

BALKAN DETOX LIFE

Report from the National training courses for investigation of wildlife crime

BALKAN DETOX LIFE: STRENGTHENING NATIONAL CAPACITIES TO
FIGHT WILDLIFE POISONING AND RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE
PROBLEM ACROSS SEVEN BALKAN COUNTRIES
(LIFE19 GIE/NL/001016)

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About the project

The BalkanDetox LIFE project is a five-year endeavour with a €1.8 million budget, which aims to raise awareness and strengthen national capacities to fight the problem of wildlife poisoning across Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, the Republic of North Macedonia and Serbia. It received funding from the EU's LIFE Programme with a contribution of 1.004.792€ (54,82%) to the total project budget, and it is co-financed by the Vulture Conservation Foundation, the MAVA Foundation and Euronatur, as well as by the Whitley Fund for Nature and Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund for specific actions. Project partners are the Vulture Conservation Foundation as the coordinating beneficiary, and the Albanian Ornithological Society, Association BIOM, Bird Protection and Study Society of Serbia, Fund for Wild Flora and Fauna, Hellenic Ornithological Society, Macedonian Ecological Society, Ornitološko društvo NAŠE Ptice and the Protection and Preservation of Natural Environment in Albania as associated beneficiaries. Furthermore, this project is based on Spanish best practice experience and counts with the support from the Junta de Andalucía and the Spanish Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge.

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INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

The National training courses for investigation of wildlife poisoning, and other types of environmental crime, have been developed and implemented by within the BalkanDetox LIFE Project, a cross border initiative bringing together wildlife conservation organizations, governmental agencies and other stakeholders from six Balkan countries with a common goal - to combat illegal wildlife poisoning, which is a specific type of environmental crime that is the leading mortality factor for many wildlife species, particularly vultures and other scavengers. The National training courses aim to secure real and continued engagement of the relevant national authorities against illegal poisoning and other types of wildlife crime and increase their capacity to counteract it.

The program for the National training courses is inspired by the [Wildlife Crime Academy](#) (WCA), a comprehensive specialized training programme developed by joint cooperation of the VCF and Junta de Andalucía. It is based on the Spanish best practice experience and is designed in such a way that it covers all the fundamental aspects needed for successful investigation, from the perspective of planning, police or forensic technique. The Programme provides the necessary theoretical and practical knowledge that enables the attendees to develop the necessary investigations in their countries. The Programme makes a special reference to the need for international cooperation, as an essential tool in combating wildlife crime. Participants will be provided with the skills to investigate wildlife crime, from the early action and CSI to the final procedure at the court on their own working units or as members of joint multidisciplinary teams or task forces. The syllabus contents have been designed to address professionals from all different academic disciplines and police backgrounds.

The training course methodology is based on the combination of theoretical conceptual modules, with practical workshops and evaluation sessions through field practices in real situations.

The National training courses were implemented by the graduates of WCA training programme in Spain, who upon successful completion of all three levels of training gained the necessary knowledge and skills to implement the basic training courses for investigation of wildlife poisoning and were able to transfer the best practice experience obtained from the Wildlife Crime Academy to their colleagues from theirs and other institutions, relevant for combating this illegal practice in their respective countries.

OBJECTIVES & TARGET AUDIENCE

The overall goal of these training courses is to increase national capacities among the relevant law enforcement authorities, and other relevant governmental institutions which have relevance in the investigation process of wildlife poisoning incidents.

The National training courses aim to achieve the following objectives:

- Prepare participants to fully understand the peculiarities of wildlife crime and the associated difficulties in the different stages of the investigation process.
- Provide participants with the skills to approach investigations from holistic or integral perspectives.
- Prepare participants to identify major causes of criminal death of wildlife specimens at a preliminary stage.
- Contribute to the technical and specific qualification of civil servants and professionals from the Balkan Peninsula in the field of wildlife crime (shooting, poaching, trafficking and poisoning).
- Specialize professionals from the different sectors involved (public administrations and NGOs), in the areas of awareness, forensic technique, police investigation, organized crime and strategic planning related to this specific type of crime.
- Prepare participants to fully attend and assist poisoning episodes, with awareness and skills to assess the magnitude or impact to wildlife.
- Prepare participants to fully integrate laboratory procedures with field forensic techniques and police protocols.

TRAINING COURSES

The project partners have implemented all 16 National training courses for investigation of wildlife poisoning across Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, North Macedonia and Serbia that were foreseen within the framework of the BalkanDetox LIFE project. Additional training courses, not foreseen in the original plan of activities, were implemented in North Macedonia (Annex..., Annex...) and Croatia (Annex...), amounting to a total of 21 training courses that were implemented during the course of the project (Figure 1).

In North Macedonia two additional training courses were organised and implemented through a joint initiative by the project partner (Macedonian Ecological Society) and the members of the National Anti-poisoning Working Group that successfully graduated the Wildlife Crime Academy training programme. It is important to highlight here that the topic of wildlife crime, and the associated national training programme, has been included into the regular teaching curriculum of the Faculty of Security in Skopje, ensuring that the best practices in investigation of wildlife crime that were implemented within the BalkanDetox LIFE project will continue to be implemented in the future.

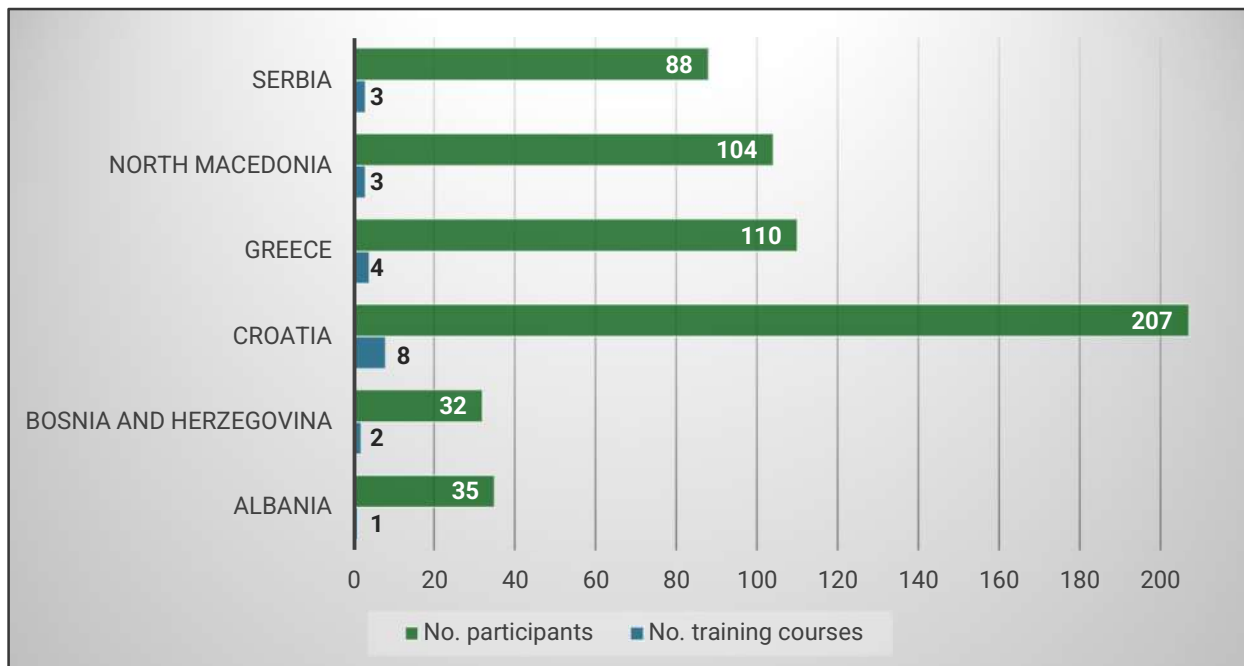


Figure 1. Number of implemented National training courses during the BalkanDetox LIFE project.

In Croatia, three additional training courses about criminal investigation of wildlife crime, and environmental crime in general, were organised and implemented by the representatives of the Croatian Police that successfully graduated the Wildlife Crime Academy training programme. A total of 60 police officers attended these educations. Furthermore, the Croatian Police expressed commitment that they will continue to implement these educations internally towards their personnel periodically every year (Annex...), which ensures that the best practices for investigation of wildlife crime will be made available to new police officers in the future.

After the implementation of the foreseen national training course in Albania, the Security Academy within the State Police included the programme of the training on wildlife crime investigation into their teaching curriculum (Annex....). Previously, only other types of environmental crimes were taught at the Security Academy, and this will be the first time they receive education on the investigation of wildlife crime.

During the implementation of action B.7 of the BalkanDetox LIFE project a total of 576 representatives of the relevant law enforcement and veterinary institutions received basic training for conducting investigation of wildlife poisoning and other types of wildlife crime (Figure 1).

Of the 21 different training courses, the majority of them (48%) were directed primarily towards relevant law enforcement institutions which have responsibilities in the investigation process of wildlife poisoning and other types of wildlife crime, such as the police, environmental inspection, veterinary inspection, hunting inspection (Figure 2). Three specific training courses only for police officers were implemented in Croatia. Specific training courses targeting the role and responsibilities that veterinary institutions have in the investigation process, primarily in performing forensic pathological examinations, necropsies, sampling and conducting toxicological analysis on samples from dead wildlife, were implemented only in Greece, North Macedonia and Serbia. Training courses in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, and most of the trainings conducted in Croatia included both training components - investigation procedures and practices for law enforcement institutions and relevant veterinary institutions.

