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MEDICAL SEGETAL FLORA OF CENTRAL POLAND

Abstract: In the paper a list and general characterization of medical segetal flora of Central Poland is given. This flora consists of 300 taxa. Among the most threatened species there are 6 taxa: *Adonis aestivalis*, *A. flammea*, *Anagallis foemina*, *Bupleurum rotundifolium*, *Camelina sativa*, *Cuscuta europaea*.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The medical segetal flora of Central Poland was not so far complexly investigated. Initial, very limited data about the occurrence of medical plants in the cultivated fields of the town of Krośniewice were supplied by GMEREK (1998). The authoress recorded 8 species of medical segetal plants: *Elymus repens*, *Centaurea cyanus*, *Chamomilla recutita*, *Equisetum arvense*, *Rumex acetosa*, *R. crispus*, *Urtica urens*, *Viola tricolor*.

Numerous facts connected with the decrease in number and size of sites and abundance of populations of the segetal flora of Central Poland (WAR-CHOLIŃSKA 2002a, b, 2004) necessitated the assessment of the present state, determination of characteristics and degree of threat to species (threat status) of medical segetal flora species in Central Poland.

In the present study the lists of taxa of the medical segetal flora of Central Poland, number of the threatened species and their general characterization are presented.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The assessment of the state of medical vegetal flora of Central Poland is based on data from the study by WARCHOLIŃSKA (2004) and results of investigations carried out in 2002–2003. On the basis of analyzing respective results a list of medical taxa of vegetal flora in Central Poland and a list of threatened species of the flora were compiled, as well as a general characterization of the flora was prepared.

The systematic composition of taxa on the list of medical vegetal flora was accepted after SZAFER et al. (1976), while the botanic nomenclature after MIREK et al. (2002). Also, the following publications were used: JACKOWIAK (1990); MOWSZOWICZ (1975A); ROTHMALER (1976); RUTKOWSKI (1998); SUWARA-SZMIGIELSKA (2004); TUTIN et al. (1964–1980); WARCHOLIŃSKA (1993, 2003, 2004).

In the list of taxa, the following characteristics are given before and after the Latin names:

- * – Pharmacopeial plants;
- Constancy (Shl – short-living plants, Per – perennial plants);
- Life form (M – Megaphanerophytes, N – Nanophanerophytes, Ch – Woody chamaephytes, C – Herbaceous chamaephytes, H – Hemicryptophytes, G – Geophytes, T – Therophytes);
- Geographic-historical group (Ap – Apophytes, Ar – Archaeophytes, Ep – Epoecophytes, He – Hemiagriophytes, Er – Ergaziophyphophytes);
- Category of threat (CR – critically endangered, EN – endangered, VU – vulnerable, LR – lower risk, DD – data deficient);
- Frequency classes (very rare, rare, rather frequent, frequent, common).

In the list of the threatened medical plants are arranged in alphabetical order (Table 1).

Table 1: The list of the endangered medical plants of Central Poland

No	Species	Categories of threat				
		CR	EN	VU	LR	DD
1	<i>Adonis aestivalis</i>					
2	<i>A. flammea</i>	+	+			
3	<i>Aethusa cynapium</i> subsp. <i>agrestis</i>					+
4	<i>Agrostemma githago</i>			+		
5	<i>Ajuga genevensis</i>			+		+
6	<i>Allium oleraceum</i>			+		
7	<i>Anagallis foemina</i>		+			
8	<i>Anthemis tinctoria</i>			+		

Table 1: (cont.)

