

Project Update: December 2018

The field season was overall successful but we didn't record any new species for the country this time (and I was hoping we would). The knowledge on the target species is on the rise. You can take a look on the Freyer's purple emperor article prepared by Ivan Tot: <http://wildbalkans.com/en/potruga-za-panonskim-prelivcem>. However, some of our quests were not that successful. Aca Đurđević' team was not able to record Apollo butterfly in eastern Serbia and I am afraid this species is slowly becoming extinct. Also, my quest for the Danube clouded yellow was not able to confirm this species in Serbia, but you can see how it went from this article: <http://wildbalkans.com/en/rumeni-zutac-u-srbiji>. It is interesting that we got a chance to work together with people from Romania and Hungary, through joint activities from several conservation projects (i.e. population study on the Danube clouded yellow and conservation of wetland areas – SweM-PaL project). Also, it happened that one of my project referees, Rudi Verovnik from the University of Ljubljana, spent 3 months in Serbia and we did a lot of field surveys together.

To see the overall project progress regarding the field surveys, take a look at biologer.org. We have collected 23,000 records from the field; almost 19,000 records for butterflies with 16,000 from 2018, breaking all the records for Serbia. There are also transect data and 13,000 additional data records from Alciphron database not accounted into this summary.

We also had a great progress with Biologer software, which you can now track directly from the news on biologer.org. There are not only news, but also notifications, data import and export. Soon you will be able to enter literature data and we are also preparing more detailed data presentation on the web site (i.e. detailed maps, graphs, species descriptions, etc.).

Finally, I have to note that we are in a delay for the promotional material, but stay tuned. It is almost there ;)