

Project Update: June 2016

Our paper dealing with habitat requirements and conservation issues of *Dinarolacerta* lizards funded by the Rufford Foundation has been accepted for publication in the international herpetological journal "Salamandra". The paper is entitled "Habitat use of endemic Balkan rock lizards (*Dinarolacerta* spp.)", and we expect that it will be published by the end of 2016.

The project team conducted fieldwork on Orjen Mt during June 2016 in order to check distribution, determine population parameters, habitat selection, activity patterns, the presence of predators and competitors, floristic composition of the habitat and potential threats to *Dinarolacerta mosorensis*. Visual transects have been undertaken and collected data will be statistically analysed. Also, it was recorded that some parts of whitebark pine forests have been destroyed by fires. We spoke with local people to learn about their experience and knowledge about reptiles and to discuss with them some conservation issues.



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