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Abstract. Alarming reports of recent loss of biodiversity have emphasized the importance of studies of the natural heritage with a view to its conservation. Basic steps for the conservation of fungi by means of the Tuscan experience are here reported.

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