

Project Update: September 2017

The field part of the project is finished. We have found and examined a number of populations of the plant species of our interest. For example, we have found more than 20 populations of *Listera convallarioides* and *Ranunculus bongardii* all over the island.

As an additional result we have found about 10 new plant species for the Medny Island. But most of them are from "difficult" taxonomic groups so our findings need to be checked by the specialists.

We established contact with the Kamchatka Regional Sailing Federation and rented the yacht *Emma* (captain Sergey Smirnov) to transfer us to the Medny Island and back again. During those trips we have given for the crew an informal lecture about the points of our project and the conservation of species in general.

We also took to the expedition a student Maria Ivanova as a volunteer.

Now we are processing collected materials.



View on the Korabelnaya bay and the cape Korabelny from the cape Gladky; central part of the island.



Our team and the crew of the yacht *Emma* on the shore of the Preobrazhenskaya bay; northern part of the Island. Photo by Nikita Tikhomirov



Flower and fruit of *Ranunculus bongardii* – one of the species of our interest; central part of the Island.



Nikita Tikhomirov is collecting plants for further determination.