

Project Update: December 2010

A 20-minute long educational and promotional film was made about the subterranean fauna and freshwater supplies. The film was broadcast on the local TV station 4 Rivers. Some parts of the film were shown on the national TV station in a mosaic show on three occasions. After educational workshops in October 2009 held in local primary and secondary schools, the film was distributed to the foregoing and some other schools (15 in total) and presented to pupils in September 2010. The film can be downloaded from the following web site: http://www.hbsd.hr/Spuzva/Edukacija_eng.html.

The field research data were collected and all laboratory research results were finished. A list was composed of all references and field data, which represents an important scientific basis for the proposal of the Ogulin Plaški Region as a Natura 2000 site.

The web page (http://www.hbsd.hr/Spuzva/index_eng.html) on the conservation of the entire region, including the Ogulin cave sponge as an “umbrella species”, was made. The "Ogulin cave sponge" mascot, as a proposal for the Ogulin Plaški region trademark, was designed.



Left: Preparing the educational film during workshop in Tounj Regional School of Josipdol Primary School. ©H. Cvitanović. Right: The olm, the only subterranean vertebrate in Europe, protected under the EU Habitats Directive, Ogulin. ©J. Bedek