

### **Project Update: September 2013**

According to the plan, the fourth and final field expedition was completed in Central part of Serbia. This region is on the very edge of the subspecies' distribution area, thus it's not surprising that we found only low number of tortoises. Nonetheless, valuable data were collected. Tortoises, shells and nests we found revealed some previously unknown habitats of Hermann's tortoises. We suppose that populations living in central Serbia are not as dense and numerous as those from eastern and southern parts of the country.

One of the goals of our project was to introduce general public of Serbia and Balkans with problems Hermann's tortoises are facing in their environment. For this purpose we prepared a short brochure about some main characteristics of the species and endangering factors which are threatening its survival. The brochure can be downloaded, both in English and Serbian, from the website of the Serbian Herpetological Society "Milutin Radovanović":

<http://www.shdmr.org/en/publications.html>