

## Project Update: May 2021

With great pleasure, we would like to inform you that our 2nd Rufford Small Grant project titled "Research of a critically endangered species of European eel in Skadar Lake in Montenegro" has been successfully started.

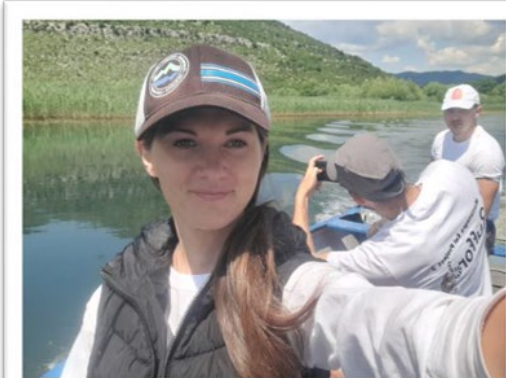
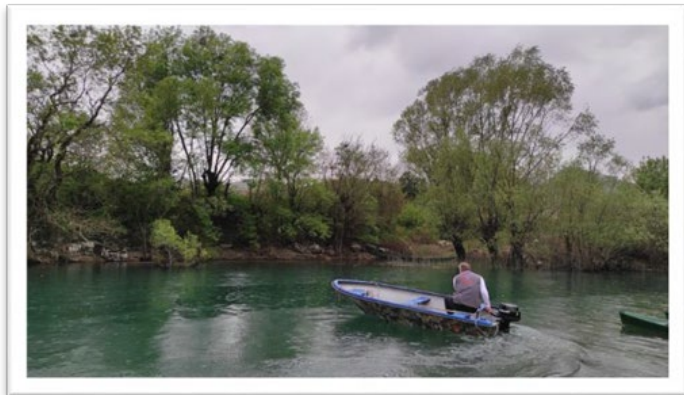
### From March to May 2021, the following activities were carried out:

- During March 2021, the planned field equipment as well as the necessary research permits were collected.
- Cooperation has been established with Skadar Lake National Park, with the head of the service Drazen Ivanovic, with whom we are in constant contact when going on the fieldwork and also with the Environmental Protection Agency, from which we received permits for scientific research on Skadar Lake.
- T-shirts for the project with logos (Rufford Foundation, Environmental Center "Green Center", Environmental Protection Agency, Skadar Lake National Park, and the logo of our MNE eel) are designed so that the project is better identified and presented to the public
- During March and April 2021, the weather conditions changed frequently (sunny and rainy), but without more abundant precipitation, so we managed to do the planned terrain and collect interesting data concerning the rainy period.
- During May 2021, the weather conditions were constantly favourable and sunny, so we had a larger number of newly visited locations.
- When visiting locations on Skadar Lake, we were able to establish cooperation with the local population from whom we received logistical assistance from the site, while we received support from local fishermen as in the previous project, and with their many years of experience, we used different types of eel traps (rectangular long with openings on the sides, then short oval with one opening and one pair of wings) and thus increased the chance of sampling individuals from different locations, especially in those more difficult locations due to difficult to access due to high emerged and submerged plants and flotant macrophytes and reed plants, which otherwise represent the ideal habitats of the studied species of eel.

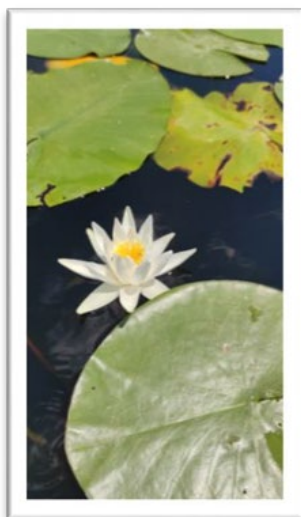


Project T-shirts

## Our Team members and fishermen



## Field work area: Malo Blato – Skadar Lake







## Fieldwork







