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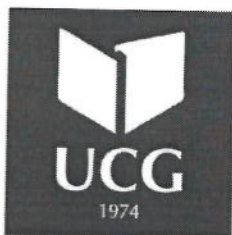
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PREDLOG ODLUKE

o imenovanju komisije za ocjenu prijave doktorske disertacije

I

Imenuje se komisija za ocjenu prijave doktorske disertacije pod nazivom "Vegetacija suvih travnjaka u submediteranskom dijelu Crne Gore" kandidatkinje Milice Stanišić-Vujačić u sljedećem sastavu:

1. Prof. dr Svetlana Ačić, docent na Poljoprivrednom fakultetu Univerziteta u Beogradu (naučna oblast: Botanika), predsjednik;
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3. Prof. dr Danka Caković, redovni profesor Prirodno-matematičkog fakulteta Univerziteta Crne Gore (naučna oblast: Botanika) član;
4. Dr Urban Šilc, naučni savjetnik na Biološkom Institutu "Jovan Hadži" ZRC SAZU, Ljubljana, Slovenija (komentor) (naučna oblast: Botanika) i
5. Prof. dr Danijela Stešević, redovni profesor Prirodno-matematičkog fakulteta Univerziteta Crne Gore (naučna oblast: Botanika), mentor.

II

Zadatak komisije je da podnese Izvještaj o ocjeni prijave doktorske disertacije Vijeću fakulteta u roku od 10 dana od dana javnog izlaganja studenta. Ukoliko komisija u navedenom roku ne podnese Izvještaj, imenovaće se nova komisija.



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Titula, ime, ime roditelja, prezime	MSc Milica Zoran Stanišić-Vujačić		
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Broj indeksa	2/18		
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Na službenom jeziku	Vegetacija suvih travnjaka u submediteranskom dijelu Crne Gore		
Na engleskom jeziku	Vegetation of dry grasslands in Sub-Mediterranean part of Montenegro		
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U prvom radu, sa 17 originalnih fitocenoloških snimaka dokumentovana je asocijacija *Bromo erecti-Chrysopogonetum grylli*. U literaturi je navedena za područje Crne Gore, ali floristički sastav i struktura njenih sastojina nisu bili detaljno prikazani. Upravo u tome se ogleda naučni doprinos ovog rada. Jedan segment je posvećen i diskusiji o sintaksonomskoj klasifikaciji zajednica sa dominacijom vrste *Asphodelus ramosus* na Apeninskom i Balkanskom poluostrvu, koja je u načnoj javnosti izazvala mnogo debata.

U drugom radu su kao nove za nauku opisane dvije asocijacije: *Romuleo bulbocodii-Poetum bulbosae* Stanišić-Vujačić et al. 2023. i *Ornithogalo exscapii-Poetum bulbosae* Stanišić-Vujačić et al. 2023. U pitanju su zajednice suvih efemernih i terofitskih travnjaka sa dominacijom *Romulea bulbocodium* i *R. linairesii* subsp. *graeca*, koje se razvijaju u rano proljeće, na prostoru istočnog Mediterana. Obe asocijacije pripadaju svezi *Romuleion*, koja do sada nije bila uvrštena na listu sintaksona Crne Gore. S toga, sa ovim radom, postojeća verzija


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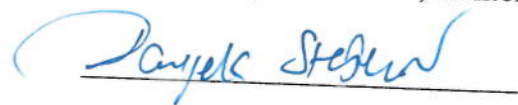
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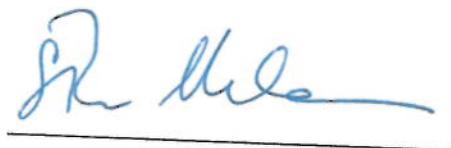
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U Podgorici 14.02.2023.godine

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Glavne aktivnosti i odgovornosti : Obavljanje poslova iz nadležnosti Sektora životnu sredinu i šumarstvo

Ime i adresa poslodavca : Zavod za statistiku Crne Gore; IV Proleterske 2, Podgorica

