

Project Update: June 2014

The lecture entitled “Research, conservation and promotion of the endemic Balkan rock lizards (*Dinarolacerta* spp.) in Montenegro” was given at Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences – Department for Biology in Podgorica on May 13th 2014 according to the planned project activities. The lecturer, Katarina Ljubisavljević, introduced herpetofaunal diversity in Montenegro, general characteristics, ecology and threatening factors of *Dinarolacerta* lizards and their current protection status. The importance of continuing research was emphasised in order to get the baseline information for long-term monitoring of the species population status and their habitats and planning of further conservation measures. The students are invited to join the project team during the field work. Besides the high attendance, the students were very interested in hearing more about data collection in the field, ecology of lizards and shortcomings in legislative protection of *D. montenegrina* and its habitat.

