (LE).

RESULTS

The list of species revealed is provided with data on occupied substrata and herbarium numbers of specimens examined. The nomenclature of fungal taxa follows the Index Fungorum (2020). The species new to the Republic of Dagestan are marked with “!”, and an asterisk (*) shows the species recorded for the first time for the territory of “Samurskiy” National Park.

Annotated list of species

Agaricales

Dendrothele acerina (Pers.) P.A. Lemke – 9: on alive tree of *Crataegus* sp. (d = 10 cm) (LE F-332367).

Fistulina hepatica (Schaeff.) With. (Fig. 3, D) – 2, 4, 5: on fallen trunk of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 60 cm) (LE F-332316) and at base of alive *Quercus robur* subsp. *pedunculiflora* (d = 60 cm).

Mucronella calva (Alb. et Schwein.) Fr. – 4: on fallen trunk of *Crataegus* sp. (d = 15 cm) (LE F-332338).

Auriculariales

Aporpium caryaef (Schwein.) Teixeira et D.P. Rogers – 1: on fallen trunk of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 35 cm) (LE F-332306).

Auricularia mesenterica (Dicks.) Pers. – 2: on fallen branches of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 5 cm).



Fig. 3. Basidiocarps of selected aphyllophoroid fungi species: a – *Fuscoporia torulosa*; b – *Tomentella umbrinospora*; c – *Botryobasidium curtisii* [black arrows indicate brownish anamorph (1) and grayish white teleomorph (2)]; d – *Fistulina hepatica*.

Boletales

Coniophora puteana (Schumach.) P. Karst. – 4: on fallen trunk of *Alnus* sp. (d = 30 cm) (LE F-332342).

Cantharellales

!Botryobasidium curtisii Hallenb. (Fig. 3, C) – 3: on fallen trunk of *Alnus* sp. (d = 40 cm) (LE F-332325).

B. isabellinum (Fr.) D.P. Rogers – 1: on fallen trunk of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 20 cm) (LE F-332308).

B. subcoronatum (Höhn. et Litsch.) Donk – 9: on stump of *Quercus robur* subsp. *pedunculiflora* (d = 50 cm) (LE F-332364).

Sistotrema resinicystidium Hallenb. – 8: on fallen trunk of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 25 cm) (LE F-332354).

Hymenochaetales

Fuscoporia torulosa (Pers.) T. Wagner et M. Fisch. (Fig. 3, A) – 2, 4, 5: on fallen trunk (d = 50 cm) (LE F-332321), on alive tree (d = 30 cm) (LE F-332350) and on stump (d = 70 cm) (LE F-332347) of *Quercus robur* subsp. *pedunculiflora*.

Hymenochaete rubiginosa (Dicks.) Lév. – 3, 9: on stump (d = 50 cm) (LE F-332366) and fallen branches (d = 15 cm) (LE F-332327) of *Quercus robur* subsp. *pedunculiflora*.

!Lyomyces crustosus (Pers.) P. Karst. – 2, 8: on dead standing stem of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 40 cm) (LE F-332320) and on fallen branches of *Quercus robur* subsp. *pedunculiflora* (d = 10 cm) (LE F-332362).

**Peniophorella pubera* (Fr.) P. Karst. – 1, 4, 8, 9: on fallen trunk of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 20 cm) (LE F-332315), fallen branches of *Quercus robur* subsp. *pedunculiflora* (d = 5 cm) (LE F-332359) and fallen trunks of *Crataegus* sp. (d = 6–15 cm) (LE F-332337).

Sidera vulgaris (Fr.) Miettinen – 4: on fallen trunk of *Alnus* sp. (d = 40 cm) (LE F-332334).

Trichaptum biforme (Fr.) Ryvarden – 5: on fallen trunk of *Quercus robur* subsp. *pedunculiflora* (d = 30 cm).

Xylodon flaviporus (Berk. et M.A. Curtis ex Cooke) Riebeschl et Langer – 1, 8: on fallen trunks (d = 20–35 cm) and fallen branches (d = 5–7 cm) of *Carpinus betulus* (LE F-332305, LE F-332309, LE F-332358).