No	Species	Categories of threat				
		CR	EN	VU	LR	DD
9	<i>Asparagus officinalis</i>					+
10	<i>Borago officinalis</i>					+
11	<i>Bupleurum rotundifolium</i>	+				
12	<i>Camelina sativa</i>	+				
13	<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>			+		
14	<i>Centaurium pulchellum</i>					+
15	<i>Chenopodium hybridum</i>					+
16	<i>Consolida regalis</i>			+		
17	<i>Cuscuta europaea</i>		+			
18	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>					+
19	<i>Datura stramonium</i>					+
20	<i>Echinops sphaerocephalus</i>					+
21	<i>Elsholtzia ciliata</i>					+
22	<i>Falcaria vulgaris</i>					+
23	<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>				+	
24	<i>Gagea arvensis</i>					+
25	<i>G. pratensis</i>			+		
26	<i>Galeopsis angustifolia</i>					+
27	<i>Helichrysum arenarium</i>			+		
28	<i>Herniaria glabra</i>					+
29	<i>H. hirsuta</i>			+		
30	<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>					+
31	<i>Hypericum humifusum</i>			+		
32	<i>Melisa officinalis</i>					+
33	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>					+
34	<i>Papaver dubium</i>			+		
35	<i>P. rhoeas</i>			+		
36	<i>Petasites hybridus</i>					+
37	<i>Plantago intermedia</i>			+		
38	<i>Sanguisorba minor</i>					+
39	<i>Sinapis arvensis</i>			+		
40	<i>Thalictrum minus</i> subsp. <i>minus</i>					+
41	<i>Vincetoxicum hirundinaria</i>					+
Total		3	3	13	1	21

While determining the characteristics of the medical vegetal flora plants the following studies were used: CZYŻEWSKA (1998); GŁOWACIŃSKI (1997); IUCN 1994; JACKOWIAK (1990); JAKUBOWSKA-GABARA, KUCHARSKI (1999); KAŹ-MIERCZAKOWA, ZARZYCKI (2001); KORNAŚ (1968, 1990); MIREK et al. (2002); MOWSZOWICZ (1975a); SZAFTER et al. (1976); WARCHOLIŃSKA (1993, 2002a, b, 2003, 2004); ZAJĄC, ZAJĄC (1975); ZARZYCKI et al. 2002.

The affinity of taxa of segetal flora in Central Poland (WARCHOLIŃSKA 2004) to the group of medical plants was determined on the basis of the following studies: ANIOŁ-KWIATKOWSKA, KWIATKOWSKI (1993); BREMMNESS (1995); BRODA, MOWSZOWICZ (1968, 1971); Farmacopea Polska (1970, 1999); GMEREK (1998); KUŹNIEWSKI, AUGUSTYN-PUZIEWICZ (1986); MOWSZOWICZ (1975a, b, c, 1977, 1980); OŻAROWSKI, JARONIEWSKI (1987); PODBIELKOWSKI (1985); PODLECH (1994); RUTKOWSKI (1998); SCHÖNFELDER (1992); STARÝ, JIRÁSEK (1976); SZAFAŘER et al. (1988); SZMĘJA (1988); SZMĘJA, TOKARZ (1982); ŚWIEJKOWSKI (1990); TOKARZ et al. (1980, 1981); VOLÁK, STODOLA (1992); ŹARNOWIEC et al. (1997).

3. RESULTS

3.1. List of taxa

Polypodiaceae

1. *Athyrium filix-femina* (L.) Roth – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- *2. *Dryopteris filix-mas* (L.) Schott – Per, H, Ap, very rare
3. *Pteridium aquilinum* (L.) Kuhn – Per, G, Ap, rare

Equisetaceae

- *4. *Equisetum arvense* L. – Per, G, Ap, common
5. *E. fluviatile* L. – Per, G, Ap, very rare
6. *E. palustre* L. – Per, G, Ap, very rare

Cannabaceae

7. *Cannabis sativa* L. – Shl, T, Er, very rare

Urticaceae

8. *Urtica urens* L. – Shl, T, Ar, rather frequent
9. *U. dioica* L. subsp. *dioica* – Per, H, Ap, rare

Polygonaceae

10. *Rumex maritimus* L. – Shl, T, Ap, very rare
11. *R. obtusifolius* L. – Per, H, Ap, rather frequent
12. *R. hydrolapathum* Huds. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
13. *R. confertus* Willd. – Per, H, Ep, very rare
14. *R. crispus* L. – Per, H, Ap, frequent

15. *R. acetosa* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
16. *R. acetosella* L. – Per, G, Ap, common
17. *Polygonum amphibium* L. var. *terrestre* Leysser – Per, G, Ap, rather frequent
18. *P. persicaria* L. – Shl, T, Ap, common
19. *P. lapathifolium* L. subsp. *pallidum* (With.) – Shl, T, Ap, common
20. *P. lapathifolium* L. subsp. *lapathifolium* – Shl, T, Ap, frequent
- *21. *P. hydropiper* L. – Shl, T, Ap, frequent
- *22. *P. aequale* Lindm. – Shl, T, Ap, rather frequent
- *23. *P. heterophyllum* Lindm. Emend. H. Schultz. – Shl, T, Ap, frequent
- *24. *P. neglectum* Besser. – Shl, T, Ap, rather frequent
25. *Fallopia convolvulus* (L.) Á. Löve – Shl, T, Ar, common
26. *F. dumetorum* (L.) Holub – Shl, T, Ap, very rare
27. *Fagopyrum esculentum* Moench – Shl, T, Er, very rare
28. *F. tataricum* (L.) Gaertn. – Shl, T, Er, very rare

