

Project Update: December 2016.

Since the project approval and fund transfer occurred by the middle of August 2016, the first fieldwork phase, originally intended to begin in July, will be rescheduled according to a new framework of activities. Specifically, instead of splitting the work into two phases (July – October 2016, April – June 2017.), fieldwork activities and work associated with them will be carried out from April to October 2017., maintaining the original goal of spending 7 months in the field and covering relevant periods in terms of *Cerambyx cerdo* adult activity.

On the other hand, the first promotional lecture, held at the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics in Banja Luka (Bosnia and Herzegovina), was held on November 19th 2016, with a great turnout of roughly 40 people, mostly biology and ecology students, the project's primary target audience. Additionally, as a part of NGO integration, team members established the first international link with Banja Luka's Center for Climate Research, important in terms of the effect of changing climate on the decline of *C. cerdo* tree hosts, as well as the alteration of the adult period of activity.

Finally, on December 15th 2016 in Belgrade, team members will participate in the first meetup of EcoHub, an association of young activists whose goals include raising awareness of our country's environmental issues, sustainable development and ecosystem restoration, with the event co-hosted by AlternAktiva, a group of activists concerned with ecological awareness and animal care. The event will deal with the topic of climate changes, providing an opportunity to discuss not only the impact on human society, but on the wider scope of biological community as well, expanding the conversation to current topics of conservation relevance in Serbia and how they are intertwined with the ideas the activist groups are passionate about.

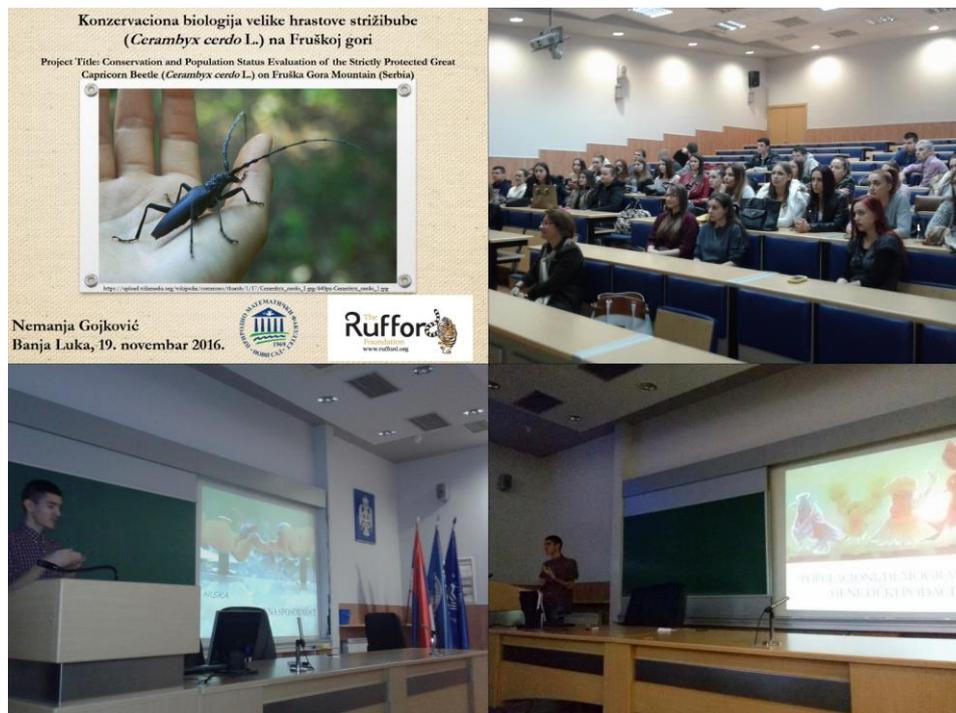


Figure 1. Photos from Banja Luka's promotional lecture.