X. raduloides Riebesehl et Langer – 1, 8: on fallen trunks of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 10 cm) (LE F-332311, LE F-332356).

Polyporales

Byssomerulius corium (Pers.) Parmasto – 3, 4: on fallen branches of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 5–10 cm) (LE F-332329).

Daedaleopsis confragosa (Bolton) J. Schröt. – 3: on fallen trunk of *Alnus* sp. (d = 20 cm) (LE F-332323).

Efibula tuberculata (P. Karst.) Zmitr. et Spirin – 1: on fallen branches of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 7 cm) (LE F-332314).

Fomes fomentarius (L.) Fr. – 6: on alive tree of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 30 cm).

Fomitopsis pinicola (Sw.) P. Karst. – 6: on fallen trunk of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 10 cm).

Ganoderma applanatum (Pers.) Pat. – 4, 8: at base of alive *Quercus robur* subsp. *pedunculiflora* (d = 100 cm) (LE F-332360) and on stump of *Alnus* sp. (d = 30 cm) (LE F-332341).

G. lucidum (Curtis) P. Karst. – 10: on fallen trunk of *Fraxinus excelsior* (d = 30 cm) (recorded by R.A. Murzaliev).

Gloeoporus pannocinctus (Romell) J. Erikss. – 1, 6, 7, 8: on fallen trunks of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 10–20 cm) (LE F-332351, LE F-332355).

**Hyphoderma setigerum* (Fr.) Donk – 8: on fallen trunk (d = 25 cm) (LE F-332353) and fallen branches (d = 5 cm) (LE F-332357) of *Carpinus betulus*.

Junghuhnia fimbriatella (Peck) Ryvarden – 1: on fallen trunk of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 20 cm) (LE F-332312).

Laetiporus sulphureus (Bull.) Murrill – 2: at base of *Quercus robur* subsp. *pedunculiflora* (d = 70 cm) (LE F-332322).

Neofavolus alveolaris (DC.) Sotome et T. Hatt. – 3: on fallen branches of *Alnus* sp. (d = 5 cm) (LE F-332326).

Phanerochaete alnea (Fr.) P. Karst. – 4: on fallen trunk of *Alnus* sp. (d = 30 cm) (LE F-332343).

Ph. calotricha (P. Karst.) J. Erikss. et Ryvarden – 4: on fallen branches of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 15 cm) (LE F-332340).

Ph. laevis (Fr.) J. Erikss. et Ryvarden – 1: on fallen trunk of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 10 cm) (LE F-332310).

Ph. livescens (P. Karst.) Volobuev et Spirin – 1, 4, 7: on fallen branches of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 5 cm) (LE F-332304) and fallen branches of *Quercus robur* subsp. *pedunculiflora* (d = 2 cm) (LE F-332346).

Ph. velutina (DC.) P. Karst. – 1, 8: on fallen trunk (d = 35 cm) (LE F-332307) and branches (d = 5–7 cm) (LE F-332313, LE F-332361) of *Carpinus betulus*.

Phlebia rufa (Pers.) M.P. Christ. – 2, 5: on fallen trunk (d = 15 cm) (LE F-332348) and branches (d = 5 cm) (LE F-332318) of *Carpinus betulus*.

Phl. tremellosa (Schrad.) Nakasone et Burds. – 3, 5: on fallen trunk of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 10 cm) and fallen trunk of *Alnus* sp. (d = 20 cm) *Ph. tremellosa*.

Phlebiopsis ravenelii (Cooke) Hjortstam – 5: on fallen trunk of *Quercus robur* subsp. *pedunculiflora* (d = 30 cm) (LE F-332349).

**Postia lactea* (Fr.) P. Karst. – 3, 7: on fallen trunk of *Alnus* sp. (d = 20 cm) (LE F-332324) and fallen trunk of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 10 cm).

