

Project Update: January 2019

From October to December 2018, we were working on literature data. We have sorted and analysed our results for plants collected so far. We have also made leaflets.

While making them we realised that it is good to make two types of leaflets. The second type will be made in the second half of the project with more results from the field. We have also conducted presentations in some high schools and we plan to continue these in February 2019. Before presenting our work we gave pupils a survey form that generated the following results:

- 100% have never heard of the Rufford Foundation,
- 40% did not know that *Galanthus nivalis* L. is endangered species in Vrbas canyon.
- 80% knew what is a relict species.
- 70% have never heard of the IUCN categories.
- 70% confirmed that their local community is not well informed about real ecological state in Vrbas canyon.



After our presentation we gave pupils another survey in order to see an impact of our presentation with the following results:

- 100% knew that Rufford supports projects in developing countries.
- 100% knew that *Galanthus nivalis* L. is an endangered species in Vrbas canyon.
- 90% knew what is a relict species,
- 100% marked Vrbas canyon as refugium habitat.
- 100% concluded that one of the goals of this project is to introduce local community to endangered and vulnerable plant species from Vrbas canyon and with importance of preservation of these species.

Based on these results we can already see some influence that we made with our project and presentation on pupil knowledge and ecological awareness.

At the end of our presentation we have given t-shirts with Rufford logo to pupils. We have used herbarium material in our presentation as planned. While having presentation we took some photographs, but we deliberately avoided pupil's faces because they are all minor age.



Left: Presentation in high school, Renata Ališić Vujčić talking about project. Right: Presentation in high school, Tanja Marić talking about project.



T shirt with Rufford logo for promotion.