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Glavne aktivnosti i odgovornosti	Obavljanje poslova u okviru Tehničke službe
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Ime i tip organizatora obrazovanja i obuke	Univerzitet Crne Gore, Prirodno - matematički fakultet, Podgorica
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Glavni predmeti/stečene vještine zanimanja	Metodologija naučnog rada; Biljni svijet Balkanskog poluostrva.
Ime i tip organizatora obrazovanja i obuke	Univerzitet Crne Gore, Prirodno - matematički fakultet, Podgorica
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Diplome stranih jezika			
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Ruski jezik	✓	✓	✓
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Projekti

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2. Projekat „Biljna raznolikost u močvarnim i vodenim staništima nikšićkog sliva (Budoška bara - akumulacija Vrtac, rijeka Zeta, rijeka Gračanica), Crna Gora. - ENDEMNIK“ (NVO Župa u srcu).
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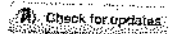
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ABSTRACT

Our study deals with dry grasslands dominated by *Romulea bulbocodium*, *Romulea linarsii* subsp. *graeca* and *Romulea columnae* that develop in early spring in the eastern Mediterranean region. Based on numerical classification, we describe two new associations: *Romuleo bulbocodii-Poetum bulbosae* ass. nova and *Ornithogalo exscapii-Poetum bulbosae* ass. nova. The studied communities are classified within the *Romuleion* alliance, order *Poetalia bulbosae*, and class *Poetea bulbosae*. We analyzed all available relevés of *Romuleion* communities from the eastern Mediterranean and ordination analysis (NMDS) revealed that temperature and altitude are the most important ecological factors influencing the vegetation composition and distribution of dry grasslands of the *Romuleion* alliance. Newly described associations from Montenegro are floristically and ecologically similar to the *Alyssum alyssoides-Poa bulbosa* community from Epirus (Greece).

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Introduction

The Mediterranean basin, characterized by a high degree of endemism, is one of 25 biodiversity hotspots identified worldwide (Myers et al. 2000; Sloan et al. 2014). For millennia it has been influenced by human activities and management, especially the grassland ecosystems (Apostolova et al. 2014). Mediterranean semi-natural dry grasslands are species-rich ecosystems composed predominantly of annual or perennial grasses adapted to the xerothermic climatic conditions, the poor soil conditions, and zoo-anthropogenic disturbances such as grazing, fertilizing, and trampling (San Miguel 2008; Janišová et al. 2011; Apostolova et al. 2014; Buisson et al. 2021). A combination of human management and the Mediterranean climate are considered the most important ecological and evolutionary drivers (Buisson et al. 2021). Because of habitat loss due to abandonment or change to arable lands and tree plantations, semi-natural dry grasslands have high conservation value (San Miguel 2008; Ribeiro et al. 2012; Buisson et al. 2021), and many of these habitats are protected under the European Union Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild flora and fauna 1992) and listed on the European Red List of Habitats (Janssen et al. 2016).

The territories of the Mediterranean region are biodiversity hotspots characterized by different grasslands types (Apostolova et al. 2014). One type of dry grasslands studied in the eastern Mediterranean, as part of the cultural landscapes, belongs,

according to EU Habitat Directive *6220, to the priority habitat type pseudo-steppe with grasses and annuals of the *Thero-Brachypodietea* (San Miguel 2008; Ribeiro et al. 2012; Farris et al. 2013). This habitat is not homogeneous (San Miguel 2008); it includes plant communities from several vegetation classes: *Poetea bulbosae*, *Lygeo sparti-Stipetea tenacissimae*, *Helianthemetea guttati* and *Stipo-Trachynietea* (Farris et al. 2007; San Miguel 2008; Milanović et al. 2021). According to Mucina et al. (2016) the class *Thero-Brachypodietea*, order *Thero-Brachypodietalia* and alliance *Thero-Brachypodion*, are considered as *nomina ambigua*. Since they are often subject to different nomenclatural interpretations, these syntaxa are referred to as perennial Mediterranean grasslands (pseudo-steppes) rich in therophytes, but are also used for annual plant communities (Mucina et al. 2016).

