

Project Update: November 2013

Ornithological researches have been continued and databases, out of which all the bases for the indicated locations had been preliminary, have been finished. Valley of the Bosna River contains 183 bird species which represents a very high number of avifauna when it comes to water habitats in Bosnia and Herzegovina. An initiative for legal protection of Tišina swamp has been sent to Institute for Nature Protection of the Republic of Srpska. On Kozara Mountain, in collaboration with the National Park, nest boxes for owls and woodpeckers have been set, which represent the first such conservation project in Republic of Srpska and it is of great significance. In the valley of the Bosna River, meetings with fishermen associations have been held regarding the improvement of the protection of great cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*). It has been done more than planned. The database on bird species endangering factors has been made as well as inventory of illegal dumps and assessment of their composition. We have visited schools in the valley of the Bosna River and distributed educational materials and birdhouses to pupils. Three info boards for promotion of eco-tourism through birdwatching have been made. Some of the data have been sent to magazines and published as scientific papers in order to inform the scientific public.



Left: Placing nestboxes. ©Danijela Zelenkovic. Right: Visiting schools. ©Jovica Sjenicic.



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