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THE PRESENCE OF ENDEMIC PLANT SPECIES *Achillea alexandri-regis* Bornm. & Rudsky IN PASHTRIK, ADDED VALUE FOR THE FLORA AND VEGETATION OF KOSOVO

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ABSTRACT

During the period 2000-2020 we managed to carry out many research expeditions in Pashtriku Mountain within the territory of the Republic of Kosovo. Within the vascular flora, in these very interesting fields for research, there are many interesting species for the flora of Kosovo. As part of this research, several species of the genus *Achillea* have been found. In particular, the species *Achillea alexandri-regis* Bornm. & Rudsky should be mentioned. This species belongs to the floristic element of the Balkans, while it is a stenoendemic plant species of Kosovo. Based on the information we have, this plant species, has so far been found only in Kosovo, specifically in Oshlak within the Sharri Mountains. We have ascertained the above-mentioned plant species in the high areas of Pashtrik. During the assessment of the situation we found that the species has a small number of individuals. It is known that this species is found in the List of species evaluated according to IUCN criteria in the Red Book of Vascular Flora of the Republic of Kosovo (2013). The presence of this plant species in Pashtrik represents added value for the flora and vegetation of Kosovo.

Key words: Natural ecosystems, Pashtrik, Vascular flora, *Achillea*, Endemic plants, IUCN, Republic of Kosovo.