## **Project Update: February 2014**

In order to increase our knowledge of distribution, habitat and populations of threatened dragonfly species in 2013 we focused our field research to the Herzegovina region.

The surveys resulted with many new localities of rare and threatened Odonata species and species of European conservation concern. Field investigations of the populations of target species were conducted at several important areas, with focus on the Trebižat River valley, Hutovo blato wetland and karst poljes: Dabarsko polje, Fatničko polje, Popovo polje, Nevesinjsko polje. Several target species were found to have a high population density in the Trebižat catchment area, Dabarsko and Fatničko polje.

Towards the end of the project we intend to work with nature conservation institutions and stakeholders in the country in order to establish or improve the conservation of key dragonfly habitats in the region. Main focus of our work in 2014 will be data analysis, promotion and conservation activities.



Caliaeschna microstigma larvae found under tufa cascades at Ljubuško karst polje