

Marc-André Selosse

A mycologist and botanist, working
in particular on mycorrhizal
symbioses



The beginning

- With a father who was a civil engineer and a mother - geographer he spent his vacations in Belle-Ile-en-Mer, in the Morbihan region of France.
- “I've always loved talking about nature, where I've been hanging out since I was a kid,”





He fondly remembers his wanderings in the Bois de Vincennes


"I used to come here with my grandfather on the number 56 bus. I remember the great sense of joy I felt just at the sight of these huge stones"



- Marc-André Selosse is a professor at
 - the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle in Paris ,where he heads research team
 - the University of Gdansk (Poland), he was a leader in MAESTRO GRANT
- He was a visiting profesor in Brazil and in China (The University of Kunming)

He is a lecturer at Ecole Normale Supérieure, Science Po and Hautes Etudes Commerciales (HEC).

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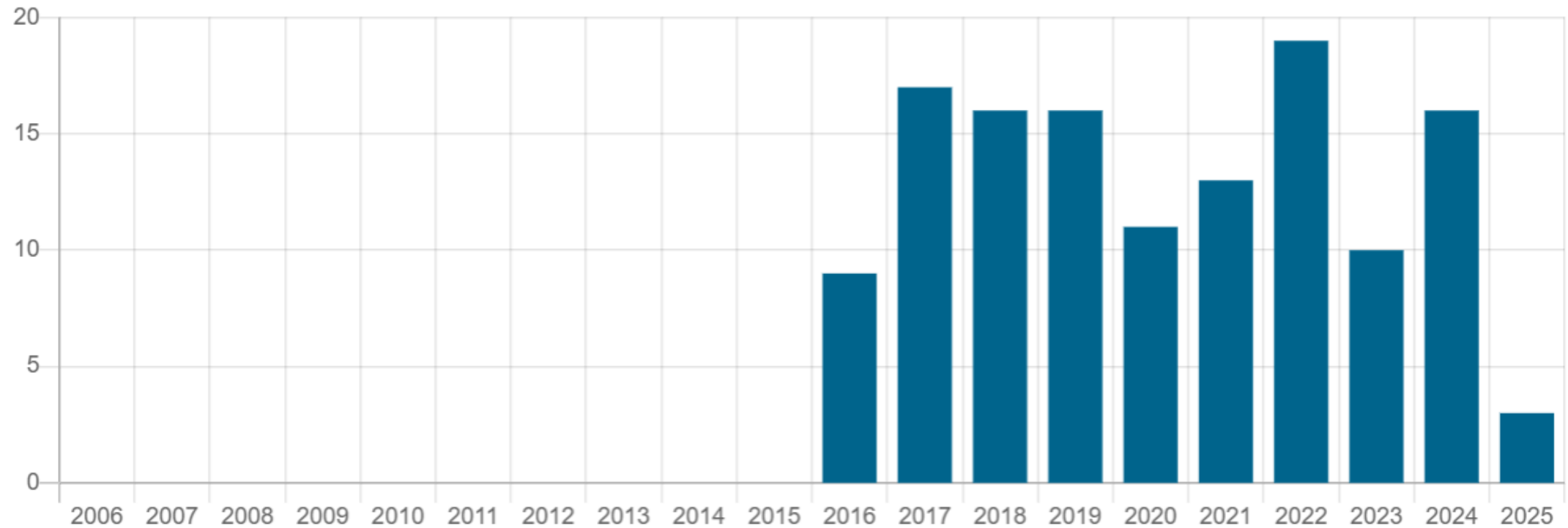
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He is not only a mentor, but is involved in fields studies. This picture was taken by his colleague from University of Gdańsk. His favorite saying is „on y va” which encourages further efforts and activities.

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President of BioGée,



Member of the Académie d'Agriculture de France



Member of the Institute Universitaire de France, Editor of four international scientific journals and the popular magazine *Espèce*.



