

Project Update: September 2015

During the previous months in 2015 we visited new potential sites at Zeta plain and again some localities at Bjelopavlici plane. Electrofishing devices are one of major threat for fish and, directly and indirectly, European pond turtle. With locals we discussed about all problems that this species faced with and showed them in which situations they can help. During that period from May 2015 we had a lot of conversations with locals, shared leaflets (http://drustvoprirodnjakacg.weebly.com/uploads/2/5/9/6/25963197/barska_kornjaca.pdf) and put posters. From May – June 2015 we held lectures at seven schools and in June at the Department for Biology-Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences at Podgorica.

In June 2015 we had a promotion on TV Vijesti (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3rgx4cflFI&feature=youtu.be>).

All activities are published at site of NGO Natural History Association of Montenegro <http://drustvoprirodnjakacg.weebly.com/>

This is the third report of this project. We visited 17 potential locations ideal for European pond turtle at Podgorica, but we registered just at seven locations. This region is subjected to drought, so during the summer months some locations are without water. In most of these sites people often circulate, so it's full of disturbance, mostly fishermen with boats, so it is difficult to catch individuals if we notice them. In Zeta plain a lot of people do fishing, and some of them use illegal means, like electrofishing devices and nets. Although we have not identified any electrofishing devices, by talking with local people we have found out that this devices are used and that they kill a lot of animal in our waters.



Potential *Emys orbicularis* habitat