

Project Update: August 2017

Project goals in the first 5 months are focused on preparation of bear captures and collaring including ordering collars from Germany (Vectronic Aerospace, Berlin, Germany) and preparing and organising food supply. Corn and livestock carcasses have been offered on a regular basis at two feeding sites at Jadovnik Mountain. Collars were produced at the beginning of June 2017 and delivered to our team during the second part of the same month. Upon reception of the collars, two visits to feeding sites were organised.

Information about bear presence is crucial for logistics of trapping. The monitoring of bear presence at the feeding sites was conducted with surveillance cameras. According to camera recordings, at least two different animals were present at feeding sites during the spring. During the summer period there were only occasional recordings of bear presence at the sites, which could be explained by food availability in the forest (berries, plants, oak and beech nuts, insect larvae, etc.). Since the 2000s, the bear in Serbia was more intensively present at the feeding site at Jadovnik Mountain. It is expected that the bear will be present at regular basis (daily) at these feeding sites in September 2017.

Therefore September is the best month targeted for capturing and collaring bears.