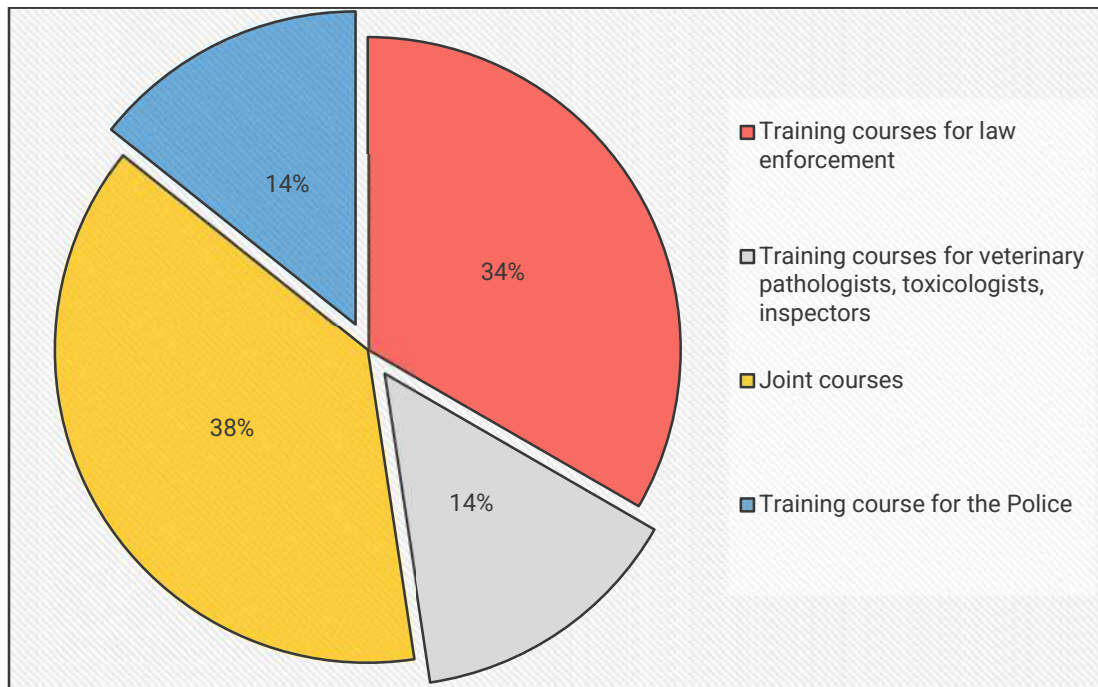


Figure 2. Composition of the National training courses.

Representatives of the Police from the different Balkan countries were the single most numerous group or relevant law enforcement authorities that took part in the National training courses of the BalkanDetox LIFE project, representing 32% of all participants of the training courses (Figure 3). The second most numerous group were participants that came from other relevant law enforcement institutions, including forestry services, wardens of protected areas and nature reserves, governmental institutes for nature conservation, which comprised 26% of all participants in the training courses. The third most important group of law enforcement authorities which took part in the national training programmes are Inspection authorities, which include environmental, veterinary, hunting and phytosanitary inspections and represented 12% of all participants in the training courses.

Veterinary authorities included representatives from the relevant national veterinary institutes, faculties of veterinary medicine and toxicological laboratories, which together comprised 8% all participants of the implemented training courses.

Other relevant institutions and organisations that took part in the training courses were comprised of representatives from the relevant Ministries, such as Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, but also representatives of local hunting associations, local municipalities and relevant national NGOs.

The smallest group (2%) of participants was comprised of representatives of the judiciary system, such as public prosecutors and lawyers with interest in environmental law.

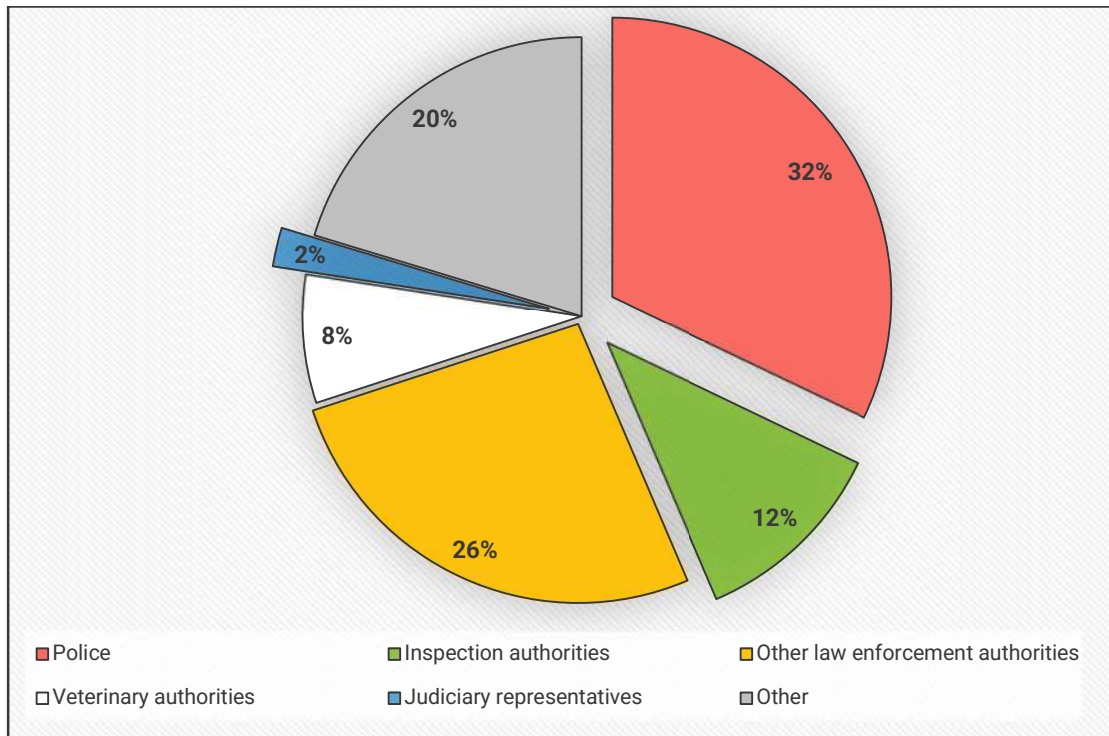


Figure 3. Composition of the participants of the National training courses

Table 1. Timeframe of the implemented National training courses.

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Annex 1

Report from the National training course in Albania

- WORKSHOP REPORT -

Background:

On 29-30 January 2024, AOS organized in Tirana the national training of state institutions *"Investigation of wildlife crimes in Albania"*.

The training had a wide participation from relevant state institutions representing all regions of Albania.

Workshop Goal:

The primary goal of this meeting was to strengthen institutional capacities in wildlife crime investigation. Additionally, the training served as a platform for institutions to engage in discussions regarding critical aspects of wildlife crime investigation in Albania, including gaps in legislation and issues concerning chain of custody and jurisdiction.

Workshop Objectives:

- Introduction to the Spanish best practices experience on wildlife crime investigation.
- Engaging institutions in considering the most effective ways to implement these practices in Albania.
- Establishing collaboration and clearly defined roles among institutions involved in wildlife crime investigation.
- Clarifying civil procedure and criminal proceedings related to wildlife crimes.
- Raising awareness among state institutions about the importance of investigating wildlife crimes.

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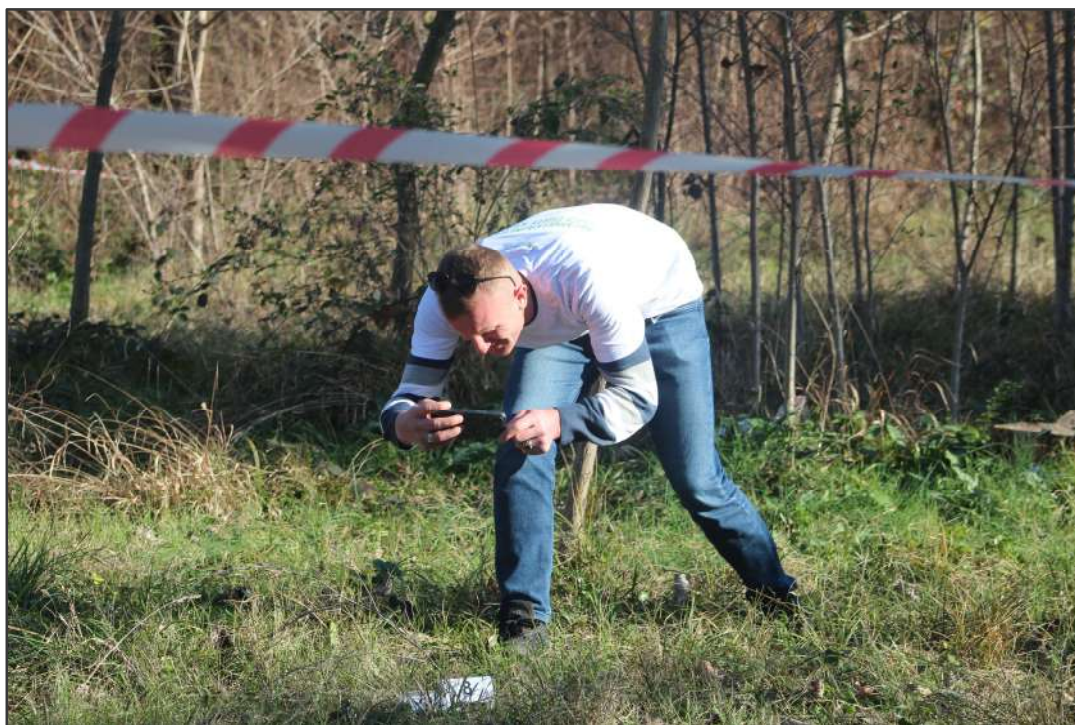
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Photos from the training course:







2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions of the National training course:

Outcome 1: 35 representatives from state institutions and NGOs (AOS & PPNEA) were trained on wildlife crime investigation.

