

Project Update: April 2018

Report for period October-December 2017 and spring photo exhibition

Education activities:

During the last three months in 2017 we organised lectures/educations for our target groups. We choose at the first mountain climbing members from central Sumadia region. The aim of these lectures was raising of the knowledge about steppe vegetation, with accent on endangered, endemic or rare species and promotion of its conservation. Participants were familiar with locations and the most important species on these localities, as well as what is their roll in protection. We conducted five presentations.



Left: Education in primary school "Milutin i Draginja Todorovic" for school children, members of mountain climbing society. **Right:** Education for older members of mountain climbing society, held in congress hall of primary school. Both presentations was prepared by Ana Ostojic.

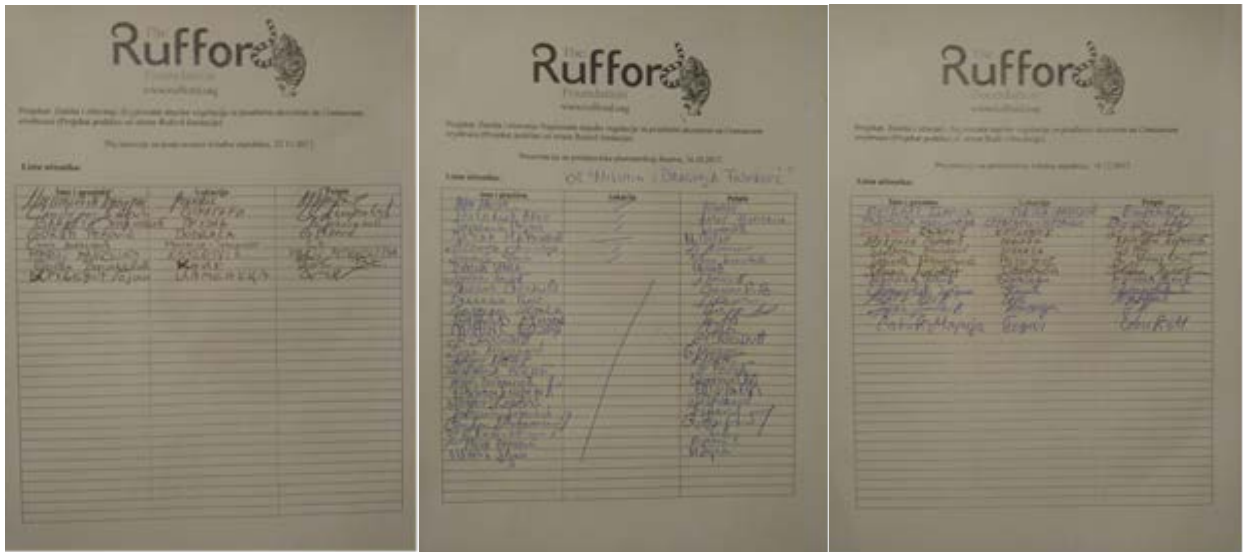
Next education presentation was held for local community members (local authorities, local societies, school children, and women) in selected sites as very important segment for long lasting protection impact. We chose local important persons for village's municipalities where we implemented our research. They were familiar with our project and activities we conducted in previous period. Also, we put all efforts to explain recognition of species of our interest and importance of their protection, as well as their roll in nature protection and importance of these kinds of sites.

Both presentations, for mountain society and authorities were very similar, but adopted to target group and level of understanding of issue.



Left: Education for village's authorities in local culture home. **Right:** Education of woman who collecting medicinal and aromatic plants

After presentation, we conducted evaluation process. In general, all participants were very satisfied with education and they highlighted that these kinds of lectures should be often. Also, they estimate educators with high mark.



List of participants.

Photo exhibition:

Photo exhibition was held during the December 2017. Photos of different plants and landscapes from our fieldwork were representing at village of Ramaca, one of research sites, in culture home and as mobile exhibition in several other sites.

