Project Update: May 2017

During April and May 2017 we have studied mortality of amphibians on the 68 road sections of Lviv province - 39 of them were studied twice or more during this period. The preliminary results point out the mortality of eight species of amphibians on the 45 road sections (936 specimens of amphibians were found dead in total). The most common species among the victims is *Bufo bufo* (861 specimens on 42 road sections), with 92% of the total recorded.

In parallel, we have studied the seasonal dynamics of amphibian mortality on the model road section since March 2017. We have had 219 dead specimens of four amphibian species already. Week by week their number is growing. About 80% of the victims are *Bufo bufo*. We also recorded some outbreaks in the number of dead amphibians on the model section. The outbreaks agree closely with the time of amphibian spring migrations.



Left: Filling in data sheets. Right: Great Crested Newt (*Triturus cristatus*) crushed by vehicles on the road surface.