

## Project Update: September 2017

May/June 2017

Spring aspect of fieldwork was conducted as planned. Students and rangers had the opportunity to apply field protocols. After preliminary check of data, it could be concluded that chamois population is stable in Durmitor National Park. Unfortunately, the situation in Prokletije National Park seems to be not promising. During this survey, high presence of poachers, fires and just few chamois were registered.

In order to present main threats and conservation measures for chamois population to the relevant institutions and organisations, a round table about importance of chamois and its habitats for protected areas (especially transboundary PAs) was held in Prokletije National Park with, IUCN representatives, presidents of municipalities, general director of all Montenegrin NPs, director of touristic organization, rangers, forest inspectors and 10 students.

August 2017

A GIS training for young biologists, who worked with an expert on methodology of geographical presentation of data and meeting basic knowledge about habitat modelling, was done.

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Currently, promotional material is in preparation (t-shirts for people who are involved in monitoring of chamois, educational material for wider public and Newsletter with more concrete information about status of chamois in Montenegro, which will be sent to all relevant governmental institutions).



Left: Balkan chamois, NP Durmitor. Photo by Mihailo Jovicevic. Right: Field work on chamois transects in NP Durmitor. Photo by Bato Janjic (Ranger).



Left: Discussion about chamois habitats with relevant institutions in NP Prokletije. Photo by Edin Jadadic. Right: Working on chamois habitat modelling. Photo by Marina Radonjic.