

Project Update: October 2015

We were very active from July-October 2015. After unsuccessful start we found our first karst viper on the Zelengora Mountain this year in July 2015. We went there four times and altogether we marked and measured 34 specimens of *Vipera ursinii macrops* and 19 specimens of *Vipera berus* and we found 12 species of herpetofauna. We also visited eight localities where ecological niche model indicated like areas where vipers could be found. We hoped that we will expand karst viper distribution in B&H but we were able to confirm it on just one locality. Other localities will still be the mystery but we aren't quitting yet. It is known that sometimes if the karst viper populations are small, the habitat and weather conditions aren't ideal you need even 15 times to go on that area to find them. After intensive fieldwork we are continuing with educational activities on the project.