The class *Poetea bulbosae* includes xeric, thermophilous, and mostly open Mediterranean seasonal perennial and ephemeral pastures growing on eutrophic or oligotrophic soils. They were created by intensive and continuous livestock activity (Farris et al. 2007; San Miguel 2008; Ribeiro et al. 2012; Farris et al. 2013; Sciandrello et al. 2013). They are widely distributed in the thermo- to oromediterranean belt (Biondi et al. 2014; Mucina et al. 2016) and characterized by very dense and short, low perennial herbs, therophytes and various geophytes (Galán de Mera et al. 2000; Cano et al. 2007; San Miguel 2008; Ribeiro et al. 2012; Sciandrello et al. 2013; Ribeiro and Espírito-Santo 2015).

Grasslands of *Poetea bulbosae* have been well studied in the western and central Mediterranean, where they represent a very diverse vegetation type classified into six alliances (Galán de Mera et al. 2000; Cano et al. 2007; Ribeiro et al. 2012; Farris et al. 2013; Sciandrello et al. 2013). Similar vegetation types have also been studied in the eastern Mediterranean, particularly in Greece and Northern Macedonia (Oberdorfer 1954; Bolòs et al. 1996; Amanatidou 2005; Čarni et al. 2014). The studied dry grasslands are classified in the single alliance *Romuleion*, which encompasses early spring ephemeral therophytic grasslands on deeper soils dominated by *Romulea* sp. pl. communities from the Eastern Mediterranean (Čarni et al. 2014). In the Adriatic region, the *Romuleion* alliance is mentioned as present only for Croatia (Škvorc et al. 2017) and these communities are probably different from those described for the eastern Mediterranean. Studies on the *Romuleion* alliance are rare also because these grassland communities develop in two clear phenological optima (one in late winter and one in spring).

So far, the syntaxonomical classification of early spring ephemeral therophytic non-nitrophilous grasslands is sometimes doubtful due to their intermediate position between the classes *Helianthemetea* and *Poetea bulbosae*, which may be caused by intensive grazing (Galán de Mera et al. 2000; Cano et al. 2007; Farris et al. 2013; Biondi et al. 2014; Čarni et al. 2014). According to the most recent survey by Mucina et al. (2016), the early spring ephemeral therophytic grasslands of the Eastern Mediterranean (*Romuleion*) are classified in the class *Poetea bulbosae*.

Mediterranean seasonal perennial grasslands of the *Romuleion* alliance occur in areas under the influence of the Mediterranean climate and represent a typical element of Mediterranean landscapes maintained by traditional land use. They are mainly found in areas that are permanently and intensively grazed and trampled by livestock. Consequently, they are dominated by rosette plants and small grasses tolerant to intensive herbivory and trampling. *Romuleion* dry grasslands are characterized by high floristic and phenological diversity (Čarni et al. 2014).

In the early spring aspect, the grasslands of the *Romuleion* alliance are dominated by *Romulea bulbocodium* (L.) Sebast. & Mauri, *Romulea linariifolia* subsp. *graeca* Bég. and *Romulea columnae* Sebast. & Mauri. The genus *Romulea* Maratti (family *Iridaceae* Juss.) includes about 95 species, distributed mainly in the Sub-Saharan Africa, Socotra, and the Arabian Peninsula (Frignani and Iriti 2011), while about 15 species occur in the Mediterranean basin (Manning and Goldblatt 2001). *Romulea linariifolia* subsp. *graeca* is endemic to the Balkan peninsula (Frignani and Iriti 2011), *Romulea bulbocodium* is steno-Mediterranean species (Angiolini et al. 2015), while native range of species *Romulea columnae* is Macaronesia, Western Europe and Mediterranean (Euro+Med 2006).

The aim of this study was to (i) contribute to the knowledge of the composition and ecological characteristics of early spring ephemeral therophytic grasslands in Montenegro; (ii) compare all known early spring ephemeral therophytic non-nitrophilous grasslands in the Eastern Mediterranean and (iii) discuss their syntaxonomic classification.

