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Dear All,

Within the project frame "**Assessment of the endangered subterranean biodiversity of the Skadar-Shkodra Lake Basin (Montenegro and Albania)**", and together with our host, the University of Shkodra "Luigj Gurakuqi", Albania, we are cordially inviting you to attend the workshop

CONSERVATION OF CAVE BIODIVERSITY IN SOUTHEAST DINARIC KARST

which will be held at the Library of the University of Shkodra, Shkodër, Albania.

Participants are invited to give a short lecture (10+5 min) to present their experiences, methods and solutions, and/or to participate in the discussion on protection of the endangered cave & karst biodiversity of Montenegro and Albania, within topics:

- Distribution and richness
- Present conservation status
- Negative anthropogenic pressures on groundwater and environmental hazards
- Concrete conservation actions and best practice, public outreach
- Obligations of the national and international conservation legislation and conventions
- Funding for research and conservation of cave biodiversity and karst

We kindly ask you to confirm your participation using the online form <https://goo.gl/forms/rfJBWk3bZBO1p5y23>. The workshop has no registration fees. Language of presentations is English. The final selection of presentations was made by the program committee (Dr. Phillipe Théou, MSc. Denik Ulqini, Miloš Pavičević, Magda and Gregor Aljančič).

Thank you in advance for your participation and valuable contribution at the workshop.

Gregor Aljančič,
Head of Tular Cave Laboratory
Slovenia



Workshop CONSERVATION OF CAVE BIODIVERSITY IN SOUTHEAST DINARIC KARST

organized within the project

Assessment of the endangered subterranean biodiversity of the Skadar/Shkodra Lake Basin (Montenegro and Albania)

co-financed by the CEPF, BirdLife International and DOPPS

29th October 2016, 10.00 AM, Library of the University of Shkodra, Shkodër, Albania

Address: [Rruga Jeronim de Rada, Shkodër, Albania](#)

DETAILED PROGRAM

9.15 – 10.00	Registration of participants	
10.00 – 10.10	Opening of meeting and welcome speech of organizer and honorable host	Gregor Aljančič , Tular Cave Laboratory, Slovenia Denik Ulqini , University of Shkodra, Albania
1st Session: DINARIC KARST - PRESENT STATUS AND THREATS Chair: Gregor Aljančič		
10.10 – 10.30	Keynote lecture: <i>Conservation of biodiversity in the Southwest Balkan, a hotspot of the Mediterranean Basin. Overview of past investments of the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund</i>	Borut Rubinič , DOPPS - BirdLife Slovenia Ljubljana, Slovenia
10.30 – 10.45	<i>The natural values of the karst area in Shkodra region</i>	Denik Ulqini¹ & Rrok Smajlaj¹ ¹ Department of Biology and Chemistry, University of Shkodra
10.45 – 11.00	<i>Subterranean biodiversity in southeastern Dinarides - present data and future potential</i>	Teo Delić¹ & Maja Zgmajster¹ ¹ Department of Biology, Biotechnical Faculty, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
11.00 – 11.15	<i>Dreissena invasion: Predictable patterns driven by invasion history - towards upper reach of streams in the Albanian Alps (Komani-Fierza-Shala-Curraj)</i>	Spase Shumka^{1,2} ¹ Agricultural University of Tirana, Faculty of Biotechnology and Food; ² c/o. PPNEA, Tirana, Albania
11.15 – 11.30	<i>Conservation of birds and mammals in Albania: challenges and results</i>	Eva Dulellari¹ ¹ Albanian Society for The Protection of Birds and Mammals (ASBPM), Tirana, Albania
11.30 – 11.45	<i>The conservation status of amphibians in Albania</i>	Enerit Saçdanaku¹ ¹ Faculty of Natural Sciences, Research Center of Flora and Fauna, University of Tirana, Albania.
11.45 – 12.00	Coffee break	

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2nd Session: CONSERVATION IN THE DINARIC KARST AREA: CURRENT RESEARCH AND ACTIONS		
Chair: Prof. Spase Shumka		
12.00 – 12.15	<i>Albanian Challenge</i>	Erika Lorencová¹ ¹ <i>Albanian Challenge z. s., Brno, Czech Republic</i>
12.15 – 12.30	<i>Construction of small hydro power plant at the spring of the Morača River</i>	Jelena Popović¹ & Jovana Đokić¹ ¹ <i>Montenegrin Ecologists Society, Podgorica, Montenegro</i>
12.30 – 12.45	<i>Assessment of biodiversity in the Prespa National Park</i>	Ilçe Kostofski¹ & Taulant Bino¹ ¹ <i>Polis University, Tirana Albania</i>
12.45 – 13.00	<i>The importance of cave management for bat conservation in Albania</i>	Philippe Théou¹ & Ervis Loce¹ ¹ <i>Department of Biology, Faculty of Natural Sciences, University of Tirana, Tirana 1001, Albania</i>
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch break	

3rd Session: RECENT RESEARCH AT TULAR CAVE LABORATORY SLOVENIA; DISCUSSIONS, DEBATES AND CONCLUSIONS		
Chair: Borut Rubinić		
14.30 – 14.45	<i>Searching for Proteus at the South-eastern edge of the Dinaric Karst</i>	Gregor Aljančič¹, Špela Gorički¹, David Stanković¹, Magdalena Năpăruș-Aljančič¹, Miloš Pavičević², Aleš Snoj³, Matjaž Kuntner⁴ ¹ <i>Tular Cave Laboratory, Slovenia;</i> ² <i>Biospeleological Society of Montenegro;</i> ³ <i>Biotechnical Faculty, Department of Animal Science, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia;</i> ⁴ <i>Institute of Biology ZRC SAZU, Slovenia</i>
14.45 – 15.00	<i>GIS analysis of black Proteus in Bela krajina Slovenia</i>	Magdalena Năpăruș-Aljančič¹, Špela Gorički¹, David Stanković¹, Aleš Snoj², Matjaž Kuntner³ & Gregor Aljančič¹ ¹ <i>Tular Cave Laboratory Slovenia;</i> ² <i>Biotechnical Faculty, Department of Animal Science, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia;</i> ³ <i>Institute of Biology ZRC SAZU, Slovenia</i>
15.00 – 15.15	<i>Protection caves and karst</i>	Gregor Aljančič¹, Miloš Pavičević², Magdalena Năpăruș-Aljančič¹, Tajda Turk¹ & Leonid Merzlyakov² ¹ <i>Tular Cave Laboratory Slovenia;</i> ² <i>Biospeleological Society of Montenegro;</i>
15.15 – 15.30	<i>Short documentaries:</i> 1. <i>The Human fish or European Cave Salamander</i> 2. <i>Water cycle</i> 3. <i>SOS Proteus</i>	1. <i>Slovenian Museum of Natural History, Ljubljana, 2000;</i> 2. <i>CIC Production, 2015</i> 3. <i>Tular Cave Laboratory Slovenia & CEBRAM Film, 2015</i>
15.30 – 17.00	Discussions: Next steps towards implementation of conservation legislation and practical protection of biodiversity in karst of Albania and Montenegro	
17.00	Closing of the workshop	

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Language of presentations: English

LOCATION OF THE WORKSHOP

[University Library Shkendore](#), University of Shkodra

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