

Poučna staza Starac

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Educational trail Starac



Poučna staza Starac smještena je na južnim obroncima Požeške gore, a proteže se kroz brojne vinograde, počinjake i šume, sve do vidikovca s kojega se pruža pogled na Pleterničke ravnicu i gore koje ju okružuju. Njihovim obroncima i dalje dominiraju šume koje imaju izrazitu važnost ne samo za gospodarstvo nego i cjelokupni ekosustav. Osim što su izvor sировина od kojih je zasigurno najvažnija drvena masa koja se koristi kao gradjevinski materijal, ogrev ili u raznim industrijskim, šume su izvor raznih plodova, jekovitog, zaciinskog i aromatičnog bilja i gljiva. Šumska vegetacija sprječava eroziju, a šume podržavaju vodni režim i hidrološki ciklus, te štite od poplava regulirajući globalni klimu i smanjujući učinak stakleničkih plinova. Uz sve to šume imaju rekreacijsku funkciju te su idealno mjesto za izlete, ali i edukaciju. Ova poučna staza upoznati će sve zanateličnike s važnosti šumskih staništa, njihovom raznolikosti i pravilnim načinom gospodarenja jer upravo su zasilita i održivo gospodarenje ključ očuvanja raznolikosti i funkcija šumskih staništa.



2 Mozaik staništa

Habitat mosaic



Djelovanjem čovjeka i kriješnjem šuma nastao je mozaik voćnjaka i vinograda, preostalih šumarica, živice i grmova koji je stanište za gnezdenje mnogih ptica, ali i skrovista za sisavce, kukce i ostale životinje. U ovako raznolika staništa dolaze mnoge vrste ptica s okolnih staništa poput hrvata i sunca. Iz grmova često održavanja glasan, ali melodičan pjev kos (Turdus merula), dok vinogradi prepuni plodova privlače velika jata čvoraka (Sturnus vulgaris). Na osunčanim dijelovima često vidimo zidne gušterice (Lacerta muralis) i livadne gušterice (Lacerta agilis), zelembaće (Lacerta viridis), te pokoj sjepić (Anguis fragilis). Obilje kukaca i glodavaca privlači i zmije poput bjelice (Zamenis longissimus), bjelouske (Natrix natrix) ili smukulje (Coronella austriaca).



Bjelica



Sjepić

Jeste li znali? Did you know?

Generalna skupština Ujedinjenih Naroda proglašila je 21. ožujka Međunarodnim danom šuma kako bi podigla svijet o važnosti raznoličnih šumskih staništa.

The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 21 March the International Day of Forests to celebrate and raise awareness of the importance of forests of all types.

Šume su put gradova za divlje životinje. One su dom za više vrsta divljih životinja nego bilo koje drugo stanište.

Forests are cities for wildlife, forests and trees are home to more wildlife than any other landscape.

Štabla su važna za održivost gradova. U urbanim područjima mogu sniziti temperaturu zraka do 8 stupnjeva, smanjujući potrebe za klimatizacijom za 30%. Štabla i urbanim sredinama izvrsni su filteri za zrak, te uklanjaju štetne tvari i sitne čestice iz zraka.

Trees are important for creating sustainable cities in urban areas, they can cool the air by up to 8 degrees, reducing air conditioning needs by 30 percent. Urban trees are also excellent air filters, removing harmful pollutants and fine particles.

Dokazano je da provođenje vremena u šumama ili čak samo oko drveća poboljšava naše zdravlje. Spending time in forests, or even just around trees, is proven to boost our health and wellbeing.