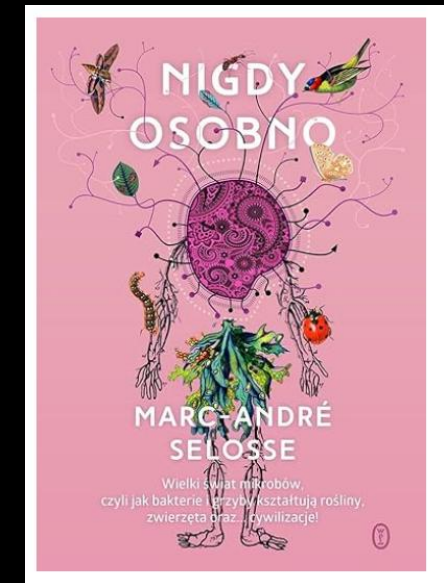
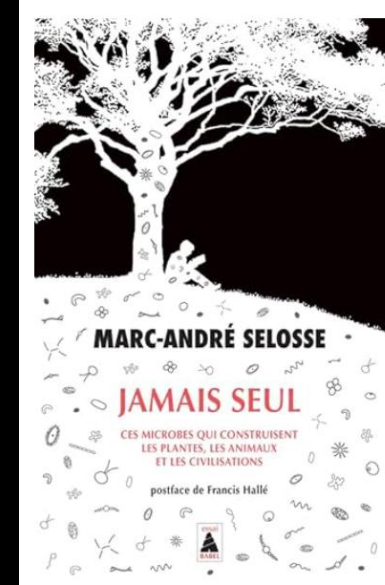
He has published more than 250 popular articles, which can be downloaded from his website, and a hundred or so videos are available on YouTube.



He is known as the excellent teacher and the accomplished author

NEVER ALONE

- Plants and animals depend on microorganisms
- Comprehensive story of many symbiotic relationships between microbes and living organisms in adaptations,
- Description of the human microbiota—and their contributions to our existence.
- Demonstration of the importance of microbes in the cultural and dietary practices that have shaped civilizations and continue to accompany us today.



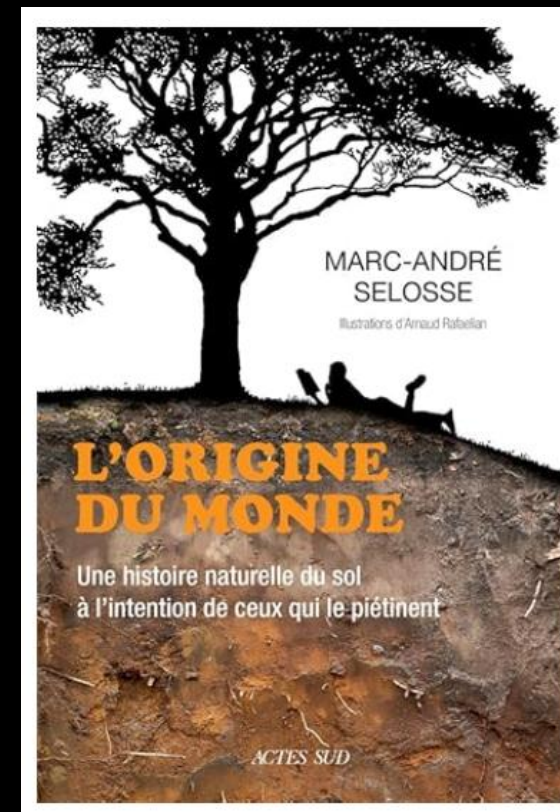


- The main heroes of the book are chemical compounds of plants -tannins protected plants against parasites, herbivorous animals and even stress.
- While humans avoid toxic tannins, they use others in materials, dyes, inks, perfumes, spices, preservatives, antimicrobials and more. From their antioxidant properties to their medicinal uses, they contribute to our health.



Marc-André Selosse invites us on a magnificent underground journey, accessible to all, exploring the components of soil and its teeming life. He introduces us to the underground and little-known world of plants, fungi and bacteria.

Finally, he concludes on an optimistic note, suggesting actions we can take to ensure that future generations inherit intact soils. For these soils can become tools for sustainable