P. subcaesia (A. David) Jülich – 3: on fallen branches of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 10 cm) (LE F-332328) and fallen trunk of *Alnus* sp. (d = 10 cm) (LE F-332332).

**Steccherinum fimbriatum* (Pers.) J. Erikss. – 2, 6: on fallen branches of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 5–7 cm).

Trametes versicolor (L.) Lloyd – 3: on fallen trunk of *Alnus* sp. (d = 20 cm).

Russulales

Gloeocystidiellum porosum (Berk. et M.A. Curtis) Donk – 4: on fallen trunk of *Alnus* sp. (d = 15 cm) (LE F-332345).

Peniophora laeta (Fr.) Donk – 1: on fallen branches of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 3 cm) (LE F-332303).

Stereum hirsutum (Willd.) Pers. – 2, 6: on fallen branches of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 5–7 cm) and fallen branches of *Quercus robur* subsp. *pedunculiflora* (d = 10 cm).

Xenasmatella alnicola (Bourdot et Galzin) K.H. Larss. et Ryvarden – 3: on fallen trunk of *Alnus* sp. (d = 10 cm) (LE F-332333).

Thelephorales

Amaurodon viridis (Alb. et Schwein.) J. Schröt. – 6: on fallen branches of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 7 cm) (LE F-332352).

Hydnellum concrescens (Pers.) Banker – 9: on stump of *Quercus robur* subsp. *pedunculiflora* (d = 50 cm) (LE F-332363).

**Odontia fibrosa* (Berk. et M.A. Curtis) Köljalg – 9: on fallen trunk of *Crataegus* sp. (d = 6 cm) (LE F-332368).

Pseudotomentella tristis (P. Karst.) M.J. Larsen – 4: on fallen trunk of *Crataegus* sp. (d = 15 cm) (LE F-332339).

**Tomentella bryophila* (Pers.) M.J. Larsen – 3: on fallen trunk of *Alnus* sp. (d = 10 cm) (LE F-332331).

T. ferruginea (Pers.) Pat. – 2: on fallen branches of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 6 cm) (LE F-332319).

T. lilacinogrisea Wakef. – 9: on fallen trunk of *Crataegus* sp. (d = 6 cm) (LE F-332369).

T. pilosa (Burt) Bourdot et Galzin – 9: on stump of *Quercus robur* subsp. *pedunculiflora* (d = 50 cm) (LE F-332365).

**T. umbrinospora* M.J. Larsen (Fig. 3, B) – 2, 4: on fallen trunk of *Carpinus betulus* (d = 60 cm) (LE F-332317) and fallen trunks of *Alnus* sp. (d = 15–40 cm) (LE F-332336, LE F-332344).

Trechisporales

Subulicystidium longisporum (Pat.) Parmasto – 3, 4: on fallen trunks of *Alnus* sp. (d = 10–40 cm) (LE F-332330, LE F-332335).

DISCUSSION

Fifty-six species of aphylophoroid fungi from 42 genera and nine orders of *Agaricomycetes* (*Basidiomycota*) were revealed in the “Samurskiy” National Park. Among them 33 species are new to the territory of National Park including 26 species are registered for Dagestan for the first time. Most of these species are widely distributed and are known from different regions of the Caucasus (Ghobad-Nejhad et al., 2009), but some of them are rare and should be carefully considered.

One of the most noteworthy findings is presented by *Botryobasidium curtisii*, which is recorded for the second time in Russia. There was the only occurrence of this species for Russia and the Northern Caucasus from the Chechen Republic territory (Parmasto, Parmasto, 1989). Our record from the “Samurskiy” National Park confirms the distribution of *B. curtisii* northward from the south-western coast of the Caspian Sea where the species is known and was described from (Ghobad-Nejhad et al., 2009).