The Starac educational trail is located on the southern slopes of Požeška Gora and stretches through numerous vineyards, orchards, and forests, all the way to the lookout point with a view of the Pleternica plains and the surrounding mountains. Their slopes are still dominated by forests, which are essential not only for the economy but also for the entire ecosystem. Apart from being a source of raw materials, the most important of which is wood, which is used as a building material, firewood or in various industries, forests are a source of various fruits, medicinal, spicy and aromatic herbs and mushrooms. Forest vegetation prevents erosion, and forest support the water regime and hydrological cycle, and protect against floods by regulating the global climate and reducing the impact of greenhouse gases. In addition, the forests have a recreational function and are an ideal place for excursions, but also education. This educational trail will acquaint all curious people with the importance of forest habitats, their diversity, and their management, because protection and sustainable management are the key to preserving the diversity and function of forest habitats.



Man-made and deforestation created a mosaic of orchards and vineyards, remaining forests, hedges, and shrubs that are a habitat for many birds, but also a hiding place for mammals, insects, and other animals. Many species of birds from the surrounding habitats, such as meadows and forests, come to such diverse habitats. A loud but melodic song of common blackbird (Turdus merula) often echoes from the bushes, while vineyards full of fruit attract large flocks of starlings (Sturnus vulgaris). In sunny parts we often see common wall lizard (Lacerta muralis) and sand lizard (Lacerta agilis), European green lizard (Lacerta viridis), and occasional slow worm (Anguis fragilis). The abundance of insects and rodents also attracts snakes such as Aesculapian snake (Zamenis longissimus), grass snake (Natrix natrix), or smooth snake (Coronella austriaca).



Livadna gušterica



Zelembać



Čvorak



Kos

3 Suh kontinentalni *travnjaci*

Continental dry grasslands



Krčenjem šuma uz brojne vinograde i voćnjake nastale su i travnjacke površine koje su se u prolosti koristile za ispašu. Travnjaci smješteni na suhoj vapnenackoj podlozi poznati su po iznimnoj raznolikosti ljekovitog bilja, ali i kao važna lokaliteti za kačune. Kačuna (lat. *Orchis*) su rod trajnica iz porodice kačunovki ili orhideja (*Orchidaceae*) koji se ističu specifičnom gradom i jepotom cvjetova. Rastu iz podzemnih gomolja, a cijata od ranog proljeća do kraja ljeta. Na suhim kontinentalnim travnjacima Pleterničkog područja i uz njihove rubove zabilježeno je 18 vrsta od kojih se posebno ističe *NATURA 2000* vrsta jadranska kozonoša (*Himantoglossum adriaticum*). Uz orhideje brojne su medonosne vrste koje privlače raznolike kukce i leptire. Nažalost, zbog nestanka tradicionalne poljoprivrede i prestanka ispaške ovakvi ekosustavovi malaze se u opasnosti od nestajanja.



Bijela naglavica



Trobri kačun



Crvena vratiljela

U jednom tobolcu kačuna može se nalaziti i do 20000 sjemenki koje zbog specifične grude nemaju uskladištenje tvori potrebne za rast poput oštreljih bijuka. Zbog toga je za njihovo klijanje i rast nove biljke potrebna simbioza s raznim vrstama mikro gljiva.

One orchid seed capsule can contain up to 20000 seeds which, due to their specific structure, do not have the stored substances necessary for growth like other plants. Therefore, their germination and growth of a new plant requires a symbiosis with various types of micro fungi.



Crvena vratiljela



Grimizni kačun



Jadranska kozonoša



Jajoliki čopotac



Kacigasti kačun



Mali kačun



Deforestation, along with numerous vineyards and orchards, also created grasslands that were used for grazing in the past. Grasslands located on a dry limestone base are known for their exceptional variety of medicinal plants, but also as important orchid sites. Orchids (lat. *Orchis*) are a genus of perennials from the *Orchidaceae* family that stand out with their specific and beautifull flowers. They grow from underground tubers and bloom from early spring to late summer. On the continental dry grasslands of the Pleternica region and along their edges, 18 orchid species have been recorded. Among them, *NATURA 2000* species, the Adriatic lizard orchid (*Himantoglossum adriaticum*) stand out. Along with orchids, there are numerous honey plants that attract a variety of insects and butterflies. Unfortunately, due to the disappearance of traditional agriculture and the cessation of grazing, such ecosystems are in danger of extinction.