Material and methods

Study area

A phytosociological survey of dry grasslands dominated by *Romulea* sp. pl. was made on several localities in the wider surroundings of Podgorica (Čemovsko polje, Malo Brdo, Dajbabska gora, Omerbožovići, Ljubović, and Vrela Ribnička), the capital of Montenegro. The study area geographically belongs to the north-eastern Mediterranean and it is influenced by Mediterranean climate with hot summers – Csa (Burić and Micev 2008). The predominant soil types are eutric cambisol, developed on fluvio-glacial deposits, and red soil “terra rossa” developed on limestone bedrock (Burić et al. 2017). The potential natural vegetation of the wider area of Podgorica are Apulian-southeast Adriatic meso-supra-Mediterranean *Quercus trojana* forests with *Pistacia* species (Bohn et al. 2000–2003) or precisely Macedonian oak forest ‘*Quercetum trojanae montenegrinum* Blečić et Lakušić 1975’ (recte: *Quercetum trojanae* Em 1958). Recent studies indicate that Illyrian sub-Mediterranean rocky grasslands on shallow calcareous soils of the *Chrysopogono grylli-Koelerion splendens* Horvatić 1973 alliance predominate in the study area (Hadziablahović 2018; Stanišić-Vujačić et al. 2022).

Sampling and data analysis

In late winter and early spring 2020, we sampled early spring ephemeral therophytic grassland communities dominated by *Romulea* sp. pl. using the Braun–Blanquet method (Braun–Blanquet 1964). We made 34 relevés with different plot sizes (from 1 to 25 m²). The plot size is related to the ecological conditions and management in the study area. Plots from 18 to 25 m² were sampled on rocky, open sites, usually as gaps within shrub vegetation and planted *Pinus halepensis* forests or in the plain of Čemovsko polje in areas with intensive livestock grazing. Eleven smaller plots (1–3 m²) were sampled in the plain of Čemovsko polje, where grasslands are overgrazed, intensively trampled and fertilized, and the vegetation is degraded and we were not able to sample larger plots.

Due to the phenological diversity of the sampled communities, each plot was visited at least twice. In late winter (early March), we identified plots with a dominance of *Romulea* sp. pl. and noted early spring species, mainly geophytes and estimated their cover. We repeated vegetation sampling in late April and early May, when grassland communities were optimally developed. Except geophytes, species cover values and total vegetation cover were based on the second aspect.

The vegetation dataset used for numerical and ordination analysis contains original relevés and relevés of the *Romuleion* alliance from the literature (Oberdorfer 1954; Bolòs et al. 1996; Amanatidou 2005; Čarni et al. 2014). All relevés were entered into the Turboveg database (Hennekens and Schaminée 2001). The original relevés are stored in the Vegetation database of Montenegro (GIVD EU-ME-001).

A numerical classification (flexible beta ($\beta = -0.25$) and Relative Sørensen index) was performed on the 34 relevés from our fieldwork. Diagnostic species for plant communities were

determined in the JUICE program (Tichý 2002) based on their fidelity values (Chytrý et al. 2002). The phi coefficient was used as a fidelity measure and calculated in the JUICE program. The phi threshold (multiplied by 100 in the JUICE program) for species considered diagnostic was set at 20. Threshold values for constant and dominant species are set to 25.

Non-metric multidimensional scaling (NMDS) was used to examine overall variation in species composition across the relevé dataset. Both classification and NMDS were performed using the R package 'vegan' (Oksanen et al. 2017).

Ecological indicator values (EIV) according to Pignatti (2005) and few missing values from Böhling et al. (2002) were used for ecological interpretation of vegetation patterns. Mean indicator values, weighted by species cover transformed from Br.-Bl. scale, were calculated for each relevé using the JUICE software (Tichý 2002). Climatic data available in the CHELSA database (Karger et al. 2017) were extracted for each relevé. Mean indicator values and climatic data were passively projected onto the NMDS graph.

Climatic data for the studied area are available in the CHELSA database (Karger et al. 2017). We selected all available bioclimatic variables (BIO1-19), but to avoid multicollinearity we calculated the VIF (variation inflation factor) and excluded all variables with a VIF greater than 20. In the ordination analysis, we then used the following variables: BIO 3 (isothermality), BIO 4 (temperature seasonality), BIO 8 (daily mean air temperatures of the wettest quarter), BIO 14 (precipitation amount of the driest month) and BIO 15 (precipitation seasonality). The VIF was calculated in CANOCO 5 (Ter Braak and Šmilauer 2012).

The synoptic table was created by compiling Oberdorfer (1954) synoptic table and available relevés. Species fidelity was calculated only for the original relevés (excluding frequency table of Oberdorfer (1954), the size of all groups was standardized to equal size, and Fisher's exact test was used with $p > 0.05$.

