

Project Update: May 2017

The initiation of the project activities entailed presentations in front of biology students and the dissemination of such information via social media. At the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics in Skopje, Macedonia and Belgrade University in Belgrade, Serbia the scopes of the project were presented and new local biology and conservation potentials were invited to take part in the field and data analyses.

Two students from Belgrade University had the opportunity to take part during the first visit of the study sites during the first 10 days of May. We processed more than 700 tortoises during which the students had the opportunity to witness how productive a well set up system can be. Having basic knowledge on the biology and ecology of the Hermann's tortoise along with the main threats it is facing they could first handedly acknowledge the irreplaceable conservation relevance of such studies.



Left: Presenting the scopes of the project in front of biology students. Right: Implementing capture-mark-recapture methodologies on the Hermann's tortoise on Golem Grad Island, Macedonia.