

Project Update: August 2015

The terrain we anticipated to do in April 2015, we did in May due to bad weather conditions. The first and second terrain was done in Herceg Novi (River Sutorina) and Kotor (Mrčevo polje).

We managed to catch the 67 individuals for whom we have done morphometric measures, determine the age category and took samples for DNA analysis.

In fieldwork in Kotor we have identified the presence of invasive species red-eared slider (*Trachemys scripta elegans*). This species is one of the major threats to autochthonous freshwater turtles in Europe.

We collected data on the amount of water levels, habitat type and plant associations. Due to the volume of this work, this data should be collected in longer period of time (2-3 years). Duplication of brochures, posters and t-shirts for awareness rising and educational purposes have been finished.



Left: Shows a collection of individuals of Balkan Terrapin that have been caught in traps.
Right: Preparation of traps for the Balkan Terrapin.