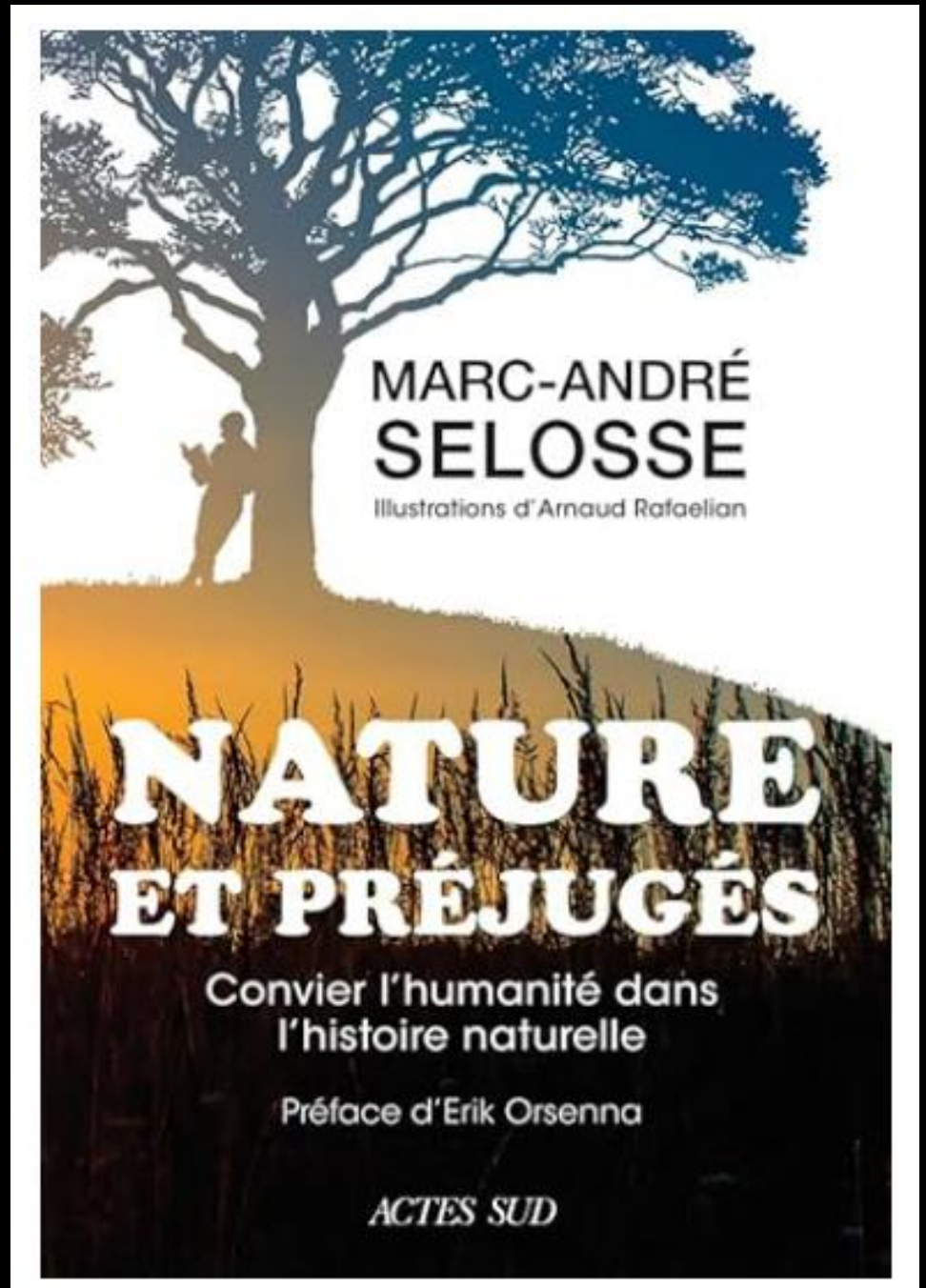


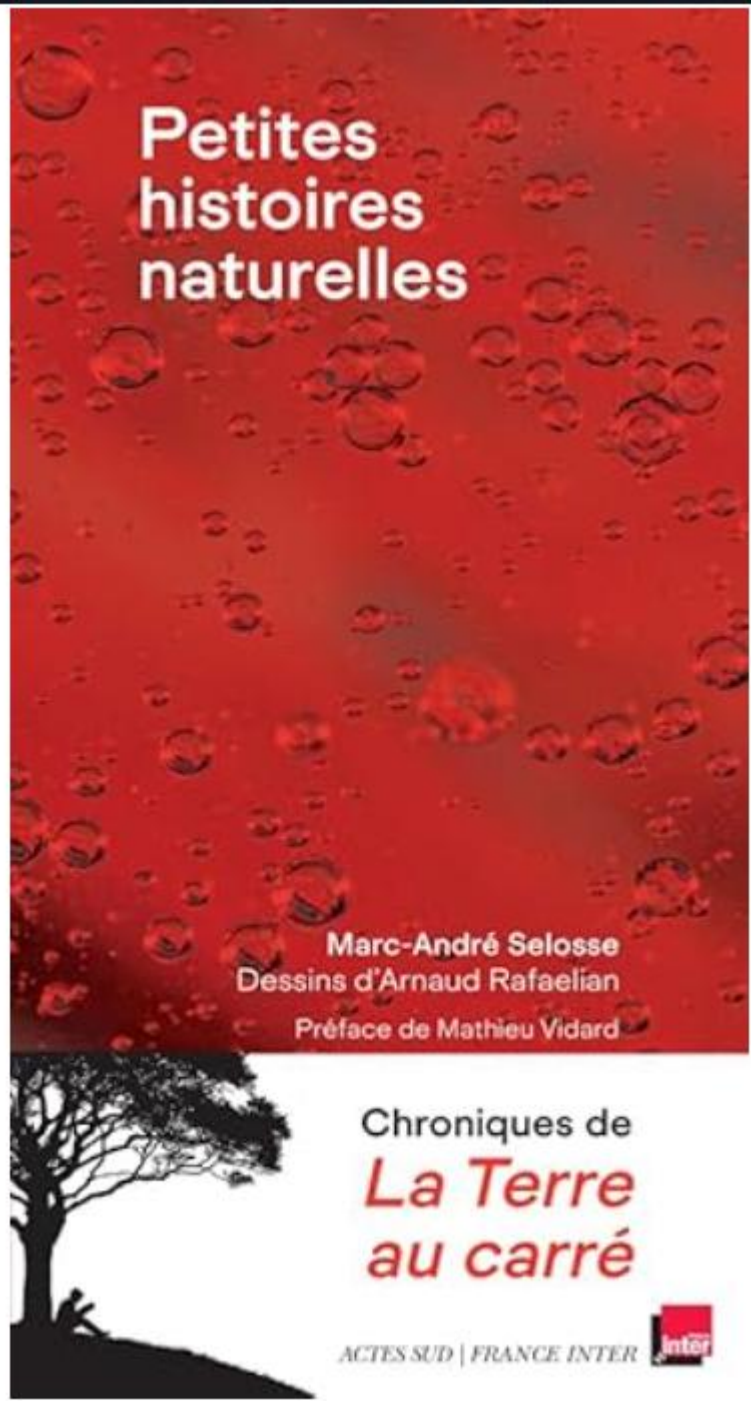
In one gram of soil...

one million bacteria, from thousands of species
more than one thousand of species of fungi
hundreds of amoebas
tens of millions of virus

From 25% to 60% of Earth species !

- With humor and kindness, Author deconstructs the prejudices that have prevented us from understanding nature (including human nature).
- He gives us a closer look at the world of the microbes, plants, and animals that have surrounded us for a very long time.
- “Why had we cut ourselves off so much? Cut ourselves off from the world and from life?”
- Erik Orsenna describes the book „deeply humanistic Odyssey”





A collection of broadcasts from France Inter (in 'La Terre au Carré') in 2020-21.

- Deep, biological perspective on the Earth we inhabit.
