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Dear editor!

Enclosed you will find the manuscript entitled »Prediction of the appearance of tree of heaven in forest communities in western Slovenia” prepared by Andraž Čarni, Nina Juvan Mastnak, Igor Dakskobler, Lado Kutnar, Aleksander Marinšek, Urban Šilc for a possible publication in Periodicum Biologorum. All authors have contributed in preparation of the manuscript and concur with the submitted version. The article is new and has not been published and is not being in consideration elsewhere. The preliminary results have been presented on 33rd forestry study days on 14. 4. 2016 in Ljubljana and Slovenian summary have been published in a book of abstract.

We hope that our contribution could appear in Periodicum Biologorum. In case of positive review process, we would like to publish the article in a special issue that will be dedicated to invasive species that will appear during the next year.

With best regards!

Andraž Čarni

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