Outcome 2: Legislative gaps concerning administrative violations and criminal offenses were identified. Invited public prosecutors and lawyers provided recommendations for addressing these gaps.

Outcome 3: State institutions have reached a consensus on establishing a clearly defined chain of custody and jurisdiction for all categories of wildlife crimes, based on the chain of custody and jurisdiction proposed by the National Anti-Poisoning Working Group (NAWG) to the Ministry of Tourism and Environment as part of the National Anti-Poisoning Action Plan (roadmap).

Outcome 4: Public prosecutors and a lawyer provided participants with an explanation of the civil procedures and criminal proceedings associated with wildlife crimes.

3. Next steps:

Action 1: Participants expressed their willingness to organize trainings on wildlife crime investigation within their respective institutions. If needed, AOS will provide support for organizing these trainings.

Annex 2

Reports from the National training courses in Bosnia and Herzegovina

- WORKSHOP REPORT 1 -

Background:

Action B7, 4-5.12.2023., Hutovo blato – National training on wildlife crime investigation, National partner (Organizer): Ornithological society 'Naše ptice'.

Workshop Goal:

Training for inspectors, police officers, pathologists and toxicologists. Sharing experience from Wildlife Crime Academy.

Presentation of severity of illegal poisoning problem and project presentation. Getting information for evaluation of the perception about the practice of intentional use of poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals.

Workshop Objectives:

- Training for inspectors, police officers, pathologists and toxicologists how to tackle illegal wildlife poisoning and other wildlife crimes
- Sharing our experience from Wildlife Crime Academy
- Presenting the severity and scope of using poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals
- Presenting BalkanDetox LIFE project to key target audience

Attendance and programme:

11 people attended this training in Hutovo Blato. There were people from Inspectorate, police department, Veterinary faculty, Cantonal Ministry and Rangers from Nature Park Hutovo Blato.

There was also local radio station journalist who made interview with lecturers and participants.

First day of training participants had a chance to hear presentations from WCA members (5 presentations). And on second day there was practical session about investigation procedures on the field.

Photos from the training course:





- WORKSHOP REPORT 2 -

Background:

Action B7, 20.11.2024., Banja Luka – National training on wildlife crime, National partner (Organizer): Ornithological society 'Naše ptice'.

Workshop Goal:

Training for inspectors, police officers, pathologists and toxicologists. Sharing experience from Wildlife Crime Academy and increasing national capacities to tackle wildlife poisoning.

Presentation of severity of the problem with wildlife poisoning and project presentation. Getting information for evaluation of the perception about the practice of intentional use of poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals.

Workshop Objectives:

- Training for inspectors, police officers, pathologists and toxicologists how to tackle illegal wildlife poisoning and other wildlife crimes
- Sharing our experiences from Wildlife Crime Academy
- Presenting the severity and scope of using poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals
- Presenting BalkanDetox LIFE project to key target audience

Attendance and programme:

21 people attended this training in Banja Luka. There were people from Inspectorate, Veterinary faculty, Republic Ministries, Statisticak Office of the Republic of Srpska, Faculty of Biology, Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, NGO's and journalists.

Participants had an opportunity to hear 7 presentations about severity and scope of problem of wildlife poisoning from different aspects – ecological, veterinarian, governmental and judicial.

Photos from the training course:



Annex 3

Reports from the National training courses in Croatia

- WORKSHOP REPORT 1 -

Background:

National partner: Association Biom; Interactive workshop.

Time: Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 10:00 a.m. - 13:30 p.m.

Place: - live at Algebra Kampus, Gradišćanska ulica 24, Zagreb - venue Dušan Vukotić; two lecturers joined online via Google Meet platform

Workshop Goal:

The first out of five planned national anti-poisoning workshops in Croatia. The goal of the workshop was to transfer the knowledge gained through the WCA to the respective stakeholders, to present the operational protocol and to provide the respective stakeholders (rangers, hunters, inspectors, member of wolf/brown bear/lynx intervention teams, veterinarians, police, foresters) with clear guidelines on how to act and engage when dealing with incidents of illegal poisoning, depending on their jurisdiction.

Workshop Objectives:

- presenting BalkanDetox LIFE project
- sharing knowledge gained through the WCA
- presenting operational protocols
- providing clear guidelines on how to act and engage when dealing with incidents of illegal poisoning (depending on individual jurisdiction of stakeholders' groups)

1. List of participants:



Edukativna radionica o suzbijanju trovanja divljih životinja

Algebra Kampus, 13. prosinca 2023., 10:00 – 13:30h

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Predmet: Edukativna radionica o suzbijanju trovanja (BalkanDetox LIFE projekt - aktivnost „Uspostava nacionalnog edukativnog programa za suzbijanje trovanja“)

- Poziv, dostavlja se

Poštovani,

zadovoljstvo nam je pozvati Vas na edukativnu radionicu o suzbijanju trovanja koja se provodi u sklopu BalkanDetox LIFE projekta (LIFE19 GIE/NL/001016) i njegove aktivnosti „Uspostava nacionalnog edukativnog programa za suzbijanje trovanja“.

Radionica se provodi s ciljem informiranja djelatnika javnih i privatnih službi o ispravnom postupanju u slučaju nezakonite upotrebe otrova protiv divljih životinja, u okviru svojih nadležnosti. Predavači su polaznici Wildlife Crime Akademije u Španjolskoj te će se u okviru svojih izlaganja osvrnuti i na znanja usvojena tijekom navedene edukacije. U sklopu radionice predstaviti će se i **Standardizirani protokol za koordinaciju djelovanja u slučaju nezakonite upotrebe otrova i drugih nezakonitih i kažnjivih radnji protiv divljih životinja** koji je izrađen s ciljem poboljšanja koordinacije državnih institucija odnosno uspješnog procesuiranja slučajeva trovanja i drugih kažnjivih djela na štetu divljih vrsta. Navedeni Standardizirani protokol izrađen je u suradnji s Ministarstvom gospodarstva i održivog razvoja, Ministarstvom poljoprivrede, Državnim inspektoratom Republike Hrvatske, Državnim odvjetništvom Republike Hrvatske, Ravnateljstvom policije Republike Hrvatske, Pravosudnom akademijom, Hrvatskim veterinarskim institutom, Centrom za forenzična ispitivanja, istraživanja i vještačenja „Ivan Vučetić“, Veterinarskim fakultetom Sveučilišta u Zagrebu, Javnom ustanovom „Priroda“ Primorsko-goranske županije, Javnom ustanovom „Zeleni prsten“ Zagrebačke županije, WWF Adria i Udrugom BIOM.

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S poštovanjem,

Marija Martinko Ivanov, koordinatorica projekta



Edukativna radionica na temu suzbijanja trovanja

DNEVNI RED

Datum: 13. prosinca 2023.

Vrijeme: 10:00 – 13:30 sati

Mjesto: Algebra Kampus, Gradišćanska ulica 24, Zagreb - dvorana Dušan Vukotić, 4. kat.

10:00 – 10:15	<i>Okupljanje i registracija</i>
10:15 – 10:30	<i>Uvodna riječ</i> Marija Martinko Ivanov, koordinatorica BalkanDetox LIFE projekta, Udruga Biom
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Izlaganje</i> Elvis Vuleta, čuvar prirode, Javna ustanova „Priroda“ Primorsko-goranske županije
10:45 – 11:05	<i>Izlaganje</i> Nera Fabijanić, stručni suradnik za lovstvo i europske projekte, Hrvatski lovački savez
11:05 – 11:25	Pauza za kavu i osvježenje
11:25 – 11:45	<i>Izlaganje</i> Mara Gerovac, policijska službenica Službe općeg kriminaliteta, Ravnateljstvo policije
11:45 – 12:05	<i>Izlaganje</i> Andrija Damjanović, viši inspektor zaštite prirode, Državni inspektorat RH
12:05 – 12:20	Pauza
12:20 – 12:40	<i>Izlaganje</i> Krešimir Severin, Predstojnik Zavoda za sudsko i upravno veterinarstvo i voditelj Laboratorija za forenziku, Veterinarski fakultet Sveučilišta u Zagrebu
12:40 – 13:00	<i>Izlaganje</i> Iva Arapović, zamjenica županijskog državnog odvjetnika, Županijsko državno odvjetništvo u Puli
13:00 – 13:30	<i>Rasprava</i>

3. Short description:

The first National anti-poisoning training workshop was held on the 13th of December in Zagreb. All relevant stakeholders from 4 counties were invited (City of Zagreb; Zagrebačka county; Karlovačka county; Bjelovarsko-bilogorska county).

There were 39 participants in total for the training (54 including lecturers and Biom staff). Employees (primarily rangers) from all 4 county public institutions and 2 nature parks (PP Medvednica; PP Žumberak i Samoborsko gorje) were present. The remaining participants were employees from Croatian forests, Croatian Police, Veterinary Institute, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, members of the wolf / brown bear / lynx intervention team, hunters, veterinarians and others.

Biom's project coordinator Marija Martinko Ivanov opened the workshop by greeting all participants after which she explained the objective of the workshop, its context within the BalkanDetox LIFE project and presented the BalkanDetox LIFE project itself. She announced the workshop agenda and introduced the national operational protocol as well as lecturers – former WCA attendees.

In the session that followed, six former WCA attendees shared their WCA experience and knowledge. They also reflected in detail about the situation in Croatia regarding illegal wildlife poisoning from the point of their expertise and jurisdiction (ranger, hunter, inspector, veterinarian, police officer and public prosecutor). Most of them presented real cases of illegal poisoning incidents in Croatia and guided the participants through the investigation/prosecution process, pointing out proper/improper ways of acting or engaging and their results/consequences, continuously referring to the step points of national operational protocol.