Kokica paučica



Mrežasti vranjak



Mirisavi dvolist



Sitnolisna kruščika

4 Šumske *zajednice*

Forest communities



Bez čovjekova utjecaja, na većini naših prostora danas bi umjesto plodnih usjeva rastle šume. Iako je velik dio šuma iskriven i pretvoren u oranice ili urbana područja, preostale šume našeg područja se zbog stoljetne tradicije i održivog gospodarenja nalaze u iznimno dobrom stanju. Na posušenim područjima i brežuljicima, poput južnih obronaka Požeške gore u slaju drveća uz hrast kitnjak (*Quercus petrea*), obični grab (*Carpinus betulus*) i običnu bukvu (*Fagus sylvatica*) kao glavne vrste drveća pridolaze i klen (*Acer campestre*), dvojna trešnja (*Prunus avium*) te lipa (*Tilia sp.*). Na osuncanim toplim padinama mogu se pronaći fragmenti šume hrasta medunca (*Quercus pubescens*). U sloju grmija rastu lešnica (*Corylus avellana*), svib (*Cornus sanguinea*), obična kurikica (*Euonymus europaeus*), obična baza (*Sambucus nigra*), glog (*Crataegus monogyna*), tratinica (*Prunus spinosa*), dvojna ruža (*Rosa canina*)... Takve šume iznimno su bogate biljnim i životinjskim vrstama od kojih su mnoge zaštićene. Kako bi se očuvala bioraznolikost šuma potrebljano je održivo gospodarenje koje obuhvaća uzgoj, zaštitu i korištenje šuma. Sjeće se moraju provoditi kontrolirano i planski, a sakupljanje i ubiranje šumskih plodova prema propisanim pravilnicima.



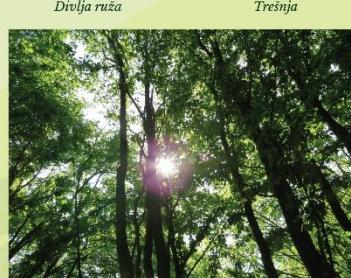
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Divlja ruža



Trešnja



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5 Epicentar raznolikosti

Forest communities



U proljeće šumska staništa, posebice uz vodena tijela vrve od živila te onđe pronalažimo velik broj vodozemaca poput šumske žabe (*Rana dalmatina*), smede krastače (*Bufo bufo*), te planinskog (lathysaura alpestris) i velikog vodenjaka (*Triturus carnifex*). Svojom obojenjušću za kisnih dana paznju privlači pješčavi daždevnjak (*Salamandra salamandra*). Za ljetnih vrućina u malim lokvicanama uz šumske puteve često možemo naći žutog mukača (*Bombina variegata*).



Divilja svinja

Osim vodozemaca u šumama nalazimo male sisavce poput šumske ranog večernjaka (*Nyctalus noctula*) koji skloništa pronalaže u dupljama suhih stabala, ali i velike sisavce poput jelena (*Cervus elaphus*), srna (*Capreolus capreolus*) i divljih svinja (*Sus scrofa*).



Pješčavi daždevnjak

Jeste li znali?

Did you know?

Zuti mukač i pješčavi daždevnjak imaju otrovne parotidne žlijezde, na čiju prisutnost upozoravaju svojom obojenjušću.

Yellow-bellied toads and fire salamanders have poison glands in the warty skin. Potential predators are warned of their toxicity by the warning yellow colouration.

U proljeće smede krastače zbog parenja migriraju iz okolnih šuma do mesta na kojima su se izlegle.

In the spring, brown toads migrate from the surrounding forests to the place where they hatched due to mating.

Veličina vodenaca se razmnožava u proljeće, ali vrlo malo vrsta brine o svojim mladima. Planinski vodenjak jedna je od iznimki, te omotava svoja jajeta tiskom podvodnih biljaka.