Chenopodiaceae

29. *Beta vulgaris* L. – Shl, T, Er, very rare
30. *Chenopodium hybridum* L. – Shl, T, Ap, DD, rare
31. *Ch. album* L. – Shl, T, Ap, common
32. *Ch. rubrum* L. – Shl, T, Ap, very rare
33. *Ch. bonus-henricus* L. – Per, C, Ar, very rare
34. *Spinacia oleracea* L. – Shl, T, Er, very rare
35. *Atriplex hortensis* L. – Shl, T, Ep, very rare
36. *A. patula* L. – Shl, T, Ap, frequent
37. *A. prostrata* Boucher Ex DC. subsp. *prostrata* – Shl, T, Ap, very rare

Amaranthaceae

38. *Amaranthus retroflexus* L. – Shl, T, Ep, frequent

Caryophyllaceae

39. *Dianthus carthusianorum* L. – Per, C, Ap, very rare
40. *D. deltoides* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- *41. *Saponaria officinalis* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
42. *Lychnis flos-cuculi* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
43. *Melandrium album* (Mill.) Garcke – Shl, H, Ap, rather frequent
44. *Silene vulgaris* (Moench) Garcke – Per, H, Ap, very rare
45. *Agrostemma githago* L. – Shl, T, Ar, VU, rather frequent
46. *Stellaria media* (L.) Vill. – Shl, T, Ap, common

47. *S. graminea* L. – Per, H, Ap, rather frequent
 48. *Cerastium arvense* L. – Per, C, Ap, rare
 49. *Spergularia rubra* (L.) J. Presl & C. Presl – Shl, H, Ap, frequent
 *50. *Herniaria glabra* L. – Shl, T, Ap, DD, rare
 *51. *H. hirsuta* L. – Shl, T, Ar, VU, very rare

Euphorbiaceae

52. *Euphorbia peplus* L. – Shl, T, Ar, rather frequent
 53. *E. helioscopia* L. – Shl, T, Ar, frequent
 54. *E. cyparissias* L. – Per, H, Ap, rare
 55. *E. esula* L. – Per, H, Ap, rare

Ranunculaceae

56. *Nigella sativa* L. – Shl, T, Er, very rare
 57. *Consolida regalis* S. F. Gray – Shl, T, Ar, VU, rather frequent
 58. *Ranunculus bulbosus* L. – Per, G, Ap, very rare
 59. *R. repens* L. – Per, H, Ap, frequent
 60. *R. acris* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
 61. *Ficaria verna* Huds. – Per, G, Ap, very rare
 62. *Thalictrum minus* L. subsp. *minus* – Per, H, Ap, DD, very rare
 63. *Adonis aestivalis* L. – Shl, T, Ar, EN, very rare
 64. *A. flammea* Jacq. – Shl, Per, Ar, CR, very rare

Papaveraceae

65. *Papaver argemone* L. – Shl, T, Ar, frequent
 66. *P. dubium* L. – Shl, T, Ar, VU, rare
 67. *P. rhoeas* L. – Shl, T, Ar, VU, rather frequent
 *68. *P. somniferum* L. – Shl, T, Er, very rare
 69. *Chelidonium majus* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
 70. *Fumaria officinalis* L. subsp. *officinalis* – Shl, T, Ar, LR, rather frequent

Brassicaceae

71. *Cardamine amara* L. subsp. *amara* – Per, H, Ap, very rare
 72. *C. pratensis* L. s. str. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
 73. *Rorippa sylvestris* (L.) Besser. – Per, H, Ap, rather frequent
 74. *Barbarea vulgaris* R. Br. – Shl, H, Ap, very rare
 75. *Cheiranthus cheiri* L. – Per, H, Er, very rare
 76. *Sisymbrium officinale* (L.) Scop. – Shl, T, Ar, rare
 77. *Descurainia sophia* (L.) Webb. – Shl, T, Ar, rare
 78. *Erysimum cheiranthoides* L. – Shl, T, Ar, rather frequent
 79. *Brassica oleracea* L. subsp. *capitata* (L.) Duchesne – Shl, T, Er, very rare