Nomenclature of taxa is in accordance with Euro+Med (2006) and nomenclature of higher syntaxa is according to Mucina et al. (2016). The character species for the classes are in accordance with EuroVegList (Mucina et al. 2016).

Results

The early spring ephemeral therophytic grasslands with *Romulea* species from the wider surroundings of Podgorica (Montenegro) are represented by 34 relevés in the phytosociological table (Table 1).

The dendrogram of cluster analysis of relevés of early spring ephemeral therophytic grasslands shows two well-defined groups (Figure 1). Both communities are developed in two clear phenological aspects. The late winter aspect is dominated by geophytes (*Romulea bulbocodium*, *Romulea linariifolia* subsp. *graeca*, *Ornithogalum exscapum* Ten. and *Anemone hortensis* L.), while the spring aspect is dominated by grasses (*Poa bulbosa* L., *Bothriochloa ischaemum* (L.) Keng, *Vulpia ligustica* Link, *Stipa eriocalis* Borbás and *Festuca stricta* subsp. *sulcata* (Hack.) Pils.) and therophytes (*Bupleurum veronense* Turra, *Arenaria leptocladus* (Rchb.) Guss., *Daucus guttatus* L. and *Plantago bellardi* All.) are most common

(Table 1). Due to distinct ecological and floristic differences, we have described two associations belonging to the *Romuleion* alliance: *Romuleo bulbocodii-Poetum bulbosae* and *Ornithogalo exscapii-Poetum bulbosae*. The first group comprises stands on rocky, open sites within shrubs on slopes. The second group includes grasslands in the plain of Čemovsko polje with fine eutric cambisol with some stones. The first group is characterized by a group of species from the class *Festuco-Brometea*, indicating stony and dry sites (Table 1). The other group is found in the lowlands of Čemovsko polje and is characterized by the presence of species from the classes *Helianthemetea guttati* and *Stipo-Trachynietea distachyae* indicating the influence of the Mediterranean climate with its pronounced summer droughts and human activities in the studied area (Table 1).

Cluster 1: *Romuleo bulbocodii-Poetum bulbosae* ass. nova (Table 1, rel. 1–13), Holotypus: Rel. 3, Table 1.

Diagnostic species: *Romulea bulbocodium*, *Festuca stricta* subsp. *sulcata*, *Salvia officinalis* L., *Ficaria verna* Huds.

Constant species: *Bothriochloa ischaemum*, *Romulea bulbocodium*
Dominant species: *Bothriochloa ischaemum*, *Vulpia ligustica*, *Stipa eriocalis*, *Salvia officinalis*, *Romulea bulbocodium*, *Plantago lanceolata* L., *Bromopsis pannonica* (Kumm. & Sendtn.) Holub

Romuleo bulbocodii-Poetum bulbosae is developed at several localities in the surroundings of Podgorica (Malé Brdo, Dajbabska gora, Omerbožovići and Ljubovići). It includes stands on predominantly rocky and stony soils between shrubs on slopes with predominantly south and west exposition. The total vegetation cover of the studied community is 65–100% in the spring aspect, while cover of rocks is up to 50%. This community thrives on shallow, skeletal red soil 'terra rossa', developed on limestone bedrock. Due to the ecological conditions at the sites (stoniness and dryness), *Romuleo bulbocodii-Poetum bulbosae* is characterized by the presence of numerous *Festuco-Brometea* species (*Festuca stricta* subsp. *sulcata*, *Salvia officinalis*, *Stipa eriocalis*, *Bromopsis pannonica*, *Ranunculus millefoliatus* Vahl., and *Bothriochloa ischaemum*) (Table 1).

Cluster 2: *Ornithogalo exscapii-Poetum bulbosae* ass. nova (Table 1, rel. 14–34), Holotypus: Rel. 27, Table 1.

Diagnostic species: *Plantago bellardi* All., *Aira elegantissima* Schur, *Psilurus incurvus* (Gouan) Schinz & Thell. and *Anthoxanthum odoratum* L.