Lots of amphibians reproduce in spring, but only a few actually care for their young. The Alpine newt is one of these exceptions. It wraps each egg in the leaves of underwater plants.



Planinski vodenjak



Rani večernjak

Smeda krastača



In the spring, forest habitats, especially along water bodies, are teeming to life, and there we find a large number of amphibians such as agile frog (*Rana dalmatina*), common toad (*Bufo bufo*), alpine newt (*Ichthyosaura alpestris*) and Italian crested newt (*Triturus carnifex*). The fire salamander (*Salamandra salamandra*) attracts attention to its coloration on rainy days. In the summer heat in small puddles along forest roads, we can often find a yellow-bellied toad (*Bombina variegata*). In addition to amphibians in the forests, we find small mammals such as the common noctule (*Nyctalus noctula*) that find shelter in the hollows of dry trees, but also large mammals such as deer (*Cervus elaphus*), roe deer (*Capreolus capreolus*) and wild boar (*Sus scrofa*).



Srna



Šumska smeda žaba



Veliki vodenjak



Žuti mukač



Šumska lokva

6 Proljetnice

Early spring flowers



Zbog manjka svjetlosti u šumama tijekom vegetacijske sezone, mnoge biljke svoju priliku za rast i razvoj traže u rano proljeće, prije razvoja ostale vegetacije.



Bijela šumarica



Dvolsini pročepak

Iako nisu srodne, zajedničkim imenom ih nazivamo proljetnice, te su utkane u našu kulturu i poznate kao simbol budenja i novog života. Gintaro su sve proljetnice trajnice koje se razvijaju iz lukovica i podzemnih gomolja. Njipoznatiji od svih proljetnica je obična visibaba (*Galanthus nivalis*), a u stopu ju prati obični jaglac (*Primula vulgaris*), bijela šumarica (*Anemone nemorosa*), ljubičica (*Viola sp.*), jetrenka (*Hepatica nobilis*), mirisavi kukurijek (*Helleborus odorus*), durdice (*Convallaria majalis*) i potoknica (*Myosotis sylvatica*). Glavni uzrok ugroženosti proljetnica je sakupljanje a prevelikim količinama, krčenje sume i nesatan oprašivanja.



Jetrenka



kukurijek

Jeste li znali?

Did you know?

Legenda o vislhabi kaže da je svoje ime dobila jer podjeća na pogribjenu staricu koja je usamljena živjela u kolibici i brinula o jednom cvjetu. Jednog hladnog siječanjskog jutra izlazi je pred svoju kolibicu, ali neznanog cvijeća više nije bilo, zatrpa ga je snijeg. Na mjestima gdje su na snijeg pale njegine suze, pojavili su se nježni cvjetići, pognati poput nje.

The legend of the snowdrops says that it got its name because it reminds of a hunchbacked old woman who lived alone in a hut and took care of a flower. One cold January morning she went out in front of her hut, but her flowers were gone covered in snow. In the places where her tears fell on the snow, delicate flowers appeared bent like her.

Porku "ne mogu živjeti bez tebe" suptinno saljemo jaglacem, osim toga jaglac simbolizira i početak zaljubljenosti.

The message "I can't live without you" is subtly sent by primrose, in addition, the primrose symbolizes the beginning of love.

Potočnica je simbol trajnosti i odanosti pravini, duhovnim vrijednostima. Predstavlja nematerijalno blago i ponosnost te čovjekova temeljnu potrebu za vezivanjem i užabavom trajnošću.

The forget-me-not is a symbol of permanence and devotion to true spiritual values. It represents an intangible treasure, humility and man's fundamental need for bonding and loving permanence.

ljubica je simbol hrabrosti, skromnosti i tajne ljubavi. Intenzivan miris ljubičice natjerao je Afrodite da se zaljubi u Šeprav i neuglednog bogova kovača – Hlesta. Zato simbolizira moć hrabrosti koju nam pomaže savladati prepreke i učiniti nemoguće.

