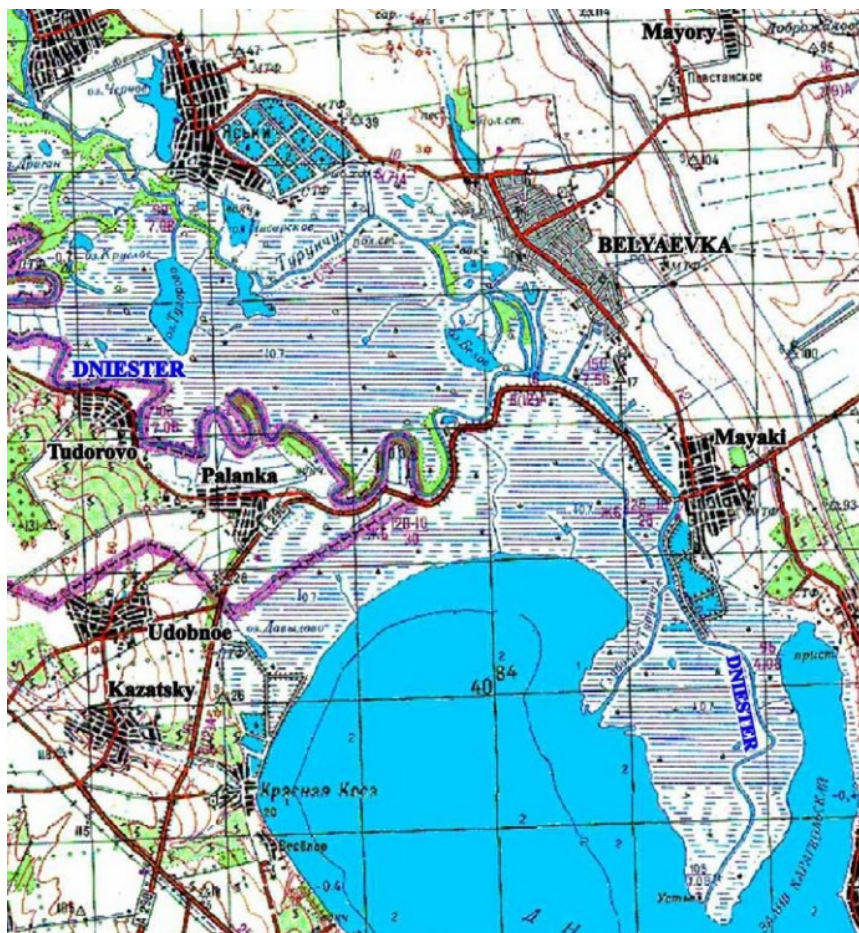


**OLBIA 2013** Jackal Survey in South Dniester Wetlands and W Polesia, Shatsk Park, UKRAINE 2013 © GOJAGE e-BULLETIN, 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2013

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We entered Republic of Moldova after the midnight of 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2013 due to the missing of a notarial procedure to drive the car, of which we had to expect from Bucharest. Mr Aparece, Duana Head of Giurgiulesti Border Point between Romania and Republic of Moldova didn't understand the situation of a broader biological mission with Ukraine colleagues and we had to get out from the point on 2 occasions.

We arrived to Mayaki bridge over Nistr at about 4:00H a.m. and Mr Vova and Mr Michael, 2 students from Odessa University waited us more than 3 hours. We met Dr Nikolaj Rozhenko, professor at University of Odessa, biologist who works in Lowland Trans-boundary Dniester Wetlands Nature Reserve.



