

## Project Update: October 2017

Four months have passed and we think it is the best time to update our project and work that team did in this time:

Our project and field work continued through the June, July, August and September 2017. This summer months on Una have seen the worst drought in the last 120 years and with it came the problems with fish species in Una. Most of the fish species including Danube salmon reduced feeding and it was really hard to find and catch the specimens on our fishing expeditions. In total we did 16 expeditions with only one fish caught. During this period we got a lot of data that other populations of Danube salmon in other rivers were in serious problem with hypoxia and we received photos of many dead fish. In Una we had no problems like that because of the Una's specific morphology which gives the river up to 10 times more oxygen dissolved than in other rivers.



This summer our conservation effort turned to the Una as specific habitat for fish and plants. The government plans to open a new protected area which will cover all of our research area for Danube salmon and the species that it depends on, so we find it to be a big step to conservation of the species and its specific habitat. Our team is helping the government with the data we gathered so far.

During this period we also received invite for our footage to be used in the "Una The One" conservation movie and also I was invited to talk about the fish species and Danube salmon which will boost our conservation efforts.



On 29th September 2017 in Banski Dvor, Banja Luka, we held a lectures during European Researchers Night about the Danube salmon and our project and were sharing flyers to people. We plan to continue with our conservation efforts and will held another lectures as soon as movie goes out and will share more flyers and t shirts.

We still wait for the approval to put an info table in the walking area and as soon it is fixed with the local community the info table will be placed.