Violet is a symbol of courage, modesty, and the secret love. The intense scent of violet made Aphrodite fall in love with the lame and inconspicuous blacksmith god – Hephaestus. It therefore symbolizes the power of courage that helps us overcome obstacles and do the impossible.

Krkice latice bijele šumarice lako se raznose vjetrom pa se zato simbolika ovog vjetnika vezuje uz prolaznu ljubavne strasti i životu.

The fragile petals of the wood anemone are easily blown away by the wind, so the symbolism of this flower is associated with the transience of love, passion, and life.



Due to the lack of light in the forests during the growing season, many plants seek their opportunity for growth and development in early spring, before the development of other vegetation. Although they are not related, we collectively call them early spring flowers, and they are woven into our culture and known as a symbol of awakening and new life. Almost all spring perennials develop from bulbs and underground tubers. The most famous of all springs is the snowdrop (*Galanthus nivalis*), followed by the common



Mali zimzelen



Medvedi luk

primrose (*Primula vulgaris*), wood anemone (*Anemone nemorosa*), violet (*Viola sp.*), common hepatica (*Hepatica nobilis*), fragrant hellebore (*Helleborus odorus*), lilies-of-the-valley (*Convallaria majalis*) and forget-me-not (*Myosotis sylvatica*). The main causes of early spring flowers' endangerment are excessive collection, deforestation and disappearance of pollinators.



Pasji zub



Visibaba

7 Gljive

Mushrooms



U šumskim staništima žive najveći broj gljiva. Najvažnija karakteristika koja razlikuje gljive od biljnog svijeta je nedostatak zelenog biljnog pigmenta klorofila, stoga potrebne organske tvari gljive ne proizvode same već ih poput životinja uzimaju iz okoliša. Gljive mogu biti paraziti koji crpe gorove nutrijente, saprofiti koji rastu na mrtvoj organskoj tvari, a neke vrste žive u simbiozi s korijenom biljaka koju nazivamo mikoriza. Stanične stjenke gljiva osim celuloze sadrže i hitin, važan sastojak vanjskog oklopa kukava i glavonožaca. Šumska staništa bogata su brojnim gljivama od kojih su najpoznatije vrgani (Boletus sp.), blagva (Amanita caesarea), sunčanica (Macrolepiota procera), lisičarka (Cantharellus cibarius), paprena mlječnica (Lactarius piperatus), bukovaca (Pleurotus ostreatus).



8 Saproksilni kornjaši

Saproxylic beetles



Saproksilni kornjaši su kukci koji su svojim životnim ciklusom vezani uz živa, ali i mrtva ili umiruća stabla. Uključeni su u proces raspadanja divne mase i imaju glavnu ulogu u dekompoziciji i reklamaciji nutrijenata u prirodnim ekosustavima. Poput ostalih kornjaša, saproksilni kornjaši pružaju proces potpune preobrade koji uključuje još i licinacički stadij i kukuljici i odrasli stadij (imago). Licinke saproksilnih kornjaša usko su vezane uz mrtvu drvenu masu starih stabala i panjeva. Neke od najpoznatijih vrsta saproksilnih kornjaša našeg područja su jelenak (*Lucanus cervus*), hrastova strizibuba (*Cerambyx cerdo*) i zasigurno najljepša od svih, alpska cvilidreta (*Rosalia alpina*). Zbog nestanka povoljnih staništa, velik broj vrsta saproksilnih kornjaša je zakonski zaštićen, te se nalaze na popisu NATURA 2000 vrsta i na Crvenom popisu saproksilnih kornjaša Europe.



Alpska cvilidreta

Jeste li znali? Did you know?

U vrijeme rimske civilizacije gljive su bile na visokoj cijeni pa su ih zvali hranom bogova.

In the time of Roman civilization, mushrooms were at a high price, so they were called the food of the gods.

Spori nekih gljiva mogu mirovati desetljećima pa i stoljećima, te ostati plodne i nakon toliko vremena.

