

Project Update: May 2013

The terrain we anticipated to do in April 2103, we did in May because the funds for the project were paid in early May.

The first terrain was done in Herceg Novi, Tivat and Kotor. Balkan Terrapin have been recorded in all of the above mentioned cities.

We managed to catch the 17 individuals for whom we have done morphometric measures and took samples for DNA analysis.

We have not managed to investigate in detail all the habitats in this terrain, because of the area size, but we hope to do it with the next project.

The main threats to this species on these habitats are:

- - industrial waste water and sewage water that is not filtrated;
- - illegal dumping of building waste next to the river flow;
- - urbanisation of the habitats for the purposes of tourism development;
- - expansion of the road network.

The first attached photograph shows the network setup to capture Balkan Terrapin and another one taking a DNA sample.