Constant species: *Poa bulbosa*, *Bothriochloa ischaemum*, *Romulea linariifolia* subsp. *graeca* and *Plantago bellardi*

Dominant species: *Poa bulbosa*, *Bothriochloa ischaemum* and *Plantago bellardi*

The *Ornithogalo exscapii-Poetum bulbosae* is reported for the area of Čemovsko polje. This plant community is exposed to intensive livestock activity: grazing, trampling, and fertilization. In the studied area, this association comprises stands on areas of different sizes and floristic composition depending on livestock activity. Larger stands are heavily grazed; in late spring they are dominated by the grass *Bothriochloa ischaemum*. Smaller stands are evenly distributed and restricted to the areas of intensive livestock trampling and fertilization. Stands are characterized by higher cover of perennial grass *Poa bulbosa*, while the cover of *Bothriochloa*

Table 1. Phytosociological table of early spring ephemeral therophytic grasslands with *Romulea* species from Montenegro.

Relevé number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34			
Relevé area (m ²)	25	20	25	18	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	3	1,5	2,3	1,5	1	1,5	1	1,5	1	1,5	2,5	16	25	3	25	25	25	25	25	25		
Altitude (m)	42	75	155	158	57	55	83	62	101	51	147	133	88	56	64	61	61	60	79	79	78	79	73	74	66	73	75	74	56	62	58	59	46	50			
Aspect (°)	90	270	180	270	270	180	225	180	315	180	135	270																									
Slope (°)	19	4	10	5	4	2	20	7	2	8	7	21																									
Cover herb layer (%)	95	65	65	75	85	100	100	85	80	95	70	75	70	85	100	97	95	95	95	60	98	95	85	90	80	85	80	75	60	98	95	96	90				
Character and differential species of the association <i>Romulea bulbocodium-Poetum bulbosae</i> (rel. 1-13)	3	1	2	2			2	2	2	1	2	2	2																								
<i>Romulea bulbocodium</i> (L.) Sebast. & Mauri																																					
<i>Ranunculus millefoliatus</i> Vahl	2	2				2	+																														
<i>Ficaria verna</i> Huds.																																					
<i>Festuca stricta</i> subsp. <i>sulcata</i> (Hack.) Pilg.	2	2	1			1	1	+																													
<i>Salvia officinalis</i> L.											2	2	+																								
<i>Stipa eriocalyx</i> Borbas			+	1							2	3																									
Character and differential species of the association <i>Ornithogalo excapji-Poetum bulbosae</i> (rels 14-24)																																					
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i> L.																																					
<i>Daucus guttatus</i> Sm.			2																																		
<i>Eryngium amethystinum</i> L.			+	+																																	
<i>Ornithogalum excapum</i> Ten.																																					
<i>Plantago bellardii</i> All.																																					
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<i>Romulea linarensis</i> sp. <i>graeca</i> Bég.				1	2	1	2	2	2	1																											
<i>Hedypnois rhagadioloides</i> subsp. <i>rhagadioloides</i> (L.) F.W.Schmidt																																					
<i>Hypochoeris cretensis</i> (L.) Bory & Chaub.	1																																				
Poetea bulbosae																																					
<i>Poa bulbosa</i> L.	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	+	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i> (L.) L'Hér.																																					
<i>Trifolium subterraneum</i> L.	2	+	+	1	2	1																															
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i> L.	3			1	2	+	1	2	2																												
<i>Trifolium scabrum</i> L.																																					
<i>Prospero autumnale</i> (L.) Speta																																					
<i>Trifolium nigrescens</i> Viv.																																					
<i>Bellis perennis</i> L.																																					
<i>Leontodon tuberosus</i> L.																																					
<i>Herniaria glabra</i> L.																																					
<i>Prunella laciniata</i> L.																																					
<i>Medicago lupulina</i> L.																																					
<i>Lolium perenne</i> L.																																					
<i>Helianthemum guttata</i>																																					
<i>Crepis neglecta</i> L.																																					

