

Project Update: November 2013

From 6th June to 26th September 2013 researchers conducted 64 boat based field surveys. Total time spent at sea was 230 hours during which distance of 2,513 nm was covered. Bottlenose dolphins were sighted 73 times and total time spent collecting photo ID data was 42 hours. Analysis of photo ID, navigation and behaviour data is currently in progress. Additionally, data from research groups previously working in the study area were obtained and will be included in the analysis to compare different study periods.

Cooperation with National park Kornati was initiated. Lectures and workshop will be held in Spring 2014 for national park rangers on topics of bottlenose dolphins' biology and ecology, and procedures for species identification, sighting reporting and stranding response.

As part of educational activities, two public lectures were held in Sali (Dugi otok) and attended by roughly 60 locals and tourists.



Bottlenose dolphin calf surfacing to breathe next to its mother



Grgur Pleslić giving a public lecture in Sali on Dugi otok