

Project Update: July 2018

Our second field session has been successfully made in all three Ramsar sites, Gornje podunavlje, Zasavica and Labudovo okno. July 2018 was very rainy but that didn't hinder us to visit all selected localities and monitor water bodies where we have found stoneworts in the last month's field session, and also search for the new potential habitats.

Material collected in June 2018 was successfully identified, and final score is: Gornje podunavlje six stonewort species, Zasavica five stonewort species and Labudovo okno three stonewort species. This month's preliminary survey showed that our monitoring plan is more than justified, since we have revealed the presence of new species, and disappearance of others at the same localities, which is valuable information on species ecology and succession. This month's highlight is the discovery of the one stonewort species in Gornje Podunavlje for first time in the Balkans, a very remarkable and unexpected achievement.

On our way we have visited a few localities out of our project range, but the results were magnificent; we found stoneworts in each of these places, and these localities are already drawn on our maps, to be monitored.

Once more, we had very good cooperation with the protected area managers in each area, they showed interest in helping us to conduct our surveys and promote our results.





Gornje podunavlje field session July 2018.





Zasavica field session July 2018.





Labudovo okno field session July 2018.