**Project Update: October 2018**

Through September 2018 I had multiple meetings with stakeholders and the ministries regarding the establishment of the long-term in-situ conservation of elasmobranchs and their habitats within the Bosnia and Herzegovina through the red list adoption, legal protection and law reinforcement. Discussions continued through October 2018. Besides, I have joined forces with other institutions and NGOs working on the large-scale habitat protection in Bosnia in order to achieve our mutual goals. All attended meetings have produced positive conclusions. Third cycle of field studies (planned for the beginning of the October) was postponed until November 2018, together with the planned workshops.

In the second half of October 2018, I have been invited lecturer at the National Geographic Explorers Seminar in Madrid, Spain. Besides, my work funded by the National Geographic Society regarding the disease development in elasmobranchs species in the eastern Adriatic Sea – and I have emphasized, with the fellows, the efforts to protect conducted through my first and second Rufford project in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the importance of both projects on the regional scale. I began to write my book (as one of the most important project outcomes) at the beginning of the September 2018 and I am extremely happy how the situation is taking place now. Looking very forward to some new research activities in the field next month.

My lecture at the National Geographic Explorers Seminar in Madrid, Spain regarding the disease development in wild populations of sharks, skates and rays from the Adriatic sea.
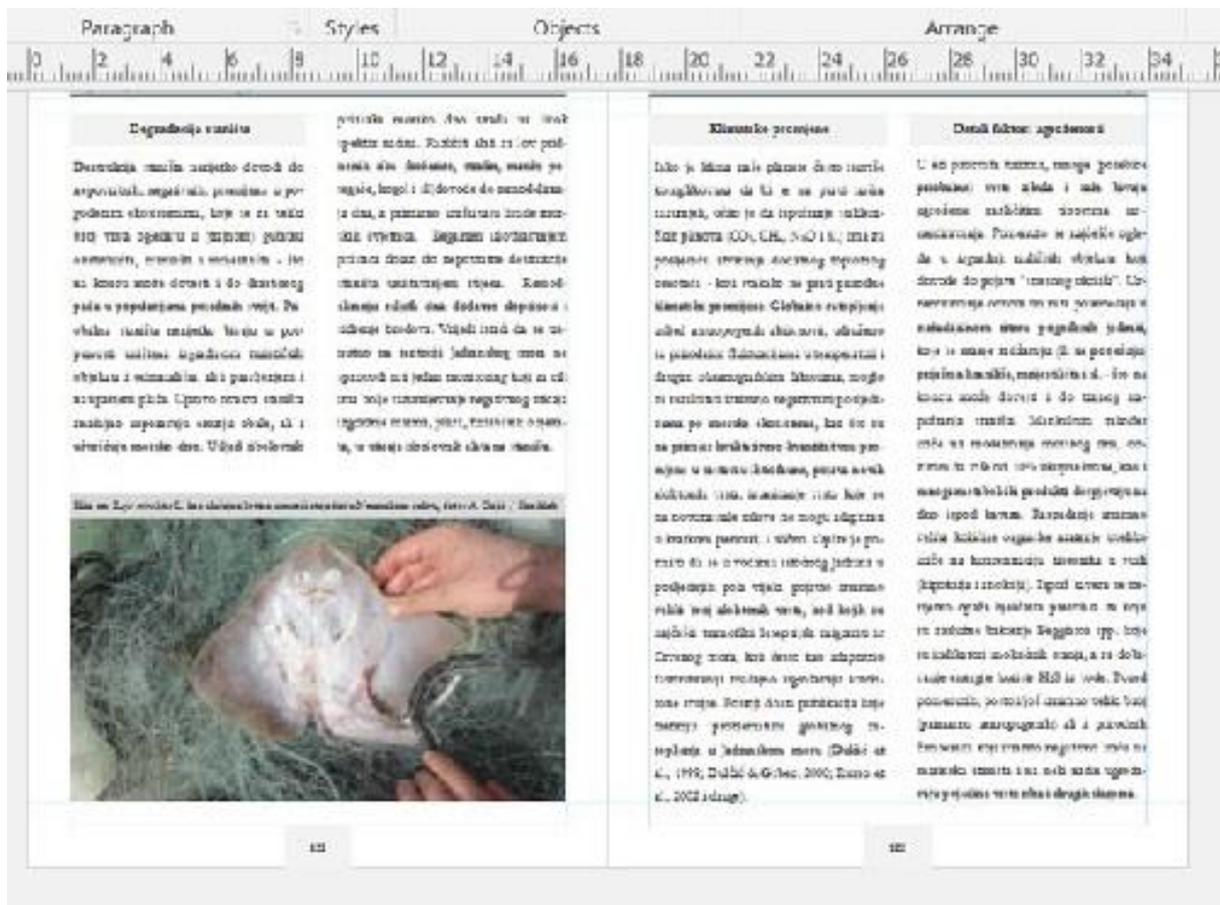
Underlying causes of vulnerability: non-selective fisheries. Random part of the book, which is one of the key outcomes from the 2nd RSG project.
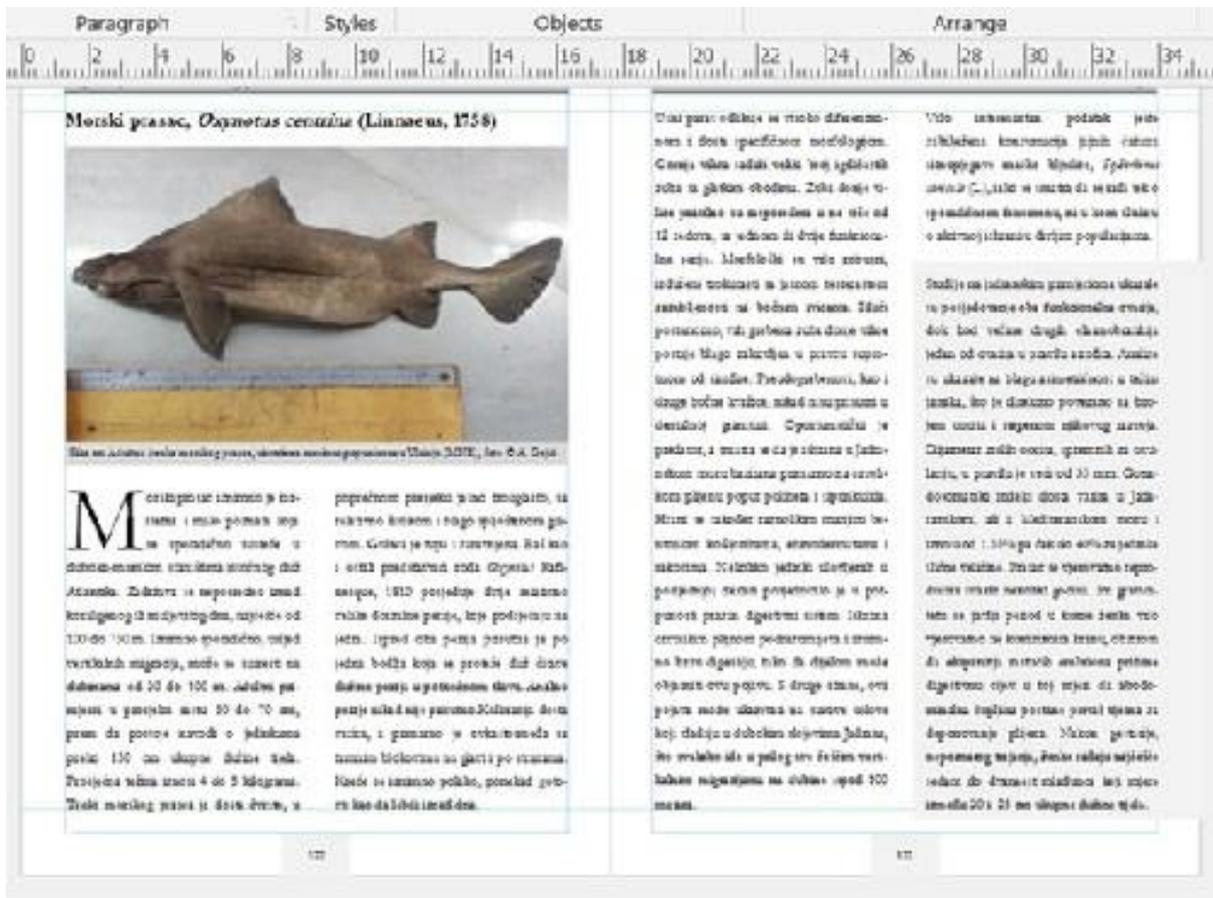
Basic biology and ecology of the Adriatic sea sharks, skates and rays listed species by species with most accurate data so far presented in a publication. Random part of the book, which is one of the key outcomes from the 2nd RSG project.