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1. Summary (300 words, a photograph of you alongside your collaborators and a short quote describing your experience), to be published on the web site of the action)

Application of high tech sonar techniques (split-beam echosounder SIMRAD EK60 and multi-beam acoustic camera – DIDSON/ARIS) have been employed as important devices for the monitoring of fish stock, spatio-temporal distribution, migrations and behavior of fish in last decades. Endangered migratory fish species live in Serbia and our Group for ichthyology and aquaculture, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences of the Institute for Multidisciplinary Research (IMSI) University of Belgrade, study the migration of these species, especially sturgeons and Pontic shads, as well as other local migratory species. To study such endangered species, non intrusive methods are the best to apply because fish welfare and lowest potential harm is highly demanded. The collaboration with Fish Ecology Unit (FishEcU), Institute of Hydrobiology, Biology Centre AS CR v.v.i. provided me with training and knowledge how to use this sophisticated equipment in the field (data collection during August and September), as well as how to process data after successful recording (done during October and November). I have got basic knowledge how to properly deploy and use this type of equipment for collection of good quality data and process my recordings after sampling in the field.



