

Project Update: May 2014

The first part of the project is almost finished.

During this phase we made the field explorations with the aim to reaffirm the historical habitats of the steppe viper and to evaluate the current situation of its populations.

Unfortunately, the condition of some of the habitats are far from being satisfactory. The most part of the



The steppe gullies inconvenient for the human's economical activities

situation of the steppe viper's populations. The first and foremost task of the second part is to detect and, if possible, to reduce some habitats limiting factors.



The young steppe viper female



Steppe areas the foot of the Chalk Mountains

steppe viper's habitats are under the strong human impact. It includes the extermination of habitats because of human's economical activities.

Also we continue detecting new habitats of this threatened species. By this moment, we have found and confirmed two of them.

The next part of the project is the global analysis of the current



The steppe viper male on the chalk outcrop in the National nature park "Dvorichanskyi"