

Project Update: June 2013

The second field trip (7 days) was done in Budva, Buljarica, Petrovac and Bar. Balkan terrapin have been recorded in all of the above-mentioned places except Petrovac.

We managed to catch six individuals for whom we have done morphometric measures and took samples for DNA analysis.

The main threats to this species on these habitats are:

- § - urbanization of the habitats for the purposes of tourism development.
- § - illegal dumping of building and communal waste in and next to the river flow.
- § - expansion of the road network.
- § - sewage water that is not filtrated.

There is an additional threat at one of the largest habitats of this kind, a high-voltage cable for the transmission of electric energy, located in Budva. It will pass over this habitat, Jasko Lake (see attached photo). Our NGO will get involved in the process of environmental impact assessment and seek immediate attention of the public to relocate the cable and save the lake.

At the first photo you can notice the moment of taking morphometric measures with one of the caught individual, the other shows Jasko Lake, one of the largest habitats for Balkan Terrapin in Montenegro.

