

Project Update: June 2013

On 21st June 2013 we began the fieldwork stage of the project “Spiders and sands”. We organised the first field trip to the Deliblato sand to start with inventory work and data gathering as critical first element in developing a conservation strategy.

The pitfall traps were placed in several habitats:

- Little *Juniperus virginiana* wood ; a very unique site, planted of course, but more than 100 years old
- Open sand; this is characteristic sandy place, original, with bushy surroundings
- Deciduous wood (*Quercus-Tilia*) natural fragmented wood, on the highest peak of the Deliblato sand.

After placing the traps other collecting techniques were applied (sweeping, beating). In some time, officer of The Special Nature Reserve “Deliblato Sands” came to see our progress and to serve us the official letter of approval and support of the directorate of the Nature Reserve for our project.

