

Project Update: July 2015

From June to mid-July 2015, the following activities were conducted:

- Remaining 11 transects.
- Workshop with local authorities and representatives of the tourist organisation, local population, visitors and young researchers from the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- Mapping of habitats.
- Informative talk with the managers of the private beaches, spread of educational materials (leaflets).

Beside the experts from Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia, in one of 11 transects also participated a volunteers who attended the workshop. The goal of the workshop was to present the project idea to a local authorities and tourist organisation, as well as to a local population, to rise a level of a knowledge on psammophytic vegetation of the Long Beach, to promote conservation measures and also give the insight into the methodology of scientific work. The authorities supported the idea, but they were not interested into the working methodology. Nine participants joined the transect.

During the field work we made contacts with the managers of the private beaches and presented the purpose of our work. A majority of them supported the idea and offered to spread educational material (leaflets) and help with a display of an informative tables.

Habitats were mapped directly on the flied maps (orthophoto of the area) and will be afterwards input into the ArcGis program.



Left: Presentation of the project and scientific methodology. Right: Work in the field with a group of volunteers



Left: The best preserved part of the Beach. Right: Mediterranean salt meadows with *Juncus maritimus*



Left: Water-fringing beds of tall canes- *Erianthus ravenae* (in the fornt) and flooded forests with Poplar, Ash, Willows. Right: Human impact