

## Project Update April 2024

Since the last project update, we gave several talks on our project in autumn 2023. At the XIV Symposium of Entomologists of Serbia in Novi Sad, we presented a history of research into psammophilous fauna of true bugs of Serbia. At the Department of Ecology, University of Szeged (Hungary), we gave a talk about our project to master's students interested in ecology and conservation. We hope some of them would like to join our team and contribute to the project activities. With the help of the teacher Hermina Vig Molnar, we organised an oral presentation for high school students in Subotica (Serbia) the topic was the true bug species and communities in ecological studies.

In the past months, we worked hard to popularise sandy areas, their conservation values and what is threatening them. We printed a brochure on this topic in three languages (Serbian, Hungarian and English) and you can check it on the link below. Unfortunately, we have had some issues with the HabiProt website for the past couple of months, so our web presentation is still waiting to be uploaded there.

[https://habiprot.org.rs/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Pannonian\\_sands\\_brochure.pdf](https://habiprot.org.rs/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Pannonian_sands_brochure.pdf)

The best news this year is that Subotica Sands is available to researchers again and we can enter there freely. The situation with the refugee crisis is stable for now in this area so we could start our monitoring experiment in time and without any obstacle. What is noticeable this year is that spring came earlier and we recorded many species of butterflies this April.