

Project Update: September 2014

In September 2014 we organised seminars and field trips in Borjomi district according to our project schedule. We visited public school in Tsagveri, where study pupils from six villages: Daba, Tsagveri, Tba, Tsemi, Mzetamze and Timotesubani. The pupils from 7 to 12 classes were given two presentations about the importance of ants generally and *Formica aquilonia* and *Harpagoxenus sublaevis* as good bioindicators as well. We also made presentations at public schools in Bakuriani and Borjomi. Major topics were relationship between butterflies (*Phengaris alcon* and *Ph. Arion*) and ants (*Myrmica*), their importance for assessment of ecological conditions and education of new generation about weakening of anthropogenic influence on the threatened species in Borjomi district and generally in nature. After the seminars motivated pupils were taken to the field excursions. It should be mentioned, that such events increases motivation and interest of pupils to the disciplines such as zoology, botany, entomology, which are not very popular in Georgia nowadays.



Presentation in Tsagveri public school & Presentation in Tsagveri



Presentation in Bakuriani & During the presentation



Field work & During the field work



Ants collecting & Field work in Bakuriani