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<i>Galium divaricatum</i> Pourr. ex Lam.								+						1	+	+				+	+	+	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
<i>Filago gallica</i> L.																																					
<i>Linaria pelisseriana</i> (L.) Mill.																																					
<i>Helianthemum salicifolium</i> (L.) Mill.																																					
<i>linum-stellatum</i> L.																																					
<i>Tuberaria guttata</i> (L.) Fourr.																																					
<i>Cynosurus echinatus</i> L.																																					
<i>Vulpia ligustica</i> Link.																																					
<i>Minuartia mediterranea</i> Vieilh.																																					
Stipo-Trachymietea distachyae																																					
<i>Polygala monspeliaca</i> L.																																					
<i>Hippocrepis ciliata</i> Willd.																																					
<i>Neostema apulum</i> (L.) M.Johnst.																																					
<i>Ononis reclinata</i> L.																																					
Sedo-Scleranthetea																																					
<i>Aira elegantissima</i> Schur																																					
<i>Cinepodium acinos</i> Kuntze																																					
<i>Trifolium campestre</i> Schieb.																																					
<i>Viola kitabeliana</i> Schult.																																					
<i>Cerastium purpillum</i> subsp. <i>glutinatum</i> (Fr.) Jalas.																																					
<i>Medicago minima</i> (L.) L.																																					
<i>Bromus hordeaceus</i> L.																																					
<i>Trifolium dalmaticum</i> Vis.																																					
<i>Hypochaeris glabra</i> L.																																					
<i>Petrohragia saxifraga</i> Link.																																					
<i>Aethionema saxatile</i> (L.) W.T.Aiton																																					
Papaveretea rhoeadis																																					
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i> L.																																					
<i>Euphorbia falcata</i> L.																																					
<i>Lysimachia arvensis</i> (L.) U.Manns & Anderb.																																					
<i>Veronica arvensis</i> L.																																					
<i>Ajuga chamaepitys</i> (L.) Schreb.																																					
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i> L.																																					
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i> L.																																					
<i>Anthemis arvensis</i> L.																																					
<i>Sonchus asper</i> (L.) Hill																																					
<i>Euphorbia exigua</i> L.																																					
<i>Stellaria media</i> (L.) Vill.																																					

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<i>Scieranthus annuus</i> L.																																					
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<i>Linum bienne</i> Mill.														+																							
<i>Trifolium resupinatum</i> L.																																					
<i>Doctylis glomerata</i> L.																																					
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i> L.																																					
Festuco-Brometea																																					
<i>Convolvulus cantabrica</i> L.																																					
<i>Arenaria leptoclados</i> (Rech.) Guss.																																					
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i> L.																																					
<i>Bupleurum veronense</i> Fuera																																					
<i>Muscari comosum</i> (L.) Mill.																																					
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i> Scop.																																					
<i>Thymus longicaulis</i> Presl																																					
<i>Linum tenuifolium</i> L.																																					
<i>Thymus striatus</i> Vahl																																					
<i>Koeleria splendens</i> C. Presl																																					
<i>Melica ciliata</i> L.																																					
<i>Orchis coriophora</i> (L.) R. M. Bateman																																					
<i>Orchis morio</i> (L.) R. M. Bateman																																					
<i>Carex coryophylla</i> Latour.																																					
<i>Chrysopogon gryllus</i> (L.) Trieb.																																					
<i>Centaurium erythraea</i> Rafn																																					
Other species																																					
<i>Bothriochloa ischaemum</i> (L.) Keng																																					
<i>Crepis sancta</i> (L.) Bomm.																																					
<i>Teucrium capitatum</i> L.																																					
<i>Avena barbata</i> Link																																					
<i>Sideritis romana</i> subsp. <i>purpurea</i> (Talbot ex Benth.) Heywood																																					
<i>Vulpia ciliata</i> Dumort.																																					
<i>Parentucella latifolia</i> (L.) Caruel																																					
<i>Aegilops geniculata</i> Roth																																					
<i>Crepis foetida</i> L.																																					
<i>Corthamus lanatus</i> L.																																					
<i>Tordylium epulum</i> L.																																					
<i>Centaura deusta</i> Ten																																					
<i>Petrophagia dubia</i> (Raf.) G. López & Romo																																					
<i>Filago germanica</i> (L.) Huds.																																					