- *80. *B. napus* L. subsp. *napus* – Shl, T, Er, very rare
- *81. *B. rapa* L. subsp. *oleifera* DC. – Shl, T, Er, very rare
- *82. *B. nigra* (L.) W. D. J. Koch – Shl, T, Er, very rare
- 83. *Sinapis arvensis* L. – Shl, T, Ar, rather frequent
- *84. *S. alba* L. – Shl, T, Er, rare
- 85. *Armoracia rusticana* P. Gaerth. – Per, G, Ar, very rare
- 86. *Camelina sativa* (L.) Crantz – Shl, T, Ar, CR, very rare
- 87. *Thlaspi arvense* L. – Shl, T, Ar, rather frequent
- 88. *Lepidium ruderale* L. – Shl, T, Ar, very rare
- 89. *Capsella bursa-pastoris* (L.) Medik. – Shl, T, Ar, frequent
- 90. *Raphanus raphanistrum* L. – Shl, T, Ar, common
- 91. *R. sativus* L. – Shl, T, Er, rather frequent

Violaceae

- 92. *Viola tricolor* L. s. str. – Shl, T, Ar, frequent
- 93. *V. arvensis* Murray – Shl, T, Ar, common

Clusiaceae

- 94. *Hypericum humifusum* L. – Shl, T, Ap, VU, rare
- *95. *H. perforatum* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- 96. *H. maculatum* Crantz. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- 97. *H. tetrapterum* Fr. – Per, H, Ap, very rare

Crassulaceae

- 98. *Sedum acre* L. – Per, C, Ap, very rare

Saxifragaceae

- 99. *Saxifraga granulata* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare

Rosaceae

- 100. *Rubus plicatus* Weihe & Ness – Per, N, Ap, very rare
- 101. *R. caesius* L. – Per, N, Ap, rare
- 102. *Potentilla argentea* L. s. str. – Per, H, Ap, rare
- 103. *P. reptans* L. – Per, H, Ap, rare
- *104. *P. erecta* (L.) Raeusch. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- 105. *P. anserina* L. – Per, H, Ap, frequent
- 106. *Alchemilla monticola* Opiz – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- 107. *Aphanes arvensis* L. – Shl, T, Ar, rather frequent
- 108. *Geum rivale* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- 109. *G. urbanum* L. – Per, H, Ap, rare
- 110. *Agrimonia eupatoria* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- 111. *Sanguisorba minor* Scop. – Per, H, Ap, DD, very rare

Fabaceae

112. *Ononis arvensis* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
 113. *Medicago sativa* L. – Per, H, Er, very rare
 *114. *Melilotus officinalis* (L.) Pall. – Shl, H, Ap, very rare
 115. *Trifolium arvense* L. – Shl, T, Ap, rare
 116. *T. repens* L. – Per, H, Ap, rather frequent
 117. *T. pratense* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
 118. *Anthyllis vulneraria* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
 119. *Coronilla varia* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
 120. *Vicia hirsuta* (L.) S. F. Gray – Shl, T, Ar, common
 121. *V. cracca* L. – Per, H, Ap, rare
 122. *V. angustifolia* L. – Shl, T, Ap, frequent
 123. *Lathyrus pratensis* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
 124. *Phaseolus vulgaris* L. – Shl, T, Er, very rare

Lythraceae

125. *Lythrum salicaria* L. – Per, H, Ap, rare

Onagraceae

126. *Epilobium parviflorum* Schreb. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
 127. *E. palustre* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
 128. *Chamaenerion angustifolium* (L.) Scop. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
 129. *Oenothera biennis* L. s. str. – Shl, H, Ap, rare

Malvaceae

130. *Malva sylvestris* L. – Shl, H, Ar, very rare
 131. *M. neglecta* Wallr. – Shl, H, Ar, very rare
 132. *Alcea rosea* L. – Per, H, Ar, very rare

Tiliaceae

- *133. *Tilia cordata* Mill. – Per, M, Ap, very rare

Linaceae

134. *Linum catharticum* L. – Shl, T, Ap, very rare
 135. *L. usitatisimum* L. – Shl, T, Er, very rare

