

## **Project Update: August 2021**

We are very pleased to inform you that our second Rufford Small Grant project entitled "Research of critically endangered species of European eel in Skadar Lake in Montenegro" is being carried out successfully according to plan and program.

### **From June 2021 to August 2021, the following activities were carried out:**

- From June to August 2021, we took advantage of favorable weather conditions, completed a large amount of fieldwork, and collected promising data for research.
- During this period, the most important thing for us is that we have established excellent cooperation with the new director of the Skadar Lake National Park, Mr Aleksandar Bulatović. During our meeting, the director promised us full support and assistance in further research in front of the Skadar Lake National Park, both in the form of additional personnel in the future fields and in the form of disposing of their technical and professional service.
- We managed to find new locations that are very interesting for the research, thanks to the will of the locals to meet us and help with data collection.
- Our research has gained the interest of local media, from which we expect to support in further dissemination of data relevant to the general public. The public about the ban on its fishing and the importance of this species is most needed then, so this type of cooperation is also very important for the project.
- Due to the favourable weather conditions, we started recording video material on the Skadar Lake and making an educational video that we will be able to present during our guest appearance on television.
- During the fieldwork, we were able to do a gastric lavage for a certain larger individual to collect data on its diet. The collected material was taken to the laboratory at the Faculty of Biology in Podgorica for further research.

**Cooperation with the new director of National Park Skadar Lake:**



Fieldwork:









