

Project Update: October 2017

During the last month we have conducted two field surveys in Svilajnac surroundings and Krupanj surroundings. Because of the bad weather conditions we had conducted only first half of planned survey in Krupanj surroundings (4 days). The second part of the survey is scheduled for the next season. According to the plan we measured snakes, took bucal swabs for parasite analyses and mapped the habitats. Along with field research we distributed questionnaires to local community in villages and we have also reconnected with some members of local community from the last year. We have noticed some minor change in their perception of vipers as they showed in our conversations that at least they are aware of benefits that the snakes could provide to humans. After interviews we used to distribute leaflets and brochures among local people and to talk with local inhabitants about importance of nose horned viper and snakes in general and most of them engaged in conversations with us. In Krupanj we started conducting investigations about venom markets and trade patterns but we had to stop because of the weather and therefore we are going to conduct more detailed work in our survey in the next season.

We have also printed new versions of leaflets, brochures and posters.

Link to the video on the project's You Tube page:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sTWh_seXbqs&feature=youtu.be



Female nose-horned viper



Interviewing and engaging with local villagers in Svilajnac surroundings



Newborn nose-horned viper



Juvenile nose-horned viper