

Više od 30 godina istraživanja morskih sisavaca u Hrvatskoj

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Istraživanja morskih sisavaca na Veterinarskom fakultetu Sveučilišta u Zagrebu počela su se provoditi početkom 80ih godina 20 stoljeća. Uvidjevši da je sredozemna medvjedica pred izumiranjem, prof. dr. sc. Hrvoje Gomerčić započinje istraživanja koja se od tada sve više intenziviraju i uključuju sve veći broj znanstvenika i znanstvenih ustanova iz različitih područja. Od početka istraživanja do danas aktivnosti se provode kroz različite međunarodne projekte ili projekte koje financiraju različita ministarstava bivše i današnje države. Na početku je fokus bio na obilaženju staništa pogodnih za sredozemnu medvjedicu i njezinu pojavnost dok se s vremenom istraživanja usmjeruju na praćenje smrtnosti svih vrsta morskih sisavaca u Jadranu. U navedenom razdoblju pronađeno je 497 lešina morskih sisavaca od kojih je pregledano 308. Na tako bogatom materijalu istražena je ekologija, morfologija, genetika, patologija, pojavnost teških metala i drugo. Početkom 20. stoljeća počinju intenzivna istraživanja na terenu živih životinja uz pomoć istraživačke brodice. Svi uzorci tkiva, kosturi i fotodokumentacija čuvaju se u Zavodu za anatomijsku, histologiju i embriologiju Veterinarskog fakulteta i predstavljaju jednu od iznimnih zbirki morskih sisavaca u Europi i u svijetu. Iz tih istraživanja proizašli su brojni znanstveni radovi, diplomske radove, doktorske i magisterske disertacije, kongresna priopćenja, te stručna izvješća o stanju populacija morskih sisavaca u Jadranu. Od početka u istraživanja su aktivno uključivani i studenti tako da se godinama na Veterinarskom fakultetu održava i nastava o morskim sisavcima u sklopu izbornih predmeta na diplomskom i doktorskom studiju. Svi rezultati korišteni su u upravljanju i zaštiti populacija morskih sisavaca u Jadranskom moru.

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More than 30 years of research on marine mammals in Croatia

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Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Zagreb, implemented the research on marine mammals in the early 1980s. Realizing that the Mediterranean monk seal was on the verge of extinction, prof.dr.sc. Hrvoje Gomerčić began its research, which has been intensifying ever since. Today, it involves an increasing number of scientists and scientific institutions from different areas. From the beginning of research to the present day, activities are carried out through various international projects or projects funded by different ministries of the former and present state. At the beginning, the focus was on visiting habitats suitable for the Mediterranean monk seal and recording its occurrence. Over time, research team started documenting mortality records of all marine mammal species in the Adriatic. In the above period, 497 marine mammal carcasses were found out of which 308 were analyzed. Thanks to the big sample size, research covered marine mammal ecology, morphology, genetics, pathology, occurrence of heavy metals and others. At the beginning of the 20th century, research broadened on living animals and field work was enabled with the help of a research boat. All tissue samples, skeletons and photo documentation is kept in the Department of Anatomy, Histology and Embryology of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and represent an exceptional marine mammals collection both in Europe and in the world. Numerous scientific papers, diploma theses, doctoral and master's dissertations, conference papers, and professional reports were produced about the marine mammal populations in the Adriatic. Students were actively involved in the research and are able to enroll elective courses on marine mammals during graduate and doctoral studies on the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. All results have been used in the management and protection of marine mammal populations in the Adriatic.

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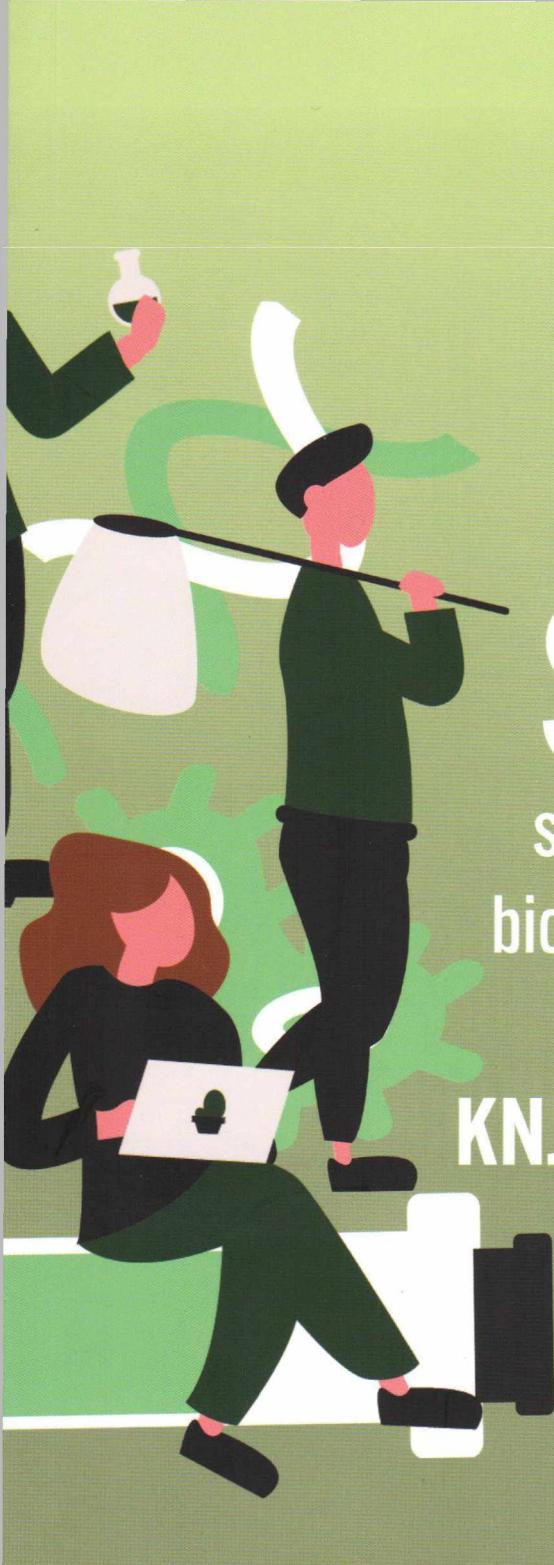
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