

## Project Update: July 2017

We have completed the field session in Pčinja River Valley for 2017. Although we had a 4-year-long gap in CMR studies at this locality, of the overall number of captured individuals in this session, 35% were already marked. The locality is known as one of two in Serbia where *Testudo graeca* occurs. We had luck to find one *T. graeca* among 100 Hermann's tortoises! Interestingly, only on *T. graeca* we have found ectoparasites. The ticks were collected for further analysis.

In this field session we had three biology students involved, two undergraduates and one PhD student. This was their first experience working with tortoises and on population studies. They provided great help at the field! Thanks guys!

During August 2017 we plan to visit populations in Trstenik (out of scope of research since 2011) and Ludaš Lake. In the meantime, promotional t-shirts were printed (Photos 1, 2 and 3).