The spores of some fungi can rest for decades or even centuries, and remain fertile even after so long.

Protein hitin koji se nalazi u gljivama smatra se najtvrdim prirodnim stvorenjem na Zemlji.

The protein chitin found in mushrooms is considered to be the hardest naturally created material on Earth.



The largest number of fungi live in forest habitats. The most important characteristic that distinguishes fungi from the plant world is the lack of the green plant pigment chlorophyll, so the necessary organic substances are not produced by the fungi themselves but are taken from the environment like animals. Fungi can be parasites that draw up ready-made nutrients, saprophytes that grow on dead organic matter, and some species live in symbiosis with the root of plants we call mycorrhiza. In addition to cellulose, the cell walls of fungi also contain chitin, an important component of the outer shell of insects and cephalopods. Forest habitats are rich in numerous fungi, the most famous of which are boletus (Boletus sp.), Caesar's mushroom (Amanita caesarea), parasol mushroom (Macrolepiota procera), chanterelle (Cantharellus cibarius), peppery milkcap (Lactarius piperatus), oyster mushroom (Pleurotus ostreatus).



8 Saproksilni kornjaši

Saproxylic beetles



Jelenaci većinu rovog života provode kao licinke koje žive pod zemljom (4-6 godina). Kukuljice jelenaka nalaze se u tlu oko 3 mjeseca, dok odrasle jedinke žive samo nekoliko tjedana i hrane se nektarom i sokovima drveća.

Stag beetles spend most of their very long life cycle underground as a larva (4-6 years). The pupae of the stag beetle live in the soil for about 3 months, while adults only live for a few weeks, feeding on nectar and tree sap.

Mužjaci koriste svoje divorečke čeljusti kako bi se borili za ženke tijekom sezone parenja. Nastaje kontrolirati mrtva stabla ili panjeve prikladne za poljoprivredu i jača kako bi privukli ženke.

Males use their giant jaws to fight for access to females. Individual males try to control a dead tree or stump suitable for egg-laying, preventing other males from mating with the females arriving on the tree.



Jelenak



Saproxyly beetles are insects whose life cycle is associated with living, but also dead or dying trees. They are involved in the processes of wood decay and play a major role in the decomposition and reclamation of nutrients in natural ecosystems. Like other beetles, saproxyly beetles undergo a process of complete transformation that includes egg, larval stage, pupae, and adult stage (imago). The larvae of saproxyly beetles are closely related to the dead wood mass of old trees and stumps. Some of the most famous species of saproxyly beetles in our area are European stag beetle (*Lucanus cervus*), great capricorn beetle (*Cerambyx cerdo*) and certainly the most beautiful of all, Rosalia longicorn (*Rosalia alpina*). Due to the disappearance of favorable habitats, a large number of species of saproxyly beetles are legally protected, and are on the list of NATURA 2000 species and on the Red List of saproxyly beetles in Europe.



Velika četveroprjegava strizibuba



Vrbina strizibuba

9 Djetlovke

Woodpeckers



Sumska staništa iznimno su važna za ptice iz skupine djetlića. Porodica djetelovki na našem području predstavljaju: crna žuna (*Dryocopus martius*), zelena žuna (*Picus viridis*) i siva žuna (*Picus canus*), te veliki djetlić (*Dendrocopos major*) i mali djetlić (*Dendrocopos minor*). Za ptice iz ove porodice karakterističan je izgled nogu prilagođen za penjanje po stablima, a dug i jak kљun ključan je za izradu dupli u stablima i potragu za hrana koja se nalazi ispod kore stabala. Osim što čisti šumu od potornjaka, djetelovke za grijezanje dube duplje u stablima koje kašnje koriste i ostale životinje. Zlog prepoznatljivo glasanje djetelovke vrlo često prije čujemo nego vidimo. Naime u proljeće šumama odzvanja njihovo karakteristично bubnjavanje koje se razlikuje između vrsta, a služi za privlačenje partnera.



