

## Project Update: May 2015

During the field surveys in March and April 2015, we patrolled through habitats potentially suitable for Bosnian adders, in the region of Srem: areas along the Sava River, and the Fruška Gora Mountain. The Bosnian adder was found in three new localities, and its presence was confirmed in the previously known places.

During this field research, we also noted threats present in these localities, of which the most obvious are deforestation and urbanisation, but also changes in use of certain portions of land. One of the serious problems is enclosing large areas of old forests into fenced hunting grounds, with high concentrations of game, especially of wild boar, which are known to possibly seriously affect herpetofauna, and the habitats changing or completely destroying the forest floor and the understory.

Along with field research, we gave several lectures/presentations: in the Faculty of Biology, University of Belgrade, but also in a kindergarten and in several elementary schools in areas where the Bosnian adders are present.

These activities were carried out by the members of the Serbian Herpetological Society “Milutin Radovanović”, with participation of the colleague from Montenegro (Montenegrin Ecologists Society).



Left: Bosnian adder habitat – Fruška gora. Right: Bosnian adder basking



Left: Bosnian adder measurements. Right: Lecture in primary school