- Mathieu Vidard in the preface states that „You will come away enriched with a wealth of knowledge and equipped with some useful tools to set off on your journey of ecological discovery”



He is co-author of a comic strip on soil with Mathieu Burniat (*Sous Terre*, 2021, Dargaud).



Mathieu Burniat, under the scientific direction of Marc-André Selosse, presents a story about the underground world that is so vital to us, funny and fascinating.



JA, BAKTERIEN SIND
 MIKROSKOPISCH KLEINE
 EINZELLER, DIE ÜBERALL
 AUF UNSEREM PLANETEN
 VORKOMMEN...

SIE SIND EIN
 REICH FÜR SICH
 IN DER WELT DER
 LEBENSESEN!

EUKARYONTEN
 (zum Teil vielzellige
 Wesen, deren Zellen oft
 komplexer sind)

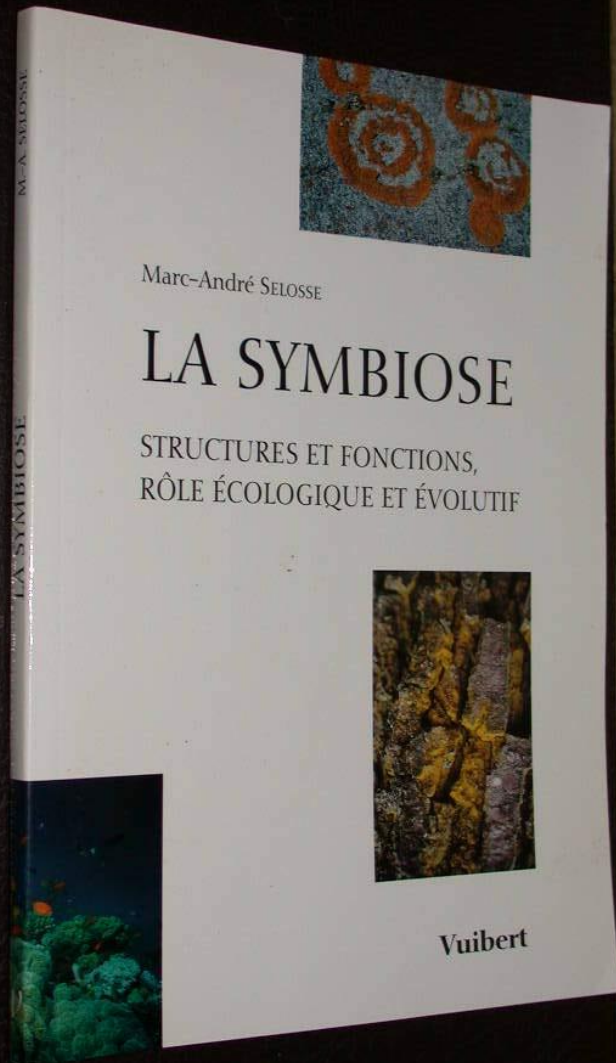
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ARCHAEN
 (Ersteller der
 Zellkern)