Geraniaceae

136. *Geranium pratense* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
 137. *Erodium cicutarium* (L.) L'Hérit. – Shl, T, Ap, common

Apiaceae

138. *Sium latifolium* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
 139. *Falcaria vulgaris* Bernh. – Per, H, Ap, DD, rare

- *140. *Carum carvi* L. – Shl, H, Ap, very rare
- 141. *Aegopodium podagraria* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- 142. *Pimpinella saxifraga* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- 143. *Bupleurum rotundifolium* L. – Shl, T, Ar, CR, very rare
- 144. *Petroselinum crispum* (Mill.) A. W. Hill – Shl, H, Er, very rare
- 145. *Aethusa cynapium* L. subsp. *agrestis* (Wallr.) Dostál – Shl, T, Ar, DD, rare
- 146. *A. cynapium* L. subsp. *cynapium* – Shl, T, Ap, rare
- 147. *Heracleum sphondylium* L. s. str. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- 148. *Peucedanum oreoselinum* (L.) Moench – Per, H, Ap, rare
- 149. *Pastinaca sativa* L. s. str. – Shl, H, Ap, very rare
- 150. *Anethum graveolens* L. – Shl, T, Er, very rare
- 151. *Daucus carota* L. subsp. *carota* Roth – Shl, H, Ap, rare
- 152. *D. carota* L. subsp. *sativa* (Hoffm.) Arcangeli – Shl, H, Ap, very rare
- 153. *Anthriscus sylvestris* (L.) Hoffm. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- 154. *Coriandrum sativum* L. – Shl, T, Er, very rare
- 155. *Chaerophyllum aromaticum* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare

Primulaceae

- 156. *Anagallis arvensis* L. – Shl, T, Ar, frequent
- 157. *A. foemina* Mill. – Shl, T, Ar, EN, very rare
- 158. *Lysimachia nummularia* L. – Per, C, Ap, very rare
- 159. *L. vulgaris* L. – Per, H, Ap, rather frequent

Convolvulaceae

- 160. *Convolvulus arvensis* L. – Per, G, Ar, common

Cuscutaceae

- 161. *Cuscuta europaea* L. – Shl, T, Ap, very rare

Boraginaceae

- 162. *Borago officinalis* L. – Shl, T, Ar, DD, very rare
- 163. *Anchusa officinalis* L. – Shl, H, Ar, rare
- *164. *Sympytum officinale* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- 165. *Echium vulgare* L. – Shl, H, Ap, very rare
- 166. *Lithospermum arvense* L. – Shl, T, Ar, frequent
- 167. *Myosotis palustris* (L.) L. Emend. Rchb. – Per, H, Ap, rare
- 168. *M. arvensis* (L.) Hill – Shl, T, Ar, frequent
- 169. *Cynoglossum officinale* L. – Per, H, Ar, DD, very rare

Solanaceae

- *170. *Hyoscyamus niger* L. – Shl, T, Ar, DD, very rare
- 171. *Solanum nigrum* L. Emend. Mill. – Shl, T, Ar, rare

- *172. *S. tuberosum* L. – Per, G, Er, very rare
- 173. *Lycopersicon esculentum* Mill. – Shl, T, Er, very rare
- *174. *Datura stramonium* L. – Shl, T, Ep, DD, very rare

Scrophulariaceae

- 175. *Verbascum thapsus* L. – Shl, H, Ap, very rare
- *176. *V. densiflorum* Bertol. – Shl, H, Ap, very rare
- *177. *V. phlomoides* L. – Shl, H, Ap, very rare
- 178. *Linaria vulgaris* Mill. – Per, G, Ap, very rare
- 179. *Scrophularia nodosa* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- 180. *Veronica beccabunga* L. – Per, C, Ap, very rare
- 181. *V. chamaedrys* L. s. str. – Per, C, Ap, very rare
- 182. *V. spicata* L. subsp. *spicata* – Per, C, Ap, very rare
- 183. *V. arvensis* L. – Shl, T, Ar, frequent
- 184. *V. triphyllus* L. – Shl, T, Ar, rather frequent
- 185. *V. dillenii* Crantz – Shl, T, Ap, rather frequent
- 186. *V. persica* Poir. – Shl, T, Ep, frequent
- 187. *V. hederifolia* L. s. str. – Shl, T, Ar, rather frequent
- 188. *Euphrasia rostkoviana* Hayne – Shl, T, Ap, very rare
- 189. *E. stricta* D. Wolff Ex J. F. Lehm. – Shl, T, Ap, very rare
- 190. *Odontites serotina* (Lam.) Rchb. s. str. – Shl, T, Ap, rare
- 191. *O. verna* (Bellardi) Dumort. – Shl, T, Ar, rare
- 192. *Rhinanthus serotinus* (Schönh.) Oborný – Shl, T, Ar, rather frequent