The session of lectures was followed by a discussion during which participants raised some practical questions regarding protocol and shared their experience with incidents of illegal poisoning.

Media coverage was carried out by the Croatian National Television (HRT) which filmed a short reportage for "Ekozona" – informative TV show on environmental news. The reportage included a statement from Marija Martinko Ivanov and Ivana Jelenić, head of the Biodiversity and strategic affairs sector at the Croatian Ministry of economy and sustainable development – Directorate for nature protection. Several newspapers posted an article on the workshop on their online news webpage (e.g. Jutarnji list).

Two lecturers joined the workshop via Google Meet platform: Mara Gerovac - police officer, unable to join live due to work obligations, and Nera Fabijanić – former project coordinator, unable to join due to Covid infection. The venue was equipped with high quality IT and communication tools therefore no loss of presentation quality was evidenced.

4. Outcomes of the training course:

Outcome 1: Participants are informed about the BalkanDetox LIFE project

Outcome 2: Participants are inspired by the best practice examples from Spain (WCA) and well informed on how to properly act and engage when dealing with incidents of illegal poisoning (depending on individual jurisdiction). For this purpose, they have all received several copies of the Croatian operational protocol which they will share inside their institutions.

Outcome 3: Lecturers (experts) presented several real cases of illegal poisoning in Croatia and guided the participants through the investigation process, pointing out proper/improper ways of acting/engaging and its results/consequences.

Outcome 4: Participants have had the possibility to ask questions, raise concerns and share their experience with engaging in incidents of illegal poisoning. They also found it very beneficial to network (especially between different sectors) and communicate informally.

5. Photographs of the training course:





- WORKSHOP REPORT 2 -

Background:

National partner: Association Biom

Interactive workshop

Time: Friday, February 16, 2024, 12:00 - 15:30 h.

Place: Hotel Alkar, Vrlička ulica 50, Sinj

- One lecturer (Mara Gerovac, police representative) was supposed to join the workshop online, but didn't manage due to work pressure

Workshop Goal:

The second out of five planned national anti-poisoning workshops in Croatia. The goal of the workshop was to transfer the knowledge gained through the WCA to the respective stakeholders, to present the operational protocol and to provide the respective stakeholders (rangers, hunters, inspectors, member of wolf/brown bear/lynx intervention teams, veterinarians, police, foresters) with clear guidelines on how to act and engage when dealing with incidents of illegal poisoning, depending on their jurisdiction.

Workshop Objectives:

- presenting BalkanDetox LIFE project
- sharing knowledge gained through the WCA
- presenting operational protocols
- providing clear guidelines on how to act and engage when dealing with incidents of illegal poisoning (depending on individual jurisdiction of stakeholders' groups)

1. List of participants:



Edukativna radionica o suzbijanju trovanja divljih životinja

Sinj, Hotel Alkar, 16. veljače 2023., 12:00 – 15:30h

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2. Invitation letter and the agenda:



Zagreb, 1. veljače 2024.

Predmet: Edukativna radionica o suzbijanju trovanja (BalkanDetox LIFE projekt - aktivnost „Uspostava nacionalnog edukativnog programa za suzbijanje trovanja“)

- Poziv, dostavlja se

Poštovani,

zadovoljstvo nam je pozvati Vas na edukativnu radionicu o suzbijanju trovanja koja se provodi u sklopu BalkanDetox LIFE projekta (LIFE19 GIE/NL/001016) i njegove aktivnosti „Uspostava nacionalnog edukativnog programa za suzbijanje trovanja“.

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Ljubazno molimo da Vaše sudjelovanje prijavite putem *on-line* prijavnice (poveznica je navedena u e-mailu), najkasnije do 9. veljače. Za sva dodatna pitanja slobodno se nam obratite na marija.martinko.ivanov@biom.hr ili na broj 099/2761984.

S poštovanjem,

Marija Martinko Ivanov, koordinatorica projekta



Edukativna radionica na temu suzbijanja trovanja

DNEVNI RED

Datum: 16. veljače 2024.

Vrijeme: 12:00 – 15:30 sati

Mjesto: Hotel Alkar, Vrlička ulica 50, Sinj

12:00 – 12:15	<i>Okupljanje i registracija</i>
12:15 – 12:30	<i>Uvodna riječ</i> Marija Martinko Ivanov, koordinatorica BalkanDetox LIFE projekta, Udruga Biom
12:30 – 12:45	<i>Izlaganje</i> Elvis Vuleta, čuvar prirode, Javna ustanova „Priroda“ Primorsko-goranske županije
12:45 – 13:05	<i>Izlaganje</i> Ivan Budinski, voditelj programa za očuvanje sisavaca i borbu protiv IAS sisavaca, Udruga Biom; Član interventnog tima za vuka i risa u RH
13:05 – 13:20	<i>Izlaganje</i> Mara Gerovac, policijska službenica Službe općeg kriminaliteta, Ravnateljstvo policije
13:20 – 13:50	Pauza
13:50 – 14:10	<i>Izlaganje</i> Andrija Damjanović, viši inspektor zaštite prirode, Državni inspektorat RH
14:10 – 14:40	<i>Izlaganje</i> Krešimir Severin, Predstojnik Zavoda za sudsko i upravno veterinarstvo i voditelj Laboratorija za forenziku, Veterinarski fakultet Sveučilišta u Zagrebu
14:40 – 15:00	<i>Izlaganje</i> Iva Arapović, zamjenica županijskog državnog odvjetnika, Županijsko državno odvjetništvo u Puli
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Rasprava</i>
15:30	<i>Ručak</i>

3. Short description:

Second National anti-poisoning training workshop was held on the 16th of February in Sinj. All relevant stakeholders from 4 counties were invited (Splitsko-dalmatinska, Zadarska, Šibensko-kninska and Dubrovačko-neretvanska county). There were in total 29 participants for the training (34 including lecturers and Biom staff). The majority of participants were employees (primarily rangers) from county public institutions (Šibensko-kninska county), national parks (NP 6 Kornati, NP Paklenica) and nature parks (PP Vransko jezero; PP Biokovo; PP Telaščica), numbering 11 in total, followed by police officers (6 participants).

Biom's director Ivana Selanec opened the workshop by greeting all participants after which Marija Martinko Ivanov, project coordinator, explained the objective of the workshop, its context within the BalkanDetox LIFE project and presented the BalkanDetox LIFE project itself. She announced the workshop agenda and introduced the national operational protocol as well as lecturers – former WCA attendees.

In the session that followed, four former WCA attendees shared their WCA experience and knowledge. They also reflected in detail about the situation in Croatia regarding illegal wildlife poisoning from the point of their expertise and jurisdiction (ranger, inspector, veterinarian and public prosecutor). Most of them presented real cases of illegal poisoning incidents in Croatia and guided the participants through the investigation/prosecution process, pointing out proper/improper ways of acting or engaging and their results/consequences, continuously referring to the step points of national operational protocol. One lecturer and former WCA attendee, Nera Fabijanić, wasn't able to join the workshop and was replaced by Ivan Budinski, Biom's employee (also a member of the National wolf and brown bear intervention team) who reflected on the theme of illegal hunting but also explained why poisoning is such a great threat for raptors and biodiversity in general. One lecturer - police representative, Mara Gerovac, was supposed to hold her lecture via *Google meet* platform, but didn't manage to join due to last minute work obligations (intensive police investigation). These changes in lectures and agenda didn't affect the workshop quality or dynamic. The session of lectures was followed by a discussion during which participants raised some practical questions regarding protocol, gave their feedback and shared their experience with incidents of illegal poisoning. Most inputs were given by the rangers and the police officers.

4. Outcomes of the training course:

Outcome 1: Participants are informed about the BalkanDetox LIFE project



Outcome 2: Participants are inspired by the best practice examples from Spain (WCA) and well informed on how to properly act and engage when dealing with incidents of illegal poisoning (depending on individual jurisdiction). For this purpose, they have all received several copies of the Croatian operational protocol which they will share inside their institutions.

Outcome 3: Lecturers (experts) presented several real cases of illegal poisoning in Croatia and guided the participants through the investigation process, pointing out proper/improper ways of acting/engaging and its results/consequences.

Outcome 4: Participants have had the possibility to ask questions, raise concerns and share their experience with engaging in incidents of illegal poisoning. They also found it very beneficial to network (especially between different sectors) and communicate informally. 7

Outcome 5: Since this workshop was held at the beginning of the public campaign, the occasion was used to hand out campaign materials (posters and calendars) to police members.

5. Photographs from the training course:





- WORKSHOP REPORT 3 -

Background:

National partner: Association Biom

Interactive workshop

Time: Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 10:00 - 14:30 h.

Place: Prezentacijsko – edukacijski centar Tikveš (Dvorac Tikveš, Titov dvorac 1, Lug) – Nature park Kopački rit

Workshop Goal:

The third out of five planned national anti-poisoning workshops in Croatia. The goal of the workshop was to transfer the knowledge gained through the WCA to the respective stakeholders, to present the operational protocol and to provide the respective stakeholders (rangers, hunters, inspectors, member of wolf/brown bear/lynx intervention teams, veterinarians, police, foresters) with clear guidelines on how to act and engage when dealing with incidents of illegal poisoning, depending on their jurisdiction.

