

Project Update: March 2019

As planned in the beginning we conducted visual identity preparation starting with the logo (designed by Djordje Vukojević). T-shirts were designed by Djorde Vukojević and me and distributed to the team members and volunteers who participated in further project activities.



T-shirt and logo of the project, design by @Djordje Vukojević

The project Website was established and it is constantly updated with new data, the website address is: <http://dragonflies.bddsp.org.rs/>

Field activities and research were conducted with success, even though we had troubles with weather conditions and not everything went exactly as planned. The exuviae have been collected during the fieldtrips and prepared for the entomological collection. The data from the fieldtrips are gathered and uploaded to the online Biologer database (the database is available at: <https://biologer.org/>). The amount of gathered data exceeded our expectations. Our old data is being assessed at the moment and updated to the database by our volunteers.

Alongside the fieldtrips and research activities we have done a lot of work on promotion and education activities. The interest of the public also exceeded our expectations and a lot of volunteers joined our team! We distributed the t-shirts to the interested locals as well to motivate them to take part and get to know the dragonflies of Serbia. The promotional activities were conducted in the city of Niš at the Faculty of Science and Mathematics and at the "Deli" exhibition center, but at several research camps:

We would like to emphasise our promotional activities at the research camps:

- in the village of Temska - international research camp in collaboration with several biological and research societies;
- in the village of Crni Vrh – the research camp in collaboration with biological society “Dr Sava Petrović” where we organised lectures about dragonfly biology and ecology, methods for their non-invasive assessment and their conservation and;
- in the “Slapovi Sopotnice” protected area – this fieldwork was conducted in collaboration with the project “Hidden Corners of Serbia” where we joined forces and discussed further collaboration on promotion and education within the topic of freshwater fauna conservation.

We also took part at the Rufford Small Grants Conference “Explore and protect the natural beauty of Balkans”, at Silver Lake, Serbia, where I held the presentation about our project activities and goals.

During the field activities, we established collaboration with the Institute for Nature protection in Serbia, which was not planned at the beginning. The Institute recognised our ideas and goals and we are now discussing possible cooperation in the future.

At the moment we are working on the preparation of the Dragonfly Field Guide, which is going to contain all interesting and important info about the dragonflies in Serbia for the future enthusiasts to understand better this beauty above water surface.

Education and promotion



Presentation at the Rufford Conference by Aca Đurđević – project coordinator.
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Lectures at the research camp "Crni vrh" with the members of BDDSP. ©Danilo Penić.

Fieldwork activities



Field research at the Stara Planina Mountain. ©Vladana Vidanović.



Team members resting by the river of Svrljiški Timok after hard fieldwork. ©Vladana Vidanović.



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