Lamiaceae

- 193. *Ajuga reptans* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- 194. *A. genevensis* L. – Per, H, Ap, DD, very rare
- 195. *Nepeta cataria* L. – Per, H, Ar, very rare
- 196. *Glechoma hederacea* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- 197. *Prunella vulgaris* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- 198. *Galeopsis ladanum* L. – Shl, T, Ar, rare
- 199. *G. angustifolia* (Ehrh.) Hoffm. – Shl, T, Ap, DD, very rare
- 200. *G. tetrahit* L. – Shl, T, Ap, frequent
- 201. *G. speciosa* Mill. – Shl, T, Ap, very rare
- 202. *Lamium album* L. – Per, H, Ar, very rare
- 203. *L. amplexicaule* L. – Shl, T, Ar, frequent
- 204. *Leonurus cardiaca* L. – Per, H, Ar, rare
- 205. *Ballota nigra* L. subsp. *nigra* – Per, H, Ar, rare
- *206. *Melissa officinalis* L. – Per, H, Er, DD, very rare
- 207. *Clinopodium vulgare* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- *208. *Origanum vulgare* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare

- 209. *Thymus pulegioides* L. – Per, C, Ap, very rare
- *210. *Th. serpyllum* L. Emend. Fr. – Per, C, Ap, very rare
- 211. *Mentha longifolia* (L.) L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- *212. *M. × citrata* Ehrh. subsp. *citrata* – Per, H, Er, very rare
- 213. *M. aquatica* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- 214. *M. arvensis* L. – Per, G, Ap, frequent
- 215. *Elsholtzia ciliata* (Thunb.) Hyl. – Shl, T, Ep, DD, rare

Plantaginaceae

- 216. *Plantago major* L. s. str. – Per, H, Ap, frequent
- 217. *P. intermedia* Gilib. – Per, H, Ap, VU, rare
- 218. *P. media* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- 219. *P. lanceolata* L. – Per, H, Ap, rather frequent
- 220. *P. arenaria* Waldst. & Kit. – Shl, T, Ap, very rare

Gentianaceae

- 221. *Centaurium pulchellum* (Sw.) Druce – Shl, T, Ap, DD, very rare

Asclepiadaceae

- 222. *Vincetoxicum hirundinaria* Medik. – Per, H, Ap, DD, very rare

Rubiaceae

- 223. *Galium verum* L. s. str. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- 224. *G. mollugo* L. s. str. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- 225. *G. aparine* L. – Shl, T, Ap, frequent

Caprifoliaceae

- 226. *Sambucus ebulus* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- *227. *S. nigra* L. – Per, N, Ap, very rare

Dipsacaceae

- 228. *Knautia arvensis* (L.) J. M. Coul. – Per, H, Ap, rather frequent

Cucurbitaceae

- 229. *Cucurbita pepo* L. – Shl, T, Er, very rare
- 230. *Cucumis sativus* L. – Shl, T, Er, very rare

Campanulaceae

- 231. *Jasione montana* L. – Shl, H, Ap, very rare
- 232. *Campanula glomerata* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare

Asteraceae

233. *Solidago virgaurea* L. s. str. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
 234. *S. canadensis* L. – Per, H, He, very rare
 235. *S. gigantea* Aiton – Per, H, He, very rare
 236. *Bellis perennis* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
 237. *Conyza canadensis* (L.) Cornquist – Shl, T, Ep, common
 238. *Gnaphalium uliginosum* L. – Shl, T, Ap, frequent
 239. *G. sylvaticum* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
 *240. *Helichrysum arenarium* (L.) Moench – Per, H, Ap, VU, very rare
 241. *Inula britannica* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
 242. *Xanthium strumarium* L. – Shl, T, Ep, very rare
 243. *Helianthus annuus* L. – Shl, T, Er, very rare
 244. *H. tuberosus* L. – Per, G, He, very rare
 245. *Bidens tripartita* L. – Shl, T, Ap, frequent
 246. *Galinsoga parviflora* Cav. – Shl, T, Ep, frequent
 247. *G. ciliata* (Raf.) S. F. Blake – Shl, T, Ep, rather frequent
 248. *Anthemis tinctoria* L. – Shl, H, Ap, VU, very rare
 249. *A. arvensis* L. – Shl, T, Ar, common
 250. *A. cotula* L. – Shl, T, Ar, Rare
 *251. *Achillea millefolium* L. s. str. – Per, H, Ap, common
 *252. *Chamomilla recutita* (L.) Rauschert – Shl, T, Ar, rather frequent
 253. *Ch. suaveolens* (Pursh) Rydb. – Shl, T, Ep, rather frequent
 254. *Leucanthemum vulgare* Lam. s. str. – Per, H, Ap, rare
 255. *Tanacetum vulgare* Lam. – Per, H, Ap, rare
 *256. *Artemisia absinthium* L. – Per, Ch, Ap, very rare
 257. *A. vulgaris* L. – Per, H, Ap, frequent
 258. *A. scoparia* Waldst. & Kit. – Shl, T, Ap, very rare
 259. *A. campestris* L. subsp. *campestris* – Per, Ch, Ap, rare
 *260. *Tussilago farfara* L. – Per, G, Ap, rare
 261. *Petasites hybridus* (L.) P. Gaertn., B. Mey. & Scherb. – Per, G, Ap, DD, very rare
 262. *Senecio vulgaris* L. – Shl, T, Ar, rare
 263. *S. jacobaea* L. – Per, H, Ap, – very rare
 264. *Calendula officinalis* L. – Shl, T, Er, very rare
 265. *Echinops sphaerocephalus* L. – Per, H, Ep, DD, very rare
 266. *Arctium tomentosum* Mill. – Shl, H, Ap, very rare
 267. *A. lappa* L. – Shl, H, Ap, very rare
 268. *A. minus* (Hill) Bernh. – Shl, H, Ap, very rare
 269. *Cirsium oleraceum* (L.) Scop. – Per, H, Ap, rare
 270. *C. arvense* (L.) Scop. – Per, G, Ap, common
 271. *Onopordum acanthium* L. – Shl, H, Ar, DD, very rare
 272. *Centaurea cyanus* L. – Shl, T, Ar, VU, frequent

- 273. *C. jacea* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- 274. *Cichorium intybus* L. – Per, H, Ar, rare
- 275. *Lapsana communis* L. – Shl, T, Ap, very rare
- 276. *Tragopogon pratensis* L. s. str. – Shl, H, Ap, very rare
- *277. *Taraxacum officinale* F. H. Wigg. – Per, H, Ap, common
- 278. *Sonchus oleraceus* L. – Shl, T, Ar, rather frequent
- 279. *S. arvensis* L. subsp. *arvensis* – Per, G, Ap, common
- 280. *Lactuca serriola* L. – Shl, H, Ar, very rare
- 281. *L. sativa* L. – Shl, T, Er, very rare
- 282. *Hieracium pilosella* L. – Per, H, Ap, rare

Liliaceae

- 283. *Allium cepa* L. – Per, G, Er, very rare
- 284. *A. porrum* L. – Per, G, Er, very rare
- 285. *A. schoenoprasum* L. – Per, G, Er, very rare
- 286. *A. sativum* L. – Per, G, Er, very rare
- 287. *A. oleraceum* L. – Per, G, Ap, VU, very rare
- 288. *Gagea pratensis* (Pers.) Dumort. – Per, G, Ap, VU, rare
- 289. *G. arvensis* (Pers.) Dumort. – Per, G, Ar, very rare
- 290. *Asparagus officinalis* L. – Per, G, Ap, DD, very rare

Juncaceae

- 291. *Juncus effusus* L. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- 292. *J. conglomeratus* L. Emend. Leers. – Per, H, Ap, very rare