The species *Junghuhnia fimbriatella* has been found for the first time for the Caucasus. This very rare species in Europe, which for known only a few localities in Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Poland, and Switzerland (Ryvarden, Melo, 2017), is seems to be a successor of another polypore fungus *Ganoderma applanatum* (Karasiński, Wołkowycki, 2015) developing perennial basidiocarps also registered in the forests of the “Samurskiy” National Park. In Russia *Junghuhnia fimbriatella* was revealed in the regions of the European part (Arkhangelsk, Leningrad, Pskov, and Tver Regions, Saint Petersburg, the Republic of Karelia and the Republic of Mordovia), and the Russian Far East (Kamchatka Krai) (Bolshakov et al., 2016; Ryvarden, Melo, 2017).

The finding of *Peniophora laeta* supports its substrate preferences to corticated branches of *Carpinus betulus*. This fungus has been recorded only four times in Russia – for Kaliningrad (Dedkov et al., 2007), Sverdlovsk Region (Kuznetsova et al., 2015), the Republic of Crimea (Akulov et al., 2003), and Krasnodar Krai (Mukhamedshin, 1992). In the Caucasus outside the Russian part *Peniophora laeta* is known from Iran and Turkey (Ghobad-Nejhad et al., 2009).

Such species as *Sistotrema resinicystidium* and *Sidera vulgaris* were revealed in the territory of the “Samurskiy” National Park earlier (Viner, 2017), but are needed to additional comments on their ecology and known geographical distribution. *Sistotrema resinicystidium* is a little-known species for Russia and the Caucasus, registered in protected areas of Arkhangelsk, Nizhny

Novgorod, Tver, and Sverdlovsk Regions, the Republic of Karelia and the Komi Republic (Bondartseva, Zmitrovich, 2020), the Republic of Dagestan (Viner, 2017) as well as in Siberia from Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug—Yugra (Stavishenko, 2011) and Novosibirsk Region (Zhukoff, 1995). Apparently *S. resinicystidium* has strictly limited habitats requirements being preferred anthropogenically undisturbed old-growth forests and large-dimension woody substrate and developing its resupinate basidiocarps on both deciduous and coniferous trees (*Quercus*, *Betula*, *Carpinus*, *Populus*, *Picea*, and *Pinus*).

Sidera vulgaris belongs to infrequently collected species distributed predominantly in temperate forests of the European part of Russia (Bolshakov et al., 2016) and included in some regional lists of rare and vulnerable species of lichens and fungi requiring constant monitoring, for instance on the territory of the Republic of Tatarstan (Red Data Book, 2016). The species is also known for the Caucasus from Armenia, Georgia, Iran, and Russia (Ghobad-Nejhad et al., 2009; Viner, 2017), and it is to be expecting that further intensive mycological investigations allow us to reveal new localities of the species in the Caucasus and in particular in Dagestan.

Two genera (*Phanerochaete* and *Tomentella*) demonstrated the maximum species richness based on revealed species and each of them presented by five species. The only species from the genus *Phanerochaete* – *Ph. sordida* (P. Karst.) J. Erikss. et Ryvarden – was reported from the territory of “Samurskiy” National Park (Viner, 2017) until the present study but was not be found by the author. Simultaneously, among species registered there found the species *Ph. alnea* showing the similarity with *Ph. sordida* in macro- and micro-morphology for initial stages of fruiting bodies development (Spirin et al., 2017). So far as *Ph. sordida* inhabits mostly gymnosperm hosts in temperate zone of Eurasia and occurs on deciduous wood only in boreal conifer forests (Volobuev et al., 2015) the record of *Ph. sordida* for lowland deciduous forests of the “Samurskiy” National Park should be confirmed by morphological re-examination and molecular methods.

Most of aphylophoroid fungi species revealed are presented by saprotrophs on dead wood of main forest-forming trees – *Carpinus betulus* (25 fungal species), *Alnus glutinosa* (14 species), *Quercus robur* subsp. *pendunculiflora* (9 species). Five species (*Dendrothele acerina*, *Fistulina hepatica*, *Fuscoporia torulosa*, *Fomes fomentarius*, *Ganoderma applanatum*), or 8.9% of all registered fungal species, demonstrated the pathogenic activity by developing their basidiocarps on living trees.

