

## **Project Update: January 2015**

In 2014, we went on several field trips on order to find the common spadefoot toad, because this is the first time I (or anyone in my country) encounter. Those field trips were more than productive because:

- We managed to look for localities in western and central part of Posavina region, and found three big populations.
- We noticed what kind of equipment is highly necessary and what the best approach is.

Unfortunately in Bosnia and Herzegovina are no natural pond habitats (puddles) for common spadefoot toads, so they managed to adapt on variety of water bodies. Mainly, we found them by irrigation ditches and in the small ponds which are remains of the old river course (which most closely resembled to the puddles). Some access to habitats is also hard, and I did not include waste rubber boots, as it turns to be one of the necessary things. Also, because they live in presence of people and agriculture and there are many pesticides used for agriculture and chemicals for destruction of weeds, I think it is essential to also monitor the pH of water.