Poaceae

- 293. *Anthoxanthum odoratum* L. s. str. – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- 294. *Avena sativa* L. – Shl, T, Er, very rare
- 295. *Phragmites australis* (Cav.) Trin. Ex Steud. – Per, G, Ap, very rare
- 296. *Dactylis glomerata* L. subsp. *glomerata* – Per, H, Ap, very rare
- *297. *Elymus repens* (L.) Gould – Per, G, Ap, common
- *298. *Triticum aestivum* L. – Shl, T, Er, very rare
- 299. *Hordeum vulgare* L. – Shl, T, Er, very rare
- 300. *Zea mays* L. – Shl, T, Er, very rare

3.2. General characterization of the medical vegetal flora

The medical vegetal flora of Central Poland is rich. It comprises 300 taxa, which constitutes 51.1% of the total vegetal flora of this part of Poland (WARCHOLIŃSKA 2004). They belong to 44 families. The following families are richest in medical plants: Compositae (50 taxa), Labiatae (23 taxa), Cru-

ciferae (21 taxa), Polygonaceae (19 taxa), Umbelliferae (18 taxa), Scrophulariaceae (18 taxa). They comprise a total of 149 (49.7%) taxa of the investigated flora. The most frequently recorded species were those of the very rare (178 taxa – 59.3%), and rare (44 taxa – 14.7%) groups. The other groups comprised: rather frequent – 30 taxa, frequent – 29 taxa, common – 19 taxa. Perennial plants dominated (153 taxa – 51.0%). In terms of life forms hemicryptophytes (134 taxa – 44.7%) and therophytes (122 taxa – 40.7%) plants dominated. The geophytes group comprised 28 (9.3%) taxa, while that of herbsaceous chamaephytes 10 (3.3%) taxa. Only 6 taxa belonged to the other groups (megaphanerophytes – 1 taxon, nanophanerophytes – 3 taxa, and woody chamaephytes – 2 taxa). Native plants (apophytes) constituted the dominante group (184 taxa – 61.3%) among the geographic-historical plats groups. Archeophytes plants frequent (65 taxa – 21.7%), and ergaziophygophytes plants rather frequent (36 taxa – 12.0%) recorded. Epecophytes plants (12 taxa) were rare and hemiaeriophytes plants very rare (3 taxa) recorded.

Among the medical segetal plants of Central Poland there are 41 taxa (13.7%) that are endangered (Table 1). The most abundant group (21 taxa) constitute those from the data deficient group (DD), while an abundant on (13 taxa) those of the vulnerable group (VU). Plants of the CR – critically endangered (3 taxa), EN – endangered (3 taxa) and LR – lower risk (1 taxon) groups are rare and very rare observed.

4. DISCUSSION

The medical segetal flora of Central Poland is rich. At present it comprises 300 taxa, which constitute 51.1% of the total segetal flora of this part of Poland (WARCHOLIŃSKA 2004). The Compositae family is the richest in the species of medical plants (50 taxa). Plant species used in folk medicine are the most abundantly represented. To plant species used in folk medicine, and commonly occurring in the area of Central Poland belong, among others: *Polygonum lapathifolium*, *Fallopia convolvulus*, *Chenopodium album*, *Stellaria media*, *Raphanus raphanistrum*, *Convolvulus arvensis*, *Myosotis arvensis*, *Galeopsis tetrahit*, *Mentha arvensis*, *Plantago major*, *Galinsoga parviflora*, *Anthemis arvensis*, *Achillea millefolium*, *Sonchus arvensis*, *Elymus repens*. The medical flora of the discussed region comprises only 38 pharmacopeial plants. This group of plants includes also frequent and common plants, e.g. *Equisetum arvense*, *Polygonum hydropiper*, *Taraxacum officinale* and rarely noted, such as: *Herniaria hirsuta*, *Hyoscamus niger*, *Melissa officinalis*, *Origanum vulgare*. In the group of medical plants of the discussed region, there are 41 (13.7%) threatened plants, e.g. *Adonis aestivalis*, *Camelina sativa*, *Hypericum humifusum*,

Bupleurum rotundifolium, *Anagallis foemina*, *Linaria vulgaris*, *Galeopsis angustifolia*, *Centaurium pulchellum*, *Gagea pratensis* (Table 1).

The most important changes in the flora of medical plants, expressed, among others, in decreases in the number of plants and number of sites, result first of all from changes in abiotic environmental conditions and transformations of agrophytocoenoses.

The threatened medical plants of vegetal plants should be covered by legal protection.

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