Workshop Objectives:

- presenting BalkanDetox LIFE project
- sharing knowledge gained through the WCA
- presenting operational protocols
- providing clear guidelines on how to act and engage when dealing with incidents of illegal poisoning (depending on individual jurisdiction of stakeholders' groups)

1. List of participants:



Edukativna radionica o suzbijanju trovanja divljih životinja
Prezentacijsko – edukacijski centar Tikveš, Titov dvorac 1, Lug) - PP Kopački rit,
19. ožujka 2024., 10:00 – 14:30h

Udruga Biom prikuplja vaše podatke (ime i prezime, e-mail adresa) u skladu s Općom Uredbom o zaštiti osobnih podataka (EU) 2016/679 : 1. radi vođenja evidencije o posjećenosti određenog događaja, 2. za potrebe izvještavanja u sklopu pojedinih projekata kada se vaši podaci mogu dostaviti donatorima, te 3. radi dodavanja novih pretplatnika na Glasnik Udruge Biom. Vašim potpisom dajete suglasnost da se vaši podaci koriste na gore naveden način te da se fotografije snimljene na događanju koriste za potrebe izvještavanja i promotivnih aktivnosti udruge. Za više informacija posjetite www.biom.hr

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2. Invitation letter and the agenda:



Zagreb, 8. ožujka 2024.

Predmet: Edukativna radionica o suzbijanju trovanja (BalkanDetox LIFE projekt - aktivnost „Uspostava nacionalnog edukativnog programa za suzbijanje trovanja“)

- Poziv, dostavlja se

Poštovani,

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Radionica se provodi s ciljem informiranja djelatnika javnih i privatnih službi o ispravnom postupanju u slučaju nezakonite upotrebe otrova protiv divljih životinja, u okviru svojih nadležnosti. Predavači su polaznici Wildlife Crime Akademije u Španjolskoj te će se u okviru svojih izlaganja osvrnuti i na znanja usvojena tijekom navedene edukacije. U sklopu radionice predstaviti će se i *Standardizirani protokol za koordinaciju djelovanja u slučaju nezakonite upotrebe otrova i drugih nezakonitih i kažnjivih radnji protiv divljih životinja* koji je izrađen s ciljem poboljšanja koordinacije državnih institucija odnosno uspješnog procesuiranja slučajeva trovanja i drugih kažnjivih djela na štetu divljih vrsta. Navedeni Standardizirani protokol izrađen je u suradnji s Ministarstvom gospodarstva i održivog razvoja, Ministarstvom poljoprivrede, Državnim inspektoratom Republike Hrvatske, Državnim odvjetništvom Republike Hrvatske, Ravnateljstvom policije Republike Hrvatske, Pravosudnom akademijom, Hrvatskim veterinarskim institutom, Centrom za forenzična ispitivanja, istraživanja i vještačenja „Ivan Vučetić“, Veterinarskim fakultetom Sveučilišta u Zagrebu, Javnom ustanovom „Priroda“ Primorsko-goranske županije, Javnom ustanovom „Zeleni prsten“ Zagrebačke županije, WWF Adria i Udrugom BIOM.

Ljubazno molimo da Vaše sudjelovanje prijavite putem *on-line* prijavnice (poveznica je navedena u e-mailu), najkasnije do 15. ožujka. Za sva dodatna pitanja slobodno se nam obratite na marija.martinko.ivanov@biom.hr ili na broj 099/2761984.

S poštovanjem,

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Edukativna radionica na temu suzbijanja trovanja

DNEVNI RED

Datum: 19. ožujak 2024.

Vrijeme: 10:00 – 14:30 sati

Mjesto: Prezentacijsko – edukacijski centar Tikveš (Dvorac Tikveš, Titov dvorac 1, Lug) - PP Kopački rit

09:00 – 10:00	<i>Vođeno razgledavanje Prezentacijsko – edukacijskog centra Tikveš (neobavezno)</i>
10:00 – 10:15	<i>Okupljanje i registracija</i>
10:15 – 10:35	<i>Uvodna riječ</i> Marija Martinko Ivanov, koordinatorica BalkanDetox LIFE projekta, Udruga Biom
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13:30 – 14:00	<i>Izlaganje</i> Iva Arapović, zamjenica županijskog državnog odvjetnika, Županijsko državno odvjetništvo u Puli
14:00 – 14:30	<i>Rasprava</i>
15:00	<i>Ručak (u restoranu u okolini)</i>

3. Short description:

Third National anti-poisoning training workshop was held on the 19th of March in Nature park Kopački rit. All relevant stakeholders from 5 counties were invited (Osječko-baranjska, Vukovarsko-srijemska, Brodsko-posavska, Požeško-slavonska and Virovitičko-podravska county). There were in total 38 participants (46 including Biom staff, lecturers).

The majority of participants were employees (primarily rangers and conservation experts) from county public institutions for nature protection (Osječko-baranjska county) and Nature park Kopački rit, numbering 12 in total, followed by police officers (10 participants). Apart from inviting police officers that deal with wildlife crime and police officers from police development unit, due to geographic position and main traffic corridor, we also invited border control police officers to this workshop which resulted in higher total number of police officers.

Biom's project coordinator Marija Martinko Ivanov opened the workshop by greeting all participants after which she explained the objective of the workshop, its context within the BalkanDetox LIFE project and presented the BalkanDetox LIFE project itself. She announced the workshop agenda and introduced the national operational protocol as well as lecturers – former WCA attendees.

In the session that followed, six former WCA attendees shared their WCA experience and knowledge. They also reflected in detail about the situation in Croatia regarding illegal wildlife poisoning from the point of their expertise and jurisdiction (ranger, hunter, police officer, inspector, veterinarian and public prosecutor). Most of them presented real cases of illegal poisoning incidents in Croatia and guided the participants through the investigation/prosecution process, pointing out proper/improper ways of acting or engaging and their results/consequences, continuously referring to the step points of national operational protocol. The discussion was very informative and included responses from police officers and agriculture inspectors.

Representatives of media were not informed about the event in advance – a short article was prepared during the next day and sent out to all local media through NP Kopački rit's media channel.

4. Outcomes of the training course:

Outcome 1: Participants are informed about the BalkanDetox LIFE project



Outcome 2: Participants are inspired by the best practice examples from Spain (WCA) and well informed on how to properly act and engage when dealing with incidents of illegal poisoning (depending on individual jurisdiction). For this purpose, they have all received several copies of the Croatian operational protocol which they will share inside their institutions.

Outcome 3: Lecturers (experts) presented several real cases of illegal poisoning in Croatia and guided the participants through the investigation process, pointing out proper/improper ways of acting/engaging and its results/consequences.

Outcome 4: Participants have had the possibility to ask questions, raise concerns and share their experience with engaging in incidents of illegal poisoning. They also found it very beneficial to network (especially between different sectors) and communicate informally.

Outcome 5: Campaign materials (posters and calendars) were handed out to police officers who agreed to display them in their stations.

5. Photographs from the training course:





- WORKSHOP REPORT 4 -

Background:

National partner: Association Biom.

Interactive workshop.

Time: Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 11:00 - 15:00 h.

Place: Tehnološki park Varaždin, Zagrebačka ulica 89, Varaždin.

Workshop Goal:

The fourth out of five planned national anti-poisoning workshops in Croatia. The goal of the workshop was to transfer the knowledge gained through the WCA to the respective stakeholders, to present the operational protocol and to provide the respective stakeholders (rangers, hunters, inspectors, veterinarians, police, foresters) with clear guidelines on how to act and engage when dealing with incidents of illegal poisoning, depending on their jurisdiction.

Workshop Objectives:

- presenting BalkanDetox LIFE project
- sharing knowledge gained through the WCA
- presenting operational protocols
- providing clear guidelines on how to act and engage when dealing with incidents of illegal poisoning (depending on individual jurisdiction of stakeholders' groups)

1. List of participants:



Edukativna radionica o suzbijanju trovanja divljih životinja

Tehnološki park Varaždin, Zagrebačka ulica 89, Varaždin,

16. travnja 2024., 11:00 – 15:00 h

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2. Invitation letter and the agenda:



Zagreb, 26. ožujka 2024.

Predmet: Edukativna radionica o suzbijanju trovanja (BalkanDetox LIFE projekt - aktivnost „Uspostava nacionalnog edukativnog programa za suzbijanje trovanja“)

- Poziv, dostavlja se

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S poštovanjem,

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Edukativna radionica na temu suzbijanja trovanja

DNEVNI RED

Datum: 16. travnja 2024.

Vrijeme: 11:00 – 15:30 sati

Mjesto: Tehnološki park Varaždin, Zagrebačka ulica 89, Varaždin

11:00 – 11:15	<i>Okupljanje i registracija</i>
11:15 – 11:35	<i>Uvodna riječ</i> Marija Martinko Ivanov, koordinatorica BalkanDetox LIFE projekta, Udruga Biom
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14:30 – 15:00	<i>Izlaganje</i> Iva Arapović, zamjenica županijskog državnog odvjetnika, Županijsko državno odvjetništvo u Puli
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Rasprava</i>
15:30	<i>Ručak</i>

3. Short description:

Fourth National anti-poisoning training workshop was held on the 16th of April in Varaždin. All relevant stakeholders from 4 counties were invited (Međimurska, Varaždinska, Krapinsko-zagorska and Koprivničko-križevačka county). There were in total 20 participants (27 including Biom staff and lecturers). The majority of participants were police officers (7 participants) followed by employees of Croatian forests, numbering 4 in total.

Biom's project coordinator Marija Martinko Ivanov opened the workshop by greeting all participants after which she explained the objective of the workshop, its context within the BalkanDetox LIFE project and presented the BalkanDetox LIFE project itself. She announced the workshop agenda and introduced the national operational protocol as well as lecturers – former WCA attendees.

