

Project Update: May 2017

Field work was realised in the vicinity of the selected localities: Banja Luka, Šipovo, Kneževo and Jezero (North West Bosnia and Herzegovina). All equipment and accessories required for field work was purchased, as provided.

Freshwater snails (Gastropoda: Hydrobiidae, Moitessieriidae) were collected from springs and downstream and preserved in 96% ethanol. Determination of snails is in progress.

Water temperature, pH values, conductivity and oxygen concentration were measured in the field. All finding spots were recorded using a GPS device. Substrate types were determined and categorised based on coverage.

The cooperation was established with Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural and Natural Heritage. It has been suggested that the species that are the subject of this project should be strictly protected and included into the regulation on strictly protected and protected species.

It has started with preparation concepts of educational materials and presentations in collaboration with biology teachers in primary and secondary schools.



Left: Field work on river. Right: Sampling in the spring.