

Project Update: February 2021

Our field activities in 2020 were finished more or less according to plan. Unfortunately, because of the unfavorable situation with the Covid19 pandemic in Serbia, we did not want to risk and gather too many people in our fieldwork sessions. Only the people who are directly engaged in the project as team members were working in the field and lab. Students and other helpers were excluded this time. For the same reason, the planned photo-exhibition and closing lectures are postponed until further notice.

At the end of 2020, we delivered our reports to all national authorities, the Institute for Nature Protection of Vojvodina Province and managers of protected areas on which we conducted fieldwork. Now these authorities have all data on the distribution of saline specialists and rare true bug species on the territory of the Province of Vojvodina or particular protected sites. We hope our suggestions on how saline grasslands in Serbia should be maintained to preserve delicate taxa of true bugs will be considered in their future conservation plans.

We published a scientific article on nested true bug communities in the journal *Acta Oecologica*. The article is titled *How steady is the nested pattern in saline grassland true bug communities? Effects of sampling effort and data completeness on nestedness* (Šeát et al., 2021). Also, our third paper on saline grassland true bug fauna in Serbia is accepted for publication in *Annales de la Société entomologique de France*.



Last days in the field



Phimodera flori



Crypsinus angustatus