



The Fungi Foundation: what can an NGO do to advance conservation, research and awareness of Kingdom Fungi?

Giuliana Furci, Friday, November 20, 2020

3:00 – 4:00 PM, Zoom Virtual meeting room

Presentation: When we think of environmental NGO's many get the image of a panda or rhino, baobab or orchid in their minds. Few think of Fungi. However, Fungi conform a Kingdom of their own and even sustain the lives of the previously mentioned taxa. The Chilean non-profit "Fundación Fungi" was the first NGO on Earth dedicated solely to Fungi, leading the way for other groups to organize themselves around these essential organisms like no others. From policy change to field guides, here's what we have done, do, and plan to achieve.

About the speaker: Giuliana has been the biggest promoter of the study and protection of the Fungi Kingdom in Chile in the last decades. She is the founder and CEO of the Fungi Foundation. She is the first female mycologist of non-lichenized mushrooms in Chile, starting her career in 1999 as a self-taught amateur.

Her mother is Chilean, and her father is Italian. She was born in London, England, where she lived until 1993. She currently lives between Santiago and Curarrehue in Chile, with her son Lucas León.

Under her leadership, Chile became the first country in the world to include the Fungi Kingdom in its environmental legislation, thus allowing Chilean funga to be included in the study and evaluation of environmental impacts throughout the country, through its incorporation into the Law of General Bases of the Environment, also mandating its incorporation into the national inventory of species, among other obligations. For more information about Giuliana's achievements and appointments, please visit:

<https://ffungi.org/eng/meet-giuliana/>

Seminar information: This seminar will be held virtually via Zoom. To log into the seminar please use the following web link:

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