In the session that followed, five former WCA attendees shared their WCA experience and knowledge. They also reflected in detail about the situation in Croatia regarding illegal wildlife poisoning from the point of their expertise and jurisdiction (ranger, hunter, police officer, inspector and veterinarian). Most of them presented real cases of illegal poisoning incidents in Croatia and guided the participants through the investigation/prosecution process, pointing out proper/improper ways of acting or engaging and their results/consequences, continuously referring to the step points of national operational protocol. One lecturer, Iva Arapović – county state attorney's deputy (public prosecutor), couldn't attend the workshop due to health reasons. The agenda was adjusted according to her absence and the workshop lasted half an hour shorter than planned.

4. Outcomes of the training course:

Outcome 1: Participants are informed about the BalkanDetox LIFE project.

Outcome 2: Participants are inspired by the best practice examples from Spain (WCA) and well informed on how to properly act and engage when dealing with incidents of illegal poisoning (depending on individual jurisdiction). For this purpose, they have all received several copies of the Croatian operational protocol which they will share inside their institutions.

Outcome 3: Lecturers (experts) presented several real cases of illegal poisoning in Croatia and guided the participants through the investigation process, pointing out proper/improper ways of acting/engaging and its results/consequences.

Outcome 4: Participants have had the possibility to ask questions, raise concerns and share their experience with engaging in incidents of illegal poisoning. They also found it very beneficial to network (especially between different sectors) and communicate informally.

Outcome 5: Campaign materials (posters and calendars) were handed out to police officers who agreed to display them in their stations.

5. Photographs from the training course:





- WORKSHOP REPORT 5 -

Background:

National partner: Association Biom.

Interactive workshop.

Time: Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 11:00 - 15:00 h.

Place: Mala vijećnica Grada Krka, Trg bana Josipa Jelačića 2, Grad Krk.


Workshop Goal:

The final (fifth out of five planned) national anti-poisoning workshops in Croatia. The goal of the workshop was to transfer the knowledge gained through the WCA to the respective stakeholders, to present the operational protocol and to provide the respective stakeholders (rangers, hunters, inspectors, veterinarians, police, foresters) with clear guidelines on how to act and engage when dealing with incidents of illegal poisoning, depending on their jurisdiction.

Workshop Objectives:

- presenting BalkanDetox LIFE project
- sharing knowledge gained through the WCA
- presenting operational protocols
- providing clear guidelines on how to act and engage when dealing with incidents of illegal poisoning (depending on individual jurisdiction of stakeholders' groups)

1. List of participants:





Edukativna radionica o suzbijanju trovanja divljih životinja

Vijećnica Grada Krka, Trg bana Josipa Jelačića 2, Krk,
11. lipnja 2024., 11:00 – 15:00 h

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2. Invitation letter and the agenda:



Zagreb, 28. svibnja 2024.

Predmet: Edukativna radionica o suzbijanju trovanja (BalkanDetox LIFE projekt - aktivnost „Uspostava nacionalnog edukativnog programa za suzbijanje trovanja“)

- Poziv, dostavlja se

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Vrijeme: 11:00 – 15:00 sati

Mjesto: Velika vijećnica Grada Krka, Trg bana Josipa Jelačića 2, 51 500 Krk

11:00 – 11:15	<i>Okupljanje i registracija</i>
11:15 – 11:35	<i>Uvodna riječ</i> Marija Martinko Ivanov, koordinatorica BalkanDetox LIFE projekta, Udruga Biom
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12:25 – 12:45	<i>Izlaganje</i> Mara Gerovac, policijska službenica Službe općeg kriminaliteta, Ravnateljstvo policije
12:45 – 13:15	Pauza za kavu i osvježenje
13:15 – 13:45	<i>Izlaganje</i> Andrija Damjanović, viši inspektor zaštite prirode, Državni inspektorat RH
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15:15	<i>Ručak (Restoran Harbour (Hotel Maritime), Lukobran 2, 51 500 Krk)</i>

3. Short description:

The 5th and final National anti-poisoning training workshop was held on the 11th of June in Krk. All relevant stakeholders from 3 counties were invited (Istarska, Primorsko-goranska and Ličko-senjska county). There were in total 14 participants that came for training (21 including Biom staff and lecturers). The majority of participants were police officers (9 participants).

Biom's project coordinator Marija Martinko Ivanov opened the workshop by greeting all participants after which she explained the objective of the workshop, its context within the BalkanDetox LIFE project and presented the BalkanDetox LIFE project itself. She announced the workshop agenda and introduced the national operational protocol as well as lecturers – former WCA attendees.

In the session that followed, five former WCA attendees shared their WCA experience and knowledge. They also reflected in detail about the situation in Croatia regarding illegal wildlife poisoning from the point of their expertise and jurisdiction (ranger, hunter, police officer, inspector and veterinarian). Most of them presented real cases of illegal poisoning incidents in Croatia and guided the participants through the investigation/prosecution process, pointing out proper/improper ways of acting or engaging and their results/consequences, continuously referring to the step points of national operational protocol. One lecturer, Iva Arapović – county state attorney's deputy (public prosecutor), wasn't able to attend the workshop due to health reasons. One lecturer, Mara Gerovac – police officer, joined the workshop via Google meet platform since she wasn't able to personally attend the workshop due to work obligations.

4. Outcomes/Conclusions from the training course:

Outcome 1: Participants are informed about the BalkanDetox LIFE project.

Outcome 2: Participants are inspired by the best practice examples from Spain (WCA) and well informed on how to properly act and engage when dealing with incidents of illegal poisoning (depending on individual jurisdiction). For this purpose, they have all received several copies of the Croatian operational protocol which they will share inside their institutions.

Outcome 3: Lecturers (experts) presented several real cases of illegal poisoning in Croatia and guided the participants through the investigation process, pointing out proper/improper ways of acting/engaging and its results/consequences.

Outcome 4: Participants have had the possibility to ask questions, raise concerns and share their experience with engaging in incidents of illegal poisoning. They also found it very beneficial to network (especially between different sectors) and communicate informally.

Outcome 5: Campaign materials (posters and calendars) were handed out to police officers who agreed to display them in their stations. 8

5. Photographs from the training course:





Annex 4

Reports from the National training courses in Greece

1. Background.

After the completion of Wildlife Crime Academy (WCA) under action B.5, the graduates of the WCA training programme had the opportunity to disseminate the knowledge gained in the Academy to the relevant institutions of their countries. Thus, in the framework of action B.7, the Hellenic Ornithological Society organised and implemented four workshops in Greece.

The first workshop targeted veterinarians and toxicologists from the whole country and was implemented in Athens. The focus of this workshop was on conducting proper forensic necropsies on wild animals and sampling for toxicological analysis. The remaining three training courses targeted law enforcement officers at selected poison hotspot areas and were focused on investigation procedures relevant to wildlife poisoning.

2. Training course for veterinarians and toxicologists.

The workshop for veterinarians and toxicologists - "Veterinary forensics as a key tool for the investigation of poison baits incidents" took place in Athens on the 11th of April 2023. It was co-hosted by the Benaki Phytopathological Institute in Kifissia and 16 vets and toxicologists attended from all over the country.

The agenda included presentations about the Situation of Illegal Use of Poison Baits in Greece, CSI in the field, Veterinary Forensics for the Investigation of Death due to Poison Baits, the Documentation of Wildlife Poisoning through the Toxicological Analysis and the practical exercise.

Among the instructors was Mrs. Panagiota Michalopoulou, one of the graduates of the Wildlife Crime Academy. Mrs Michalopoulou is the toxicologist who is in charge of the Directorate of the Veterinary Center in Athens, the only toxicological laboratory that receives among other things samples of presumably poisoned animals and baits.

The practical exercise consisted of the necropsy of a Common Buzzard (*Buteo buteo*), carried out by Mr. Dimitris Doukas, Assistant Professor

of Forensic and Diagnostic Pathology of Animals at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Thessaly. The participants showed great interest, they approached, asked questions and took videos of the procedure. In addition, a visit to the facilities of the institute was also organized for participants to see where and how some of the samples suspected of wildlife poisoning are analysed.

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4. Photos from the 1st training course.





5. Training courses for law enforcement officers.

During 2024, three workshops for law enforcement officers were implemented under the auspices of the BalkanDetox LIFE project. The workshops targeted primarily police officers, forestry agency officers, game wardens and wardens from the Natural Environment and Climate Change Agency (NECCA).

The agenda had both theoretical and practical parts. In the theoretical part, there were presentations regarding general information about wildlife poisoning and its impact on biodiversity, CSI investigation, Sample Collection and correct completion of the operational protocols as well as the legal framework regarding the use of poison baits. The practical part consisted of:

- 1) a hands-on exercise simulating the investigation of two poisoning incidents in the field and
- 2) focus groups that should assess and discuss the Joint Ministerial Decree (JMD) regulating the management and investigation of wildlife poisoning incidents.

During the first exercise (wildlife CSI in the field), the participants were divided in two groups while the facilitators made a short introduction and gave roles to all the participants in order to facilitate their collaboration and to ensure everyone's participation. Each group had to investigate two different cases; in the first case participants weren't allowed to touch anything but had to fill in all the relevant field protocols, labels, etc. In the second case, the difficulty increased because they also had to collect the baits, the carcasses and any other findings and to pack them properly. In the focus groups they had to read and comment on the JMD and after that to prepare their own ideal Local Action Plan (LAP) and to point out the problematic points.

The first seminar took place in Veroia on the 14th of May 2024 and 30 participants from different law enforcement agencies attended.

The second seminar took place in Dadia on the 16th of May. This seminar was conducted in collaboration with the Society for the Protection of Biodiversity in Thrace and 39 participants attended.

The last seminar took place in Komotini on the 17th of October, again in collaboration with the Society for the Protection of Biodiversity in Thrace, and had the participation of 25 law enforcement agents.

