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After receiving the grant, we printed leaflets, brochures and posters. In the last month and a half we conducted the field surveys in "Djerdap" National Park and in surroundings of Svilajnac. According to the plan we measured snakes, took tissue for DNA analyses and mapped the habitats. Along with field research we distributed questionnaires to local community in villages Gložane near Svilajnac and Golubinje in "Djerdap" National Park. After interviews we used to distribute leaflets and brochures among local people and to talk with local inhabitants about importance of nose horned viper and snakes in general. Most of people were interested to hear about it. Also, we noted that there is lot of prejudice about snakes as about a half of interviewed people have killed a snake in a past.

Apart from this activities we gave lectures in primary school "Vuk Karadžić" in Donji Milanovac (in "Djerdap" National Park) and in high school for foresters "Šumarska škola" in Kraljevo. We also distributed leaflets, brochures and posters in these two schools. The lecture in Kraljevo was organised with the help of NGO KAPD "Balkan" from Kraljevo. I also formed a Facebook page for our project on address: https://www.facebook.com/sacuvajmoposkoka/



Fig 1. Nose-horned viper after measurement

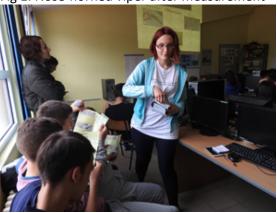


Fig 3. Project volunteer distributing leaflets.

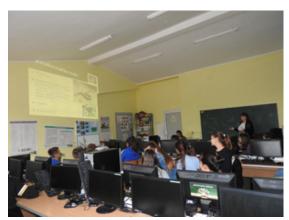


Fig 2. Lecture at primary school



Fig 4. Lecture at high school



Fig 5. Lecture at high school



Fig 6. Lecture at high school