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During the first months of research, we have conducted an ecological study of the terrain on the entire territory of Deliblatska Peščara. We surveyed about 200 plots; the surface of each was at least 10x10m. First, we located characteristic vegetation units that exist in the territory of Deliblatska Peščara: sand type of habitat with psammophytic vegetation, steppe type, swamp type, riverside type, forest type, and we also noted a number of medicinal species in rural habitats. On each of these surfaces we registered species composition, presence of medicinal species and determined the current status of their populations. Assistance in determining the locations we have received from Mr. Zlatko Jovanović, MA Agriculture, who has extensive experience in knowledge of the flora in the southern part of Banat.

At this point it is necessary to summarise the information that have been collected in the field, and to continue the survey of the area for recording plants whose phenological cycle, i.e., flowering period is yet to come.

For now, we just made few contacts with local healers and got general information on the use of medicinal plants. Upon completion of the vegetation survey, we will focus to ethnobotanical part of research.

