Project Update: December 2019

In August 2019, first step was designed a unique project logo (Fig.1). The green lizard (*Lacerta viridis*) is shown on the logo. We hope this logo will help bring people to this project.



Project logo

Also, we prepared promotional and educational material (500 brochures, 150 t-shirts and 100 stickers). The t-shirts and stickers show the project logo (Fig.2).



Promotional and educational material (brochures, T-shirts and stickers)

All brochures were made for local people (Fig.3). There is general information about the southern bug eco-corridor in the steppe zone of Ukraine. Also, there are photos of all species of reptiles that inhabit this territory and brief information about each. These brochures will help local people better understand the local herpetofauna.



Brochures of our project about local herpetofauna.

In September 2019, we were able to survey the territories of the Southern Bug Valley of the Buzy Gard National Park in the areas of Mygiya, Yuzhnoukrainsk, Bogdanivka, Lviv (Fig.4). Of course, this period is not very favorable for the study of reptiles, because their activity is no longer high. But we still managed to identify numerous populations of the green lizard (*Lacerta viridis*) listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine and single individuals of the European pond turtle (*Emys orbicularis*) listed in resolution 6 of the Berne Convention and also included in the ICC Red List. Also, in the area of the Southern Bug Valley, we have quite often recorded the dice snake (*Natrix tessellata*) and the grass snake (*Natrix natrix*).



Photos during the expedition in October 2019 in the territories of the Southern Bug Valley of the Buzy Gard National Park.