The distribution of registered fungal species by size classes (diameter) of woody substrates are following: ≤ 5 cm – 12 species, 6–10 cm – 22 species, 11–49 cm – 37 species, and ≥ 50 cm – 7 species. Accordingly more than a half of species grow on massive or large-dimension units of wood (fallen trunks, thick branches, dead stumps, etc.) and can be potentially vulnerable in the

case of destroying the occupied substrate type. For this reason the species *Fistulina hepatica* having bright and attractive fruiting bodies (Fig. 3, d) and found here only on big-size wood is recommended to be considered for including to the Red Data Book of the Republic of Dagestan. Moreover, this fungus prefers the wood of *Quercus robur*, which is locally distributed and poorly regenerated in Dagestan (Novikova, Polyanskaya, 1994). The remarkable finding of *Ganoderma lucidum* included in the Red Data Book of the Russian Federation (2008) is also recommended for additional protection at the regional level.

Following the analysis of the species composition similarity between the “Samurskiy” National Park and lowland deciduous forests of Central Europe, carried out for lichens (Ismailov et al., 2017), a comparison of the species diversity of fungi between the investigated area and broadleaved forests of the Central Russian Upland was undertaken. In general, 85.7% (48 species) of aphylllophoroid fungi found in oak- and hornbeam-dominated forests of the “Samurskiy” park are common with deciduous forests of Lipetsk and Oryol Regions (Volobuev, 2015; Volobuev et al., 2018). This similarity is very interesting and can be explained by the ability of wood-inhabiting fungi not only to follow a single host tree (e.g. *Quercus robur* distributed in both compared territories) but also to change a host tree within the same family (e.g. fungal species associated with *Carpinus betulus* (*Betulaceae*) in the “Samurskiy” park grow on *Betula* spp. wood in the Central Russian Upland).

CONCLUSION

The obtained data expand the knowledge on species diversity of aphylllophoroid fungi on the “Samurskiy” National Park, where to date there known 94 species, as well as on species richness of this fungal group in the Republic of Dagestan with a total of 140 species. New localities of cited above species are the contribution to further chorological analysis and modeling of fungal species distribution patterns. The revealed ecological peculiarities of aphylllophoroid fungi are addressed to nature conservation practice and apparently will be taken into account during preparation of the new edition of regional Red Data Book.

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Афиллофороидные грибы национального парка "Самурский" (Дагестан)

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В низинных лиственных лесах Самурского национального парка (Республика Дагестан, Россия) выявлено 56 видов деревообитающих базидиомицетов, включая два вида с гетеробазидиями (*Aporpium caryaee* и *Auricularia mesenterica*). Двадцать шесть видов (в том числе *Botryobasidium curtisii*, *Dendrothele acerina*, *Efibia tuberculata*, *Hydnellum concrescens*, *Junguhuhnia fimbriatella*, *Mucronella calva*, *Peniophora laeta*, *Phanerochaete alnea*, *Ph. calotricha*, *Ph. livescens*, *Phlebiopsis ravenelii*, *Postia subcaesia*, *Pseudotomentella tristis*, *Tomentella lilacinogrisea*, *Xenasmatella alnicola* и другие) являются новыми для Дагестана и Северо-Восточного Кавказа. Большинство выявленных видов представлено сапротрофами на валежной древесине основных лесообразующих пород деревьев – *Carpinus betulus* (25 видов грибов), *Alnus glutinosa* (14 видов), *Quercus robur* subsp. *pedunculiflora* (9 видов). Распределение всех отмеченных видов грибов по размерным классам (диаметру) древесных субстратов показало, что больше видов развивается на средне- и крупномерных субстратных единицах, чем на тонких ветвях и стволиках диаметром менее 5 см. Установлено, что 48 видов (86%) афиллофороидных грибов, встречающихся в дубовых и грабовых лесах Самурского национального парка, распространены в широколиственных лесах Среднерусской возвышенности. Виды *Ganoderma lucidum* и *Fistulina hepatica* рекомендованы для включения в Красную книгу Республики Дагестан.

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