Name: Tiered tooth fungus

Hericium cirrhatum

UK status: Vulnerable (Red Data List, ed.1).

53 post-1960 hectad records in FRDBI

London status: Rare

Protected status: None

Relevant London HAPs: Woodland

Citation:

The tiered tooth fungus grows mainly on wounds of old living trees and the ends of felled trunks. It normally grows high up on the host tree, which is usually beech (ash, oak, birch, sycamore or elm may also be used). Fruiting bodies appear in late summer to autumn. It is a local fungus in the UK and is restricted to woodland with a continuous presence of mature trees. In Greater London the species is mainly restricted to older beech woods and has been recorded in the



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boroughs of Camden, Ealing, Lambeth, Merton, Richmond and Wandsworth. However, it is most likely to be found in its stronghold of Epping Forest (LB Redbridge/Waltham Forest).

Conservation priorities:

- Ensure continued favourable management of known sites, ensuring long-term continuity of suitable host trees
- Consider translocations to suitable host trees in appropriate situations
- Monitor populations and habitat quality in known sites for this species
- Protect any new sites emerging from further surveys

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