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5.6. Photos from the 4th training course.



Annex 5

Report from the National training course in North Macedonia

- WORKSHOP REPORT 1 -

Background:

06.11.2023, First national training on wildlife poisoning for police, forensic inspectors, environment and veterinary inspectors and public prosecutors from the cities of Kavadarci, Veles and Negotino by WCA participants, Kavadarci (North Macedonia). Macedonian Ecological Society.

Workshop Goal:

Have the WCA participants conduct training for police, forensic inspectors, environment and veterinary inspectors and public prosecutors from the cities of Kavadarci, Veles and Negotino for the first national training on wildlife poisoning cases.

Workshop Objectives:

- Familiarize the participants with the issues of wildlife poisoning, the reasons, the consequences and possible solutions.
- Introduce the BalkanDetox project and the activities conducted thus far, as well as remaining goals.
- Present the legal obligations of the police, relevant inspectorates and public prosecutors to act upon and collaborate on such cases.
- Familiarize participants with the topic of forensic entomology and the required CSI work for such cases.
- Have participants discuss the problems they face during their work in cases of wildlife crimes.

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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions from the training course:

Outcome 1: The training was successfully attended by police, inspectors, NGO and hunting society representatives and public prosecutors. Participants had the opportunity to learn the structure and role of the police force for such wildlife crimes, as well as the collaboration amongst relevant inspectorates (environmental, hunting and veterinary). Additionally, public prosecutors discussed the primary issues they face when conducting such investigations and that is that there is irrelevant or low-quality forensic work done.

Outcome 2: All participants agreed, after the last interactive discussion that clear procedures are crucial to be adopted so as to avoid confusion on the practical and financial undertaking of such cases. There were occurring differing opinions on what the procedure is for collecting and analysing the carcass as the representative of the Food and Veterinary Agency (with veterinary inspectors), debates their role in the procedure. This is mostly due to lack of specialized training for the veterinary inspectors as well as budgetary issues.

Outcome 3: Participants were particularly interested in the presentation on forensic entomology as a possible additional tool for effective forensic work.

3. Next steps:

Action 1: SOP be adopted by the State Environmental Inspectorate so as to clarify steps and responsibilities.

Action 2: Additional trainings need to be done in Bitola and for the veterinary inspectors.

Photos from the training course:





- WORKSHOP REPORT 2 -

Background:

07.11.2023, An additional (second) national training on wildlife poisoning for police, forensic inspectors, environment and veterinary inspectors and public prosecutors from the cities of Bitola, Prilep and Resen by WCA participants, Bitola (North Macedonia). Macedonian Ecological Society. This additional training course was organised due to great interest in the training programme expressed at the first training workshop, and motivation of the trainers that completed the Wildlife Crime Academy programme.

Workshop Goal:

Have the WCA participants conduct trainings for police, forensic inspectors, environment and veterinary inspectors and public prosecutors from the cities of Bitola, Prilep and Resen for the second national training on wildlife poisoning cases.

Workshop Objectives:

- Familiarize the participants with the issues of wildlife poisoning, the reasons, the consequences and possible solutions.
- Introduce the BalkanDetox project and the activities conducted thus far, as well as remaining goals.
- Present the legal obligations of the police, relevant inspectorates and public prosecutors to act upon and collaborate for such cases.
- Familiarize participants with the topic of forensic entomology and the required CSI work for such cases.
- Have participants discuss the problems they face during their work in cases of wildlife crimes.

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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions from the training course:

Outcome 1: The training was successfully attended by police, environmental inspectors, NGO and hunting society representatives and public prosecutors. Participants had the opportunity to learn the structure and role of the police force for such wildlife crimes, as well as the collaboration amongst relevant inspectorates (environmental, hunting and veterinary). Additionally, the attending public prosecutor discussed the primary issues they face when conducting such investigations and that is that there is irrelevant or low-quality forensic work done.

Outcome 2: Similar to the first training, all participants agreed, after the last interactive discussion that clear procedures are crucial to be adopted so as to avoid confusion on the practical and financial undertaking of such cases. There were occurring differing opinions on what the procedure is for collecting and analysing the carcass and the role of veterinary inspectors is still undefined with comparing with veterinarians from the faculty of veterinary medicine. This is mostly due to lack of specialized training for the veterinary inspectors as well as budgetary issues.

Outcome 3: The chief of the Police station in Bitola (which also oversees the police stations in Prilep and Resen), joined the discussion at the end of the training and expressed the issues that his police officers face on field as they are unequipped with proper field attire, GPS technology and maps so as to effectively conduct investigations in more remote nature areas.

3. Next steps:

Action 1: SOP be adopted by the State Environmental Inspectorate so as to clarify steps and responsibilities.

Action 2: Additional trainings need to be done for veterinary inspectors, to familiarize them with the topic of wildlife poisoning, and have additional meetings with the Food and Veterinary Agency concerning this pertaining issue in the procedure.

- WORKSHOP REPORT 3 -

Background:

03.06.2024, An additional (third) national training on wildlife poisoning for veterinary inspectors from the Food and Veterinary Agency (FVA), conducted by the WCA participants and professors of the Faculty, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (FVM), Macedonian Ecological Society. This additional training course was organised due to great interest in the training programme expressed at the first training workshop, and motivation of the trainers that completed the Wildlife Crime Academy programme.

Workshop Goal:

Have the WCA participants from the Faculty of veterinary medicine conducted the third national training on wildlife poisoning for veterinary inspectors from the FVA, in the premises of the Faculty.

Workshop Objectives:

- Familiarize the participants with the issues of wildlife poisoning, the reasons, the consequences and possible solutions.
- Introduce the BalkanDetox project and the activities conducted thus far, as well as remaining goals.
- Present the symptoms of a poisoned animal, correct measures that need to be taken to effectively collect the carcass/es, and the toxicological analyses required to detect poison.
- Present the institutional framework for collaboration between the relevant inspection bodies during such cases.

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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions from the training course:

Outcome 1: The training was successfully attended by veterinary inspectors as well as several members of the Faculty. Participants had the opportunity to watch the presenters conduct an autopsy on a carcass of a dog (which was euthanized due to old age), during which they were shown how to properly make an incision where it is required and how the organs would look like if the animal was poisoned (since euthanasia affects some organs in a similar way that poison does).

Outcome 2: The Dean of the Faculty attended the training, and gave a welcoming speech highlighting the need for collaboration between the involved institutions and the importance of anti-wildlife poisoning efforts.

Outcome 3: The main inspector of nature, Mr. Kirovski, presented the SOP (which is pending for approval and is expected to be adopted the summer of 2024) and what kind of inter-institutional collaboration is required upon which followed a fruitful debate and discussion with the heads of the veterinary inspectors, Mr. Kostov and Mr. Novoselski.

3. Next steps:

Action 1: SOP be adopted by the State Environmental Inspectorate so as to clarify steps and responsibilities.

Action 2: MES will send out certificates to attending participants, signed by MES executive director and the Dean of the FVM.

Action 3: Arta will send the National Action Plan to Mr. Novoselski to be reviewed by him.

Photos from the training course:





Annex 6

Reports from the National training courses in Serbia

- WORKSHOP REPORT 1 -

Background:

24.11.2023, National training course for investigation of wildlife poisoning for veterinary pathologists from the relevant State and Regional Veterinary Institutes, and other relevant stakeholders such as the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

The training programme was prepared and implemented together with the representatives of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (Darko Marinković, Milan Aničić) and the Scientific Veterinary Institute of Novi Sad (Radomir Ratajac, Biljana Đurđević) which attended and graduated the specialised training programmes of the Wildlife Crime Academy in Spain.

Workshop Goal:

Deliver training about identifying poisoning, shooting, electrocution as the cause of death based on body posture of dead animals, conducting forensic pathological examinations on dead wild animals relevant for identifying poisoning as the potential cause of death and taking samples for toxicological analysis to the veterinary pathologists from the relevant regional and national veterinary institutes and other institutions.

Workshop Objectives:

- Familiarize the participants with the issues of wildlife poisoning, the reasons, the consequences and possible solutions.
- Present the symptoms of a poisoned, shot, electrocuted animals, correct measures that need to be taken to effectively collect the carcasses.
- Conduct detailed forensic pathological examination and sampling for the different toxicological analyses required to detect poison.
- Present the institutional framework for collaboration between the relevant institutions during investigation of potential wildlife crime cases.

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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions from the training course:

Outcome 1: The training was successfully attended by veterinary pathologists from the main regional veterinary institutes in the country, as well as several members of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. The training programme was designed so that it covers all the fundamental aspects of pathomorphological and toxicological processing of samples that are necessary in cases of criminal investigation associated with wildlife crime.

Participants had the opportunity to watch the presenters conduct an autopsy on a carcass of a bird of prey, during which they were shown how to properly make an incision where it is required and how the organs would look like if the animal was poisoned.

Outcome 2: Participants were shown how to distinguish between the different potential causes of death based on body posture of dead animals.

Outcome 3: Participants were provided with best practice examples for sampling for toxicological analysis – selection of materials (body parts, tissues, digestive system contents, secretions and excretions, soil, vomit, insects), method of packaging and storage.

Outcome 4: A detailed analysis of the relevant legislation and jurisdiction related to criminal acts and procedures on wild animals was given by Professor Vladimir Nešić from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Belgrade, Head of Department for forensic veterinary medicine.

3. Next steps:

Action 1: Explore possibilities for further trainings.

Action 2: Maintain close collaboration and regular exchange of information about potential poisoning cases that the participants might come across.

Photos from the training course:





Agenda from the 1st training course:

Криминални поступци и радње над дивљим животињама – патоморфолошка и токсиколошка обрада узорака

Едукација

Факултет ветеринарске медицине

24.11.2023.