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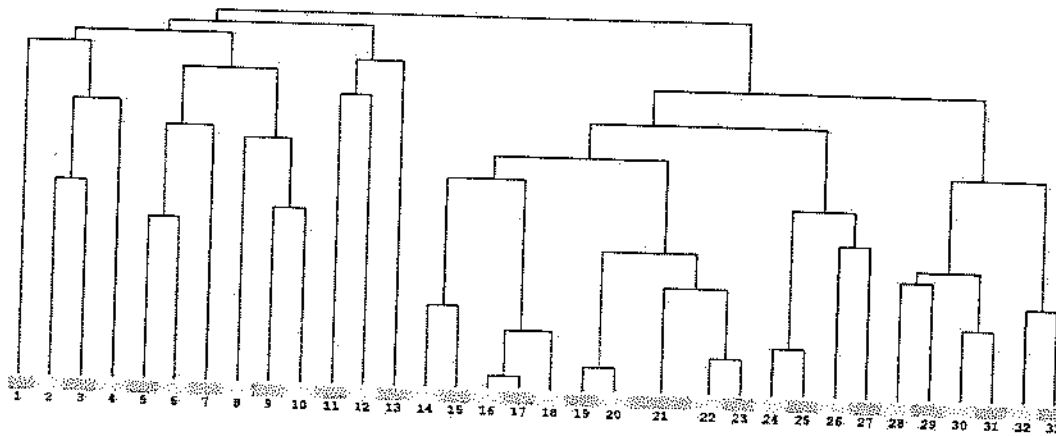


Figure 1. Cluster analysis of relevés of early spring ephemeral therophytic grasslands from Montenegro. Cluster 1 (relevés 1-13): *Romuleo bulbocodii-Poetum bulbosae* ass. nova. Cluster 2 (14-33): *Ornithogalo exscapii-Poetum bulbosae* ass. nova.

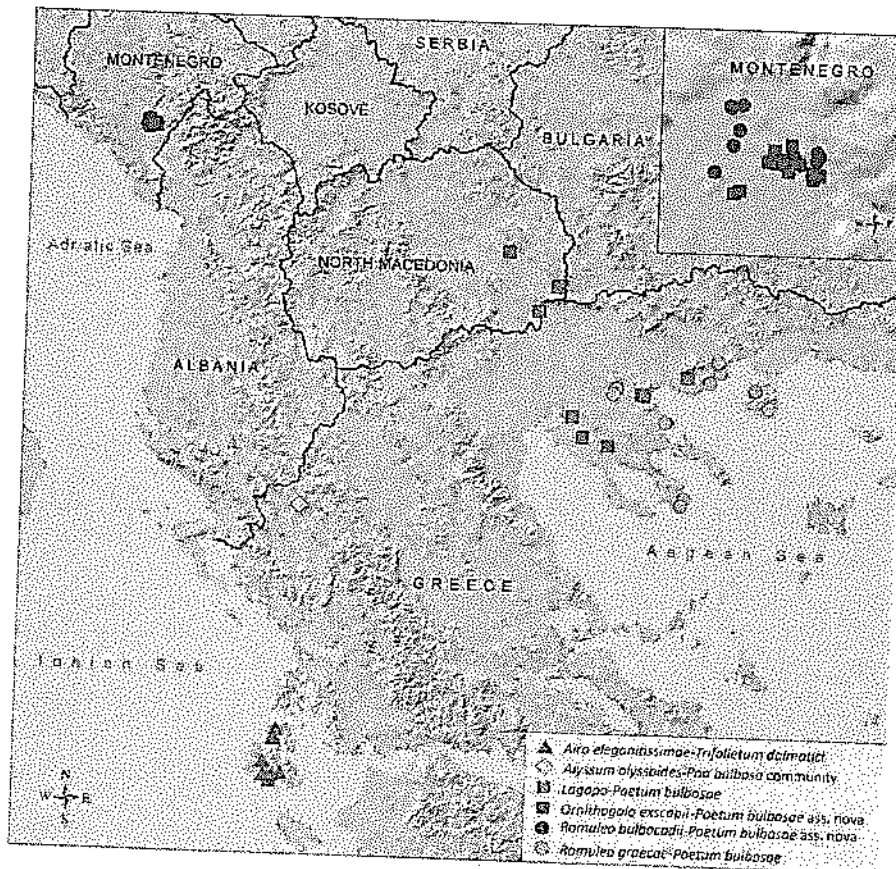


Figure 2. Distribution of the *Romuleion* alliance in the Eastern Mediterranean.

ischaemum is considerable. The association thrives on eutric cambisol soils in flat terrains, developed on fluvio-glacial deposits