Mali djetlić

Jeste li znali? / Did you know?

Ježik djetelija dvostruko je dulji od njihova kљuna kako bi mogli dosegnuti insekte unutar rupa koje dube.

Woodpeckers' tongues are usually about twice the length of their beaks so that they can reach for insects inside the holes they peck out.

Djetelici imaju snažno repno perje koje ih podupire dok su na stablu. Osim toga razvili su i dva stražnja nožna prsta koja im pomazu prihvatanju na stablu.

Woodpeckers have strong tail feathers that support the bird as it holds itself on a tree trunk, and they also have two back toes to lean back on.

Kљunovi djetelija pomazu u distribuciji udaraca kroz debelu lubanju prilikom udaranja o stablo. Ukoliko bi udarali glavom o stabla poput djeteljica, ljudi bi osjećali jaku bol. Međutim djetelji ju uopće ne osjećaju!

Woodpecker beaks help distribute shock throughout the thick skull when pecking. Humans would have plenty of pain hitting their heads against a tree, but woodpeckers don't have any issues!



Zelena žuna



Siva žuna



Forest habitats are essential for birds from the woodpecker family in our area is represented by: black woodpecker (*Dryocopus martius*), green woodpecker (*Picus viridis*), and gray woodpecker (*Picus canus*), as well as the great woodpecker (*Dendrocopos major*) and the small woodpecker (*Dendrocopos minor*). Birds from this family are characterized by the appearance of their legs adapted for climbing trees, and a long and strong beak is crucial for making holes in trees and searching for food, that is, under the bark of trees. In addition to clearing the forest of bark beetles, woodpeckers nest in holes in trees that are later used by other animals. Due to the recognizable voice of the woodpecker, we often hear it before we see it. Namely, in the spring, the forests echo their characteristic drumming, which differs between species and serves to attract partners.



Velići djetlići



Siva žuna

10 Zaštita šuma

Forest protection



Svaka karika iznimno raznolikih sumske ekosustava igra važnu ulogu u njihovom očuvanju. Da bi se očuvala raznolikost šuma nije dovoljno samo pravilno gospodarenje drvenom masom već ih je potrebno zaštiti od ilegalnih odlagališta otpada, ali i invazivnih životinja i biljnih vrsta koje se često koriste kao ukrasne vrste u mnogim vrtovima. Velike kolичine odbacene plastike u okolisu nadu se u sumama. Pod direktnim utjecajem biotičkih i abiotičkih faktora dolazi do usmjeravanja cestica i nastajanja sitnih cestica plastike, odnosno mikroplastike. Tako, ustinjena mikroplastika dospijeva u vlo i vodu, te ulazi u hranidbeni lanac i utječe na sve njegove karlike. Uz plastiku mnogi drugi onečišćivači utječu na kvalitet vode koja iz šuma dolazi u podzemlje i koristi se kao pitka voda, te na taj način, ilegalnim odlaganjem otpada neizravno utječemo na vlastito zdravlje.



Each link of extremely diverse forest ecosystems plays an important role in their conservation. To preserve the diversity of forests, it is not enough to properly manage the wood mass, but it is necessary to protect them from illegal landfills, but also invasive animal and plant species that are often used as ornamental species in many gardens. Large amounts of discarded plastic in the environment are found in forests.



Under the direct influence of biotic and abiotic factors, particles are crushed and small particles of plastic and microplastics are formed. Thus, the crushed microplastic reaches the soil and water, enters the food chain and affects all its links. In addition to plastics, many other pollutants affect the quality of water that comes underground from forests and is used as drinking water, and thus, by illegally disposing of waste, we indirectly affect our own health.



Da bi sačuvali predivan krajolik koji se pruža pred nama i svo njegovo bogatstvo, dovoljno je krenuti od malih stvari, odluka je na nama.

To preserve the beautiful landscape that stretches before us and all its richness, it is enough to start from small things, the decision is up to us.



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