

## VIJESTI

# Bryological-lichenological excursion to the islands of Lošinj, Cres and Susak

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The joint bryological and lichenological excursion to the Quarnero Islands was organised by the Croatian Botanical Society (HBoD) and Bryologisch-lichenologische Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Mitteleuropa (BLAM). The excursion included the Northern Adriatic islands of Lošinj, Cres and Susak and took place from 21st to 25th February 2024. A total of 54 participants from as many as nine countries (Croatia, Slovenia, Austria, Germany, Latvia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary and Slovakia) took part in the excursion, around 20 of them being students.

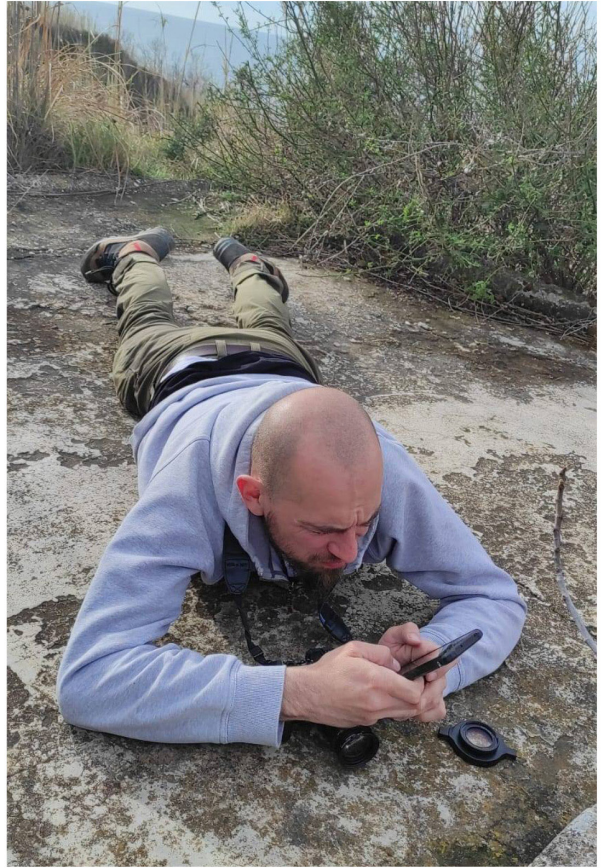
On the first day we visited the settlement of Veli Lošinj where we studied the epilithic species of the stone walls and terrestrial species in olive groves. On Thursday we made a trip to the southernmost tip of the island of Cres – in Punta Križa we studied epiphytic and epigeic species within a typical forest of Mediterranean evergreen holm oak (*Quercus ilex*), the sciophilous taxa in the cave Jami na Sredi as well as halophytes around salt marshes near the city of Osor. On Friday the excursion brought us to typical Mediterranean *macchia* and *garrigue* vegetation on the island of Lošinj, in the area of Kurila around Lošinj Airport, where we had

the opportunity to examine an abundance of ground-dwelling species, including rare liverworts, hornworts and ephemeral acrocarpous mosses. On Saturday, despite the strong wind and turbulent sea, we managed to reach the island of Susak, unique for its large deposits of post-glacial loess soils, and study the peculiar psamophytic flora. The last day some of the participants managed to visit the Park Forest Čikat near Mali Lošinj to investigate the bryophytes and lichens of old pine forests.

All of the visited islands had been bryologically and lichenologically very poorly researched (for the island of Susak there are almost no data) with most of the data being very old, so the results of the excursion will substantially contribute to the knowledge of the bryophytes and lichens of these three islands. All participants were accommodated in Hotel Punta in Veli Lošinj, where each evening several scientific lectures were given, while the identification of the collected specimens was made with the use of stereoscopes and microscopes. In the Organizing Committee on behalf of the Croatian Botanical Society were Vedran Šegota, Marko Doboš, Maja Maslač Mikulec, Marija Bučar, Anja Rimac and Suzana Buzjak.



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