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REVIEWS**

Lovrenc LIPEJ, Alessandro DE MADDALENA  
and Alen SOLDI: SHARKS OF THE ADRIATIC SEA  
Knjižnica Annales Majora, Univerza na Primorskem,  
Znanstveno-raziskovalno središče, Koper, 2004, 253 pp.

After many years of study, investigation and data collecting, three Mediterranean researchers, Lovrenc Lipelj from the Marine Biology Station of Piran, Alessandro De Maddalena from the Italian Ichthyological Society and one of founding members of the Mediterranean Shark Research Group, and Alen Soldo from the Laboratory of Ichthyology and Coastal Fishery of the Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries of Split, have put their great knowledge of sharks together and published a new book: *Sharks of the Adriatic Sea*. Apart from being a very ambitious project, the work is certainly a highly comprehensive guide.

It is a book long waited for by the scientific community that analyzes, with the aid of current and recent data, the present species in the Adriatic Sea. The work is of interest and extremely practical for shark specialists, as comprehensive, precise and updated information can be found in it. The 253 pages of the book include parts dealing with oceanography of the area, generalities on the biology and ecology of sharks, the key to identification and full description of the 28 species occurring in the Adriatic Sea. There are also two very interesting sections dedicated to the status of sharks in the Adriatic Sea and shark research in the area. The book ends with section dedicated to sharks with doubtful status and extensive bibliography. The records of shark species, excellently illustrated by Alessandro De Maddalena, include sections on morphology, reproduction, diet, habitat, distribution, behaviour, dangerousness, status and extensive references. Let us also highlight the final annex that includes colour as well as black and white pictures on the biology and the present species in the area. The book, a must for all those who wish to get better acquainted with the sharks of the Adriatic Sea as well as those of the Mediterranean Sea, is presented in a practical soft cover 17 x 24 cm format, it is well designed and printed on high quality paper.

Congratulations to the authors and the editors of this book, which will highly enrich the existent although very scarce bibliography on such exciting and hard to study topic as is the knowledge of sharks.

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**BALKAN BIODIVERSITY. PATTERN AND PROCESS IN  
THE EUROPEAN HOTSPOT**

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Monografija, ki je izšla leta 2004 pri založbi Kluwer Academic Publishers, je delo 23 avtorjev, strokovnjakov iz različnih držav (Bolgarije, Češke, Grčije, Hrvaške, Nemčije, Romunije, Slovenije, Srbije in Črne gore, Ukrajine ter Velike Britanije). Večina avtorjev je sodelovala na delavnici z naslovom "Pattern and Process in Balkan Biodiversity", ki sta jo septembra 2001 v Kopru organizirala University of Hull iz Velike Britanije ter Znanstveno raziskovalno središče Univerze na Primorskem iz Slovenije ob podpori "European Science Foundation". Strokovni članki, ki so nastali kot rezultat tega srečanja, so zbrani v monografiji z naslovom "Balkan Biodiversity. Pattern and Proces in the European Hotspot".

Vsebina knjige, napisane v angleškem jeziku, je razdeljena na tri dele, ki pokrivajo tako kopne kot vodne ekosisteme in podzemni svet Balkanskega polotoka.