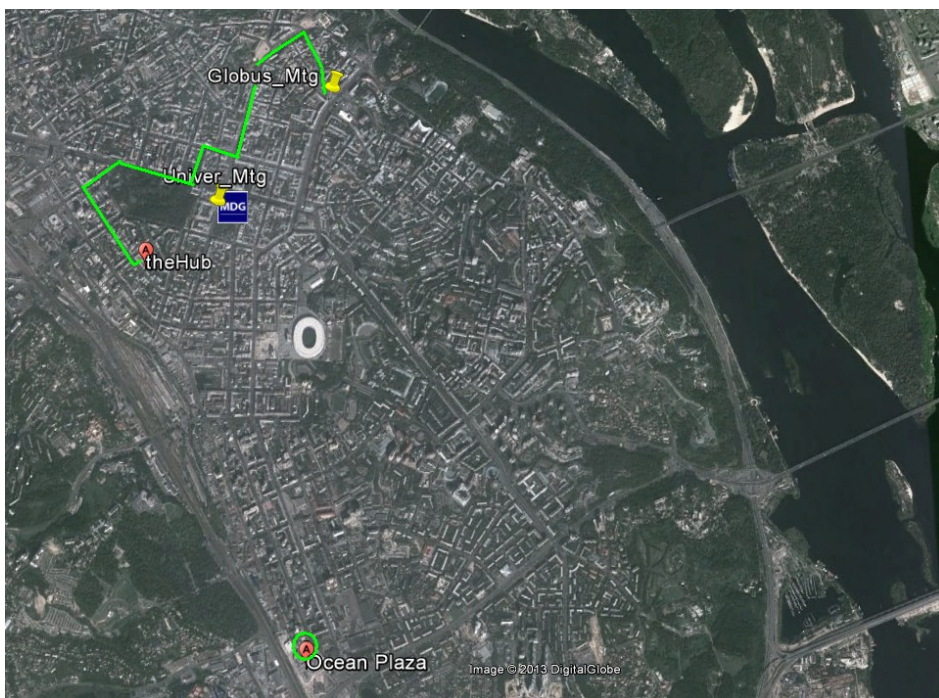
We started very quick to perform bioacoustics monitoring for jackals in 3 points due to the advanced timing. After that we were invited to the Ecological Station where Nikolaj showed us the wonderful scientist lifestyle and very valuable data on jackal ecology and ethology. We ate and we discussed more than two hours with the help of our good speaking Ukrainian/English translator, Mr Vova Владимир дмитриев, Ship Logistic Management Student in Odessa. He and his friend Michael are now more familiarized with jackal ecology and they will participate on further broader activities of GOJAGE in the region of South Ukraine.

We didn't get reply from the jackals at any of checked point, but we had a very fruitful talk and scientific data change with Dr Rozhenko. We arranged further activities and future basis of a common project of Crispus Sibiu Romania and Odesa University or Ukrainian Environment Ministry Authorities to set policies of species status in Ukraine. According to Nikolaj no status exists for the golden jackal species in Ukraine at this time.

After visiting Odessa, we started to Kiev on a very good conditions highway.

On 20.09.2013 at 20:20H we arrived in a place chosen by our feelings and GPS, looking as the blue globe, structure that Vasyl explained to me two days ago. Unfortunately, we couldn't open the well explained files of G Earth he sent. This was to be Ocean Plaza, the new meeting point where Prof Dr Vasyl Prydatko arrived after 20 minutes. We really thank you Vasyl that you could do our meeting possible! One hour discussions about several secrets in biodiversity modeling, but we concluded that more insight and more teams we need on the fieldwork. Based on distribution maps, forecast and land use, the known report EE BIO exclude jackals of global changing indicator species.

In 2008s BioModel developed first prediction on changes of jackal habitats in Eastern Europe, EE BIO area, based on SDM (GLM) method, and presented animated overlap analyze of regional historical maps. See news of Biomodel [here](#) and *Canis aureus* modeling [here](#).



Kiev

Starting at 23:00H from the Hub Hostel, we passed surrounding Botanical Garden Alexander Fomin and then, following Volodymyrs'ka Boulevard and after crossing Sofiis'ka square and see Statue of Statue of Bohdan Khmelnytsky, we arrived to St Michael Golden-Domed Monastery. From here we followed down street to Globus, but on those late hours we only met strange looking leather overcoat peoples. No smiles, but quit friendly.

After visiting Kiev we slept in Hub Hostel and on 21.02 we start to Shatsk National Nature park reserve on West Polesia to meet Environmental Ecologist Andriy-Taras Bashta. We met him in Zhorany meeting point after more than 500km autoroute. Here we did survey in 10 calling stations and we set another 5, covering lakes and wetlands in the area of Shatsk. We had response only in one point, but with unclear sounds. We declared the survey successful but with NO response.

After three day brief OLBIA 2013 we could visit Dr Nikolaj Rozhenko, Prof Dr Vasyl Prydatko and Environmental Ecologist Andriy-Taras Bashta. We established future lines of research and common interest to work. We can say that Ukraine has very prepared specialists in jackal specific ecological systems. We thank Dr Igor Zagorodniuk for his enthusiasm and help and we congratulate Ukrainian new GOJAGE team.

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