

Project Update: June 2014

During the whole time of the project Spider and Sands, we try to do some training activities – sharing knowledge with desire to increase the number of people involved in arachnology. Several students were involved in all phases of the project, but only one stayed until the very end, and get the clear idea how to organise similar projects in another protected area. He becomes our new team member. This should contribute to an accumulation of data necessary for better conservation and/or management strategies in Serbia.



Photo 1 and 2. A student learning how to make a roof for the trap and how to clean the material

At the beginning of this year the results of this research were accepted by the organisers committee of the 28th European Congress of Arachnology (Torino, Italia) in September 2014 in section of biogeography. It will be presented as poster presentation, but after that it will be publish in some arachnological journal. This will contribute the Serbian biodiversity database as well as 'Fauna Europea'.

Through lectures in schools and promotion of spiders at Educons University, it looks like this group of animals becomes better appreciated among different social groups. We get invitations to come again, and to make some more workshops next year.



Photo 3 and 4. Presentation of spiders to schoolchildren and a little workshop