

## Project Update: March 2019

Since March 2018 we were unable to start with the project as planned due to weather conditions (floods in Montenegro), we did those areas in March 2019, so we can cover the data collection during a whole year.

What we recorded in the terrain is that in March the water level is quite low, similar to the summer water level. For most of the month, our eel fishing traps (pots) were in the water, but the eels were not found. In conversation with local people and fishermen, we learned that every year according to their estimation, eels are scarcer in Skadar Lake. What has also surprised us is that, despite the fish hunting ban on all fish species in Skadar Lake, except for eels, which came into force from March 15th to May 15th, we also noticed fish hunters.

What our previous results say, which also coincide with the claims of local fishermen, is that the eels in Skadar Lake can be found generally in the period from April to August.

With the help of a couple of local fishermen, this month we managed to visit another new sub-locality called "Grlo Blato"; what we learned there is that this site is very suitable for setting up the eel pot network, because it is densely covered with reeds and it is very difficult to find, especially for the fish poachers.

We made posters for our final workshop, which will be organized by the end of March 2019.

### Field work:

