

## Project Update: August 2017

As predicted by the project, in all four locations was done the spring counting of bears:

1. Locality Mountain Tisovac (44°35'31.88"N, 17°11'31.78"E) – two adults and one young;
2. Locality Mountain Vlašić (44°23'56.98"N, 17 ° 31'38.63"E) – five adults and four young;
3. Locality Mountain Lisa (44°20'55.84"N, 17 ° 4'44.64"E) – three adults and two young;
4. Locality Mountain Kozara (45°1'7.28"N, 16°55'39.29"E) – there was no presence.

A total of 10 adults and seven young individuals were registered in the spring count.

In the work so far (from 1st November 2016 to 1st July 2017), works on the first two sites (Tisovac and Vlašić Mountains) have been completed. A total of 12 photo-traps were set up to help locate bears. In these localities were established five transects where they also collected samples of feces. On these sites are registered and 3 sculling. In all three cases, bears have caused damage to domestic animals and bees. Bears were culled in legal hunting (two males and one female).

Also one killing of bear were happening at July 25th 2017 in the vicinity of Banja Luka (the capital of the Republic of Srpska entity) - in the village Rekavica, where the bear caused damage. Even a reported attack on a man! However, as there was no medical examination of this person, and no evidence of injuries (except for small cuts on the shirt of the person), I am of the opinion that no such attack has occurred. I consider that the reason for this reporting was to make a quicker and easier obtaining extraordinary cull. In this case it was killed female bear, who had two young beside her (for now that two young bears stayed at that location). From these female bear samples were taken for DNA analysis and a tooth for age determination.

