

Project Update: October 2011

Thirty rivers of Novgorod region were explored. Unfortunately, only one pearl mussel population was rediscovered. The replacement of pearl mussel for other bivalve species was noted. The reasons of such a change are being analysed. Abundant data were collected.

The presentation of results for local public was started. From 18-19 November 2011, two reports were presented in the local conference devoted to the field studies in Novgorod region (with indication of the Rufford Small Grants Foundation assistance). The conference was organised in Valday city by the Directorate of protected areas of Novgorod and Valday National park. Scientists, schoolchildren, school teachers, amateurs, representatives of administration participated.