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Едукација је осмишљена на такав начин да покрива све фундаменталне аспекте патоморфолошке и токсиколошке обраде узорака које су неопходне за истражне поступке у случајевима криминалних радњи над дивљим животињама.

Едукација се спроводи у сарадњи са Факултетом ветеринарске медицине из Београда, Научним институтом за ветеринарство “НОВИ САД”, Друштвом за заштиту и проучавање птица Србије. Програм едукације инспирисан је програмом Wildlife Crime Academy, заснованом на искуству из праксе служби за заштиту животне средине из Шпаније и пројекта BalkanDetox LIFE (LIFE19 GIE/NL/001016), прекограничне иницијативе која окупља организације за заштиту дивљих животиња, надлежне државне институције и друге заинтересоване стране из шест балканских земаља да се супротставе тровању дивљих животиња као посебном облику еколошког криминала.

Програм едукације

I Теоријски део

- предаваоница Катедре за патологију ФВМ-

09:00 – 09:15 Уводна реч

09:15 – 10:30 Криминалне радње и поступци над дивљим животињама – узроци насилне смрти код дивљих животиња – ватрено оружје, замке, омче, мреже, електрокуција, колизија, недозвољен лов предаторима, оштри предмети (куке, удице, игле у мамцима).

проф. др Дарко Маринковић, ФВМ

10:30 – 11:30 Фазе декомпозиције леша и ентомологија леша; Постмортални преглед – Спољашњи преглед леша - значај спољашњег прегледа леша и положаја леша (BPC – *Body position of the carcass*), постморталне манипулације са лешом, постморталне промене; Унутрашњи преглед леша.

доц. др Милан Аничкић, ФВМ

11:30 – 12:00 Кафе пауза

12:00 – 12:30 Узорковање за токсиколошке анализе – избор материјала (делови тела, ткива, садржај дигестивног система, секрет и екскрети, тло, повраћени садржај, инсекти), начин паковања и чувања.

др Биљана Ђурђевић, НИВС Нови Сад

12:30 – 13:00 Токсикологија – поступак са узорком, методе токсиколошке дијагностике, ограничења.

др Радомир Ратајац, НИВС Нови Сад

13:00 – 13:30 Легислатива везана за криминалне радње и поступке на дивљим животињама.

проф. др Владимир Нешић, ФВМ

Кратка пауза и припрема за практичан рад.

II Практични део

- сала за обдукцију Катедре за патологију, ФВМ -

13:45 – 15:30 Обдукција лешева дивљих животиња и узорковање ткива за токсиколошка испитивања.

проф. др Дарко Маринковић, доц. др Милан Аничић

15:30 Ручак

- WORKSHOP REPORT 2 -

Background:

05/11/2024 – National training course for investigation of wildlife crime in Sremski Karlovci, Bird Protection and Study Society of Serbia. Together with the Ministry of Internal Affairs, unit for combating environmental crime (JSEK), and VCF we organized two educational training on preventing the illegal killing of wild animals. The majority of the participants in this training were police inspectors, but also representatives from the relevant inspectors of the Secretariat for Urban Planning and Environmental Protection, 'Vojvodinašume,' and the provincial and national institutes for nature protection.

The training was led by graduates of the Wildlife Crime Academy training programme from the Institute of Nature Conservation of Vojvodina Province (Nikola Stojnić) and VCF (Uroš Pantović). The training is designed to cover all basic aspects, from a planning perspective, of police or forensic techniques, and provides the necessary theoretical and practical knowledge to police officers and representatives of other competent institutions so that they can develop the necessary investigation. The training methodology is based on a combination of theoretical and conceptual modules, with practical workshops in real situations.

Workshop Goal:

The aim of this education is to transfer practical knowledge and best methods in the investigation of wildlife crime cases and contribute to the technical and specific qualification of civil servants and experts in the field of wildlife crime (shooting, poaching, poisoning, wildlife trafficking).

Workshop Objectives:

- Presenting the extent of the problems faced by wildlife in Serbia and prepare participants to fully understand the peculiarities of wildlife crime and why it is so hard to investigate and solve.
- Prepare participants to identify major causes of criminal death of wildlife specimens at a preliminary stage based on practical demonstrations with dead wild animals and recreated poisoning scenarios.

- Prepare participants to fully attend and assist poisoning episodes, with awareness and skills to assess the magnitude or impact on wildlife.
- Contribute to the technical and specific qualification of civil servants and professionals from Serbia in the field of wildlife crime

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Photos from the training course:





- WORKSHOP REPORT 3 -

Background:

07/11/2024 – National training course for investigation of wildlife poisoning in Niš, Bird Protection and Study Society of Serbia. Together with the Ministry of Internal Affairs, unit for combating environmental crime (JSEK), and VCF, we organized the second educational training on preventing the illegal killing of wild animals for law enforcement officers. The majority of the participants in this training were police inspectors, but also representatives from the environmental inspection and Institute for Nature Conservation of Serbia.

The training was led by graduates of the Wildlife Crime Academy training programme from the Institute of Nature Conservation of Vojvodina Province (Nikola Stojnić) and VCF (Uroš Pantović). The training is designed to cover all basic aspects, from a planning perspective, of police or forensic techniques, and provides the necessary theoretical and practical knowledge to police officers and representatives of other competent institutions so that they can develop the necessary investigation. The training methodology is based on a combination of theoretical and conceptual modules, with practical workshops in real situations.

Workshop Goal:

The aim of this education is to transfer practical knowledge and best methods in the investigation of wildlife crime cases and contribute to the technical and specific qualification of civil servants and experts in the field of wildlife crime (shooting, poaching, poisoning, wildlife trafficking).

Workshop Objectives:

- Presenting the extent of the problems faced by wildlife in Serbia and prepare participants to fully understand the peculiarities of wildlife crime and why it is so hard to investigate and solve.
- Prepare participants to identify major causes of criminal death of wildlife specimens at a preliminary stage based on practical demonstrations with dead wild animals and recreated poisoning scenarios.
- Prepare participants to fully attend and assist poisoning episodes, with awareness and skills to assess the magnitude or impact on wildlife.

- Contribute to the technical and specific qualification of civil servants and professionals from Serbia in the field of wildlife crime

1. List of participants:

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Agenda for the 2nd an 3rd training course.



**Истражне радње и поступци у случајевима
нелегалног убијања дивљих животиња**

- Едукација -

О едукацији

Едукација је осмишљена на такав начин да покрива све основне аспекте, из перспективе планирања, полицијске или форензичке технике, и пружа неопходна теоријска и практична знања полицијским службеницима и представницима других надлежних институција како би могли развити неопходну истрагу. Методологија едукације заснива се на комбинацији теоријских и концептуалних модула, са практичним радионицама у реалним ситуацијама.

Циљ ове едукације је да пренесе практично знање и најбоље методе у истрази случајева криминала против дивљих животиња и допринесе техничкој и специфичној квалификацији државних службеника и стручњака из области криминала против дивљих животиња (пуцање, криволов, тровање, трговина дивљим врстама).

Едукација се спроводи у сарадњи са Друштвом за заштиту и проучавање птица Србије и инспирисана је Академијом за злочине над дивљим животињама (Wildlife Crime Academy - WCA). Едукација је заснована на најбољим праксама надлежних служби за заштиту животне средине Регионалне владе Андалузије (Junta de Andalucia) из Шпаније у борби против еколошког криминала и пројекта BalkanDetox LIFE, прекограничне иницијативе која окупља организације за заштиту дивљих животиња, надлежне државне институције и друге заинтересоване стране из шест балканских земаља да се супротставе тровању дивљих животиња као посебном облику еколошког криминала.

Програм едукације

Теоријски део

09:00 – 09:30	Регистрација учесника.
09:30 – 09:45	Уводна реч и представљање програма едукације. (<i>Vulture Conservation Foundation - VCF, Друштво за заштиту и проучавање птица Србије</i>).

09:45 – 10:15	Криминалне радње и поступци над дивљим животињама – узроци нелегалног убијања дивљих животиња у Србији. (Слободан Марковић, Друштво за заштиту и проучавање птица Србије).
10:15 – 10:45	Идентификација насилне смрти код дивљих животиња – како и где реаговати. (Никола Стојнић, Покрајински завод за заштиту природе).
11:45 – 11:00	Питања и дискусија.
11:00 – 11:30	Кафе пауза.
11:30 – 12:15	Истрага места злочина (лична безбедност, приступ и обезбеђивање места злочина и прикупљање узорака и доказа). (Никола Стојнић, Покрајински завод за заштиту природе; Нена Милорадовић Бјелица, Прво основно јавно тужилаштво у Београду).
12:15 – 12:45	Сарадња полиције и тужилаштва у преткривичном поступку и неопходност увиђаја ради откривања и процесуирања кривичних дела против дивљих врста. (Нена Милорадовић Бјелица, Прво основно јавно тужилаштво у Београду).
12:45 – 13:00	Питања и дискусија.
13:00 – 13:10	Увод у практичне радионице.

Практични део

Две паралелне ротационе радионице, са паузом од 10 минута између. Учесници ће бити подељени у две групе и моћи ће да присуствују обе радионице.

Радионица 1: Идентификација узрока угинућа дивљих животиња на терену. – модератор: Урош Пантовић, VCF.

Група 1: 13:10 – 14:00

Група 2: 14:10 – 15:00

Радионица 2: Форензичка истрага и прикупљање доказа. – модератор: Никола Стојнић, ПЗП.

Група 1: 14:10 – 15:00

Група 2: 13:10 – 14:00

15:00 – 16:30

Ручак.

16:30

Крај едукације.