

Project Update: November 2017

Field work and determination of collected snails has been completed. Identification of snails has been confirmed by specialists who discovered and described three of these four species of snails. There are no new findings of *Bosnidilhia vreloana*. Representatives of genus *Islamia*, and individuals of species *Belgrandiella bozidarcucici* were found on few new localities. *Belgrandiella bozidarcucici* has higher population density and inhabit only springs of Vrbas river basin.

Individuals of *Graziana vrbasensis* was not found even in springs where this species probably has been collected when has been described as a new taxon for science about three decades ago. One of probable reasons is degradation of spring biotope.



This research was promoted with educational material (brochures, t-shirts and posters) presenting the biology of these species and its specific habitats and the importance of their conservation. All target groups that were provided (schools, faculty, NGOs, museums, tourist organizations and local people) were covered with educational material. Lectures were organised for pupils of primary and secondary schools as well as for faculty students. A wider scientific community was informed with this research at the "7th International Symposium of Ecologists of Montenegro - ISEM 7".

