

**Project Update: October 2019**

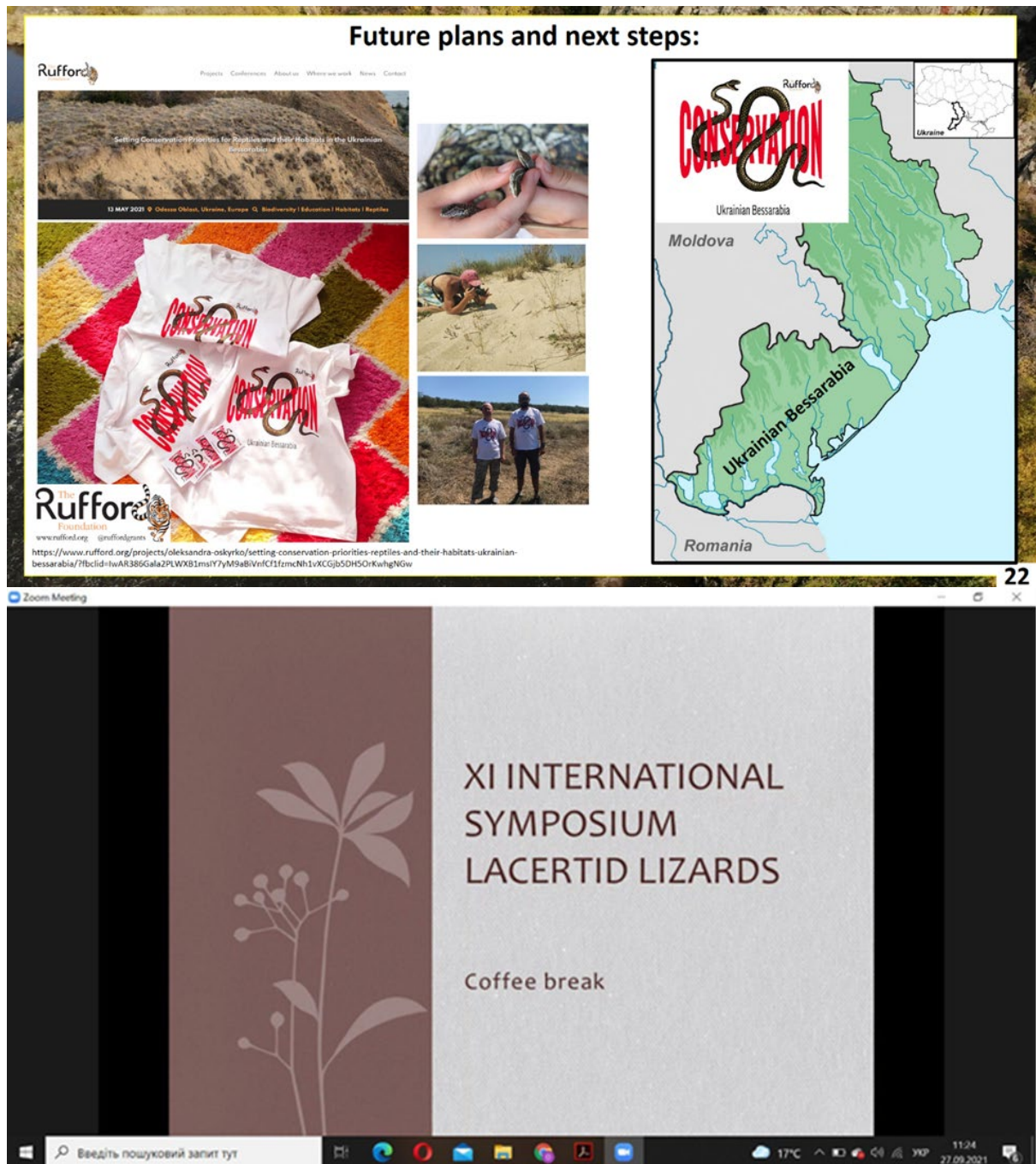
### **Educational activities**

From June-July 2021, the first step was to modify the logo for the second project. The Caspian whipsnake (*Dolichophis caspius*) is shown on the logo. Also, we prepared t-shirts and stickers with a new logo. The logo, stickers and t-shirts aroused great interest among people on social networks.



**The logo, stickers and T-shirts our project**

We presented the results of the previous project as well as the first steps and results of the current project at the online conference XI International Symposium on Mediterranean Lacertid Lizards (27-28 September 2021). We received a lot of positive feedback and useful comments for the project. We also published an abstract about results of a previous Rufford Small Grant.



**Screenshot of the conference XI International Symposium on Mediterranean Lacertid Lizards (27-28 September 2021)**

Our team also actively disseminated media information. We talked about the rules of behaviour with snakes, gave recommendations to people, talked about invasive species of reptiles and their impact on the environment.

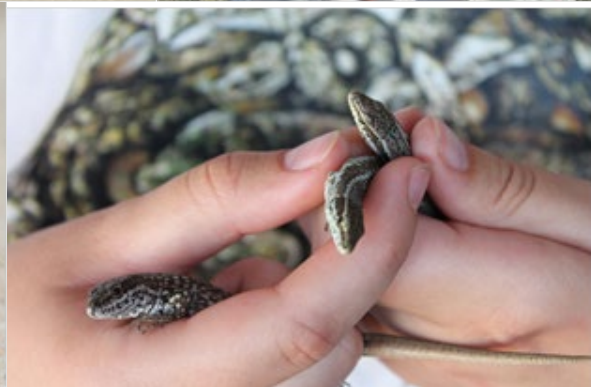




### ***Our educational activities in the media***

#### **Research activities**

From June to September 2021 we organised expeditions in Ukrainian Bessarabia. We focused most of our attention on the areas near the sea and also in the least researched areas. We visited the territories of Tuzla Lagoons National Nature Park, Danube Biosphere Reserve and Lower Dniester National Nature Park. We also got new data on invasive reptile species for this area. To date, we have collected <300 reptile points in the territories of the Ukrainian Bessarabia.



**Photos during the expeditions from June to September 2021**