

Project Update: May 2018

As foreseen by the project plan, the interviews were conducted with 51 organisations (hunting and forestry organisations and national and nature parks) from 11th to 15th September and 20th to 28th October 2017. The presence of lynx has been confirmed by 29 organisations. By comparing these results with known data (Chapron et al. 2016), it can be seen that the number of lynx is slightly increasing (28.57%), the poaching has decreased by about 27.30%, but its distribution range has been reduced (for 11.61%). All organisations confirmed the mandatory need for the creation of Lynx Management Plan. These results were published at the 27th Rufford Small Grants Conference "From Mountains to Deep Seas. Research & Conservation Beyond Boundaries", from February 3rd to 6th 2018 in Bar, Montenegro.

Since the beginning of the project, photo traps were placed on the mountains Uzlomac and Ježica. In addition to verbal testimonies, which confirmed during the interviews, the presence of lynx in the field has not yet been verified. If this field result remains until the end of the project period, this suggests that all the results obtained by interviewing organisations (which confirmed the presence of lynx in their area of management) should be checked on the field.



Left: Setting up photo trap. Right: Interviewing a hunting organisation.