BAKTERIEN
 (im Allgemeinen
 einzellige Wesen)

LUCA
 (Urvater)





He has appeared in hundreds of downcasts and public lectures. Below some comments:

- [@danielkovak2558](#)
- Monsieur Marc-André Selosse ma ouvert mon esprit, l'éveil, curiosité, le savoir, est la transmission a 65 ans je suis comme un enfant qui revis et découvre. Merci infiniment Mr Marc-André Selosse
- Mr Marc-André Selosse opened my mind, awakening, curiosity, knowledge, and transmission at 65 I am like a child who revisits and discovers. Thank you very much Mr Marc-André Selosse
- Pan Marc-André Selosse otworzył mój umysł, rozbudził ciekawość, wiedzę i chęć dzielenia się nią w wieku 65 lat. Czuję się jak dziecko, które ponownie odkrywa świat. Bardzo dziękuję, panie Marc-André Selosse.

- [@aureliejaumard4354](#)



- Merci pour cette interview avec Marc-André Selosse. Un vrai bonheur à chaque fois, un vrai talent de vulgarisateur, une connaissance solide mais qu'il arrive à rendre accessible à tous. Je pourrais l'écouter pendant des heures. Mon homme en est presque jaloux

Thank you for this interview with Marc-André Selosse. It's always a real pleasure, he has a real talent for explaining things to the general public, with his solid knowledge that he manages to make accessible to everyone. I could listen to him for hours. My husband is almost jealous!

Professor Marc-André Selosse stands at the forefront of scientific discovery and public engagement. His meticulous studies of fungal–plant symbioses unveil hidden biological networks revealing how life is woven together at every level.

As a communicator and collaborator, he effortlessly bridges science and culture —
inviting us all to rethink our place within the microbial universe."

Why the Benedictus Polonus Award?



Awarding Professor Selosse the *Benedictus Polonus* award acknowledges:

1. His groundbreaking research into the invisible yet foundational microbial networks that support life.
2. His unmatched ability to connect rigorous science with public curiosity, fostering deeper understanding of the living world.
3. His leadership in nurturing international scientific exchange and mentorship.



ysokogórskich.
czych i pomiarów
obrazają się
tycznych, inwazji



↑ Łazy świerkowe występujące w Tatrzańskim Parku Narodowym (fot. M. Kluczek).

rach, chronione w ramach rezerwatu biosfery UNESCO, są szczególnie narażone na zmiany
świerków. Celem jednego z projektów było zbadanie, jak zmienił się stan zdrowotny świerków
na podstawie optycznych danych satelitarnych Sentinel-2. Dzięki zastosowaniu metod
o i danych terenowych badacze:

nierania świerków i zmiany jego
wazji w 2018 roku),
ranie przesuwają się na wyższe
m do 1400 m n.p.m.),
rażliwe lokalizacje – np. stoki
dniowo-wschodniej,
żniki spektralne skutecznie
ewa zdrowe i porażone,
iary fluorescencji chlorofilu, które
rośliny jeszcze przed wystąpieniem
ania.

projektu zespół przeanalizował stan
wskich w Tatrach na podstawie danych
miary spektralne, fluorescencja),
azy hiperspektralne HySpex, 2 m),
Sentinel-2).

Na podstawie wskaźników wegetacyjnych
i algorytmów uczenia maszynowego
(Random Forest, SVM) udało się:

- zidentyfikować obszary zdegradowane
(analizy wykonano w buforze 15 m od szla)
- określić wpływ turystyki na zawartość
azotu i chlorofilu w roślinach,
- osiągnąć w tym celu dokładność klasyfikacji
(91% (Kappa = 0.82)).

Źródło: K. Kuczyński, W. Kuczyńska

