

Project Update: December 2018

The team has continued to work on the field and gather data. Since the best months for gathering data are October, November, December and January the team focus has mostly been catching fish and measuring them. The water level was the lowest we had in autumn-winter time in recorded history. Since the last time we caught 31 fish from which 27 were from the area of canyon and Bosanska Krupa and only four were caught in the area around the cities of Novi Grad and Kostajnica.

Second part of our work took place in the area that was declared protected and a special management took place. With our knowledge, dedication and talks with the politicians from the municipality of Novi Grad we managed to get a 1,9 km no go zone for fishing inside the city of Novi Grad. That zone will permanently stay closed for any kind of fishing so for us its one big win for conservation of the Danube salmon in this part of Una river.

One of our aims in conservation was an invite from Riverwatch and Euronatur to participate in the "First European Rivers Summit" held in Sarajevo from 27th to 29th September. More than 250 people from over 30 countries were involved. The summit's main goal is to stop this huge wave of small scaled hydro projects on the last wild rivers inside Europe (the Balkan rivers). More than 2700 hydro projects are planned for the Balkan rivers (two on Una upper part). We took part in presenting our work and how the negative influence of dams would present itself to the *Hucho hucho* populations inside Una River. We think that this was a great way to spread our work which is for most people unique and amazing.

Our new webpage is under heavy construction and the plan is to be on at the beginning of March!



Left: Presentation about the fish species that would go extinct if all dams that are planned get built. Right: Presenting our work and the possible negative impacts of dams to Hucho populations inside Una River.



Top: Presenting our work and the possible negative impacts of dams to Hucho populations inside Una River. Bottom: The equipment we bought is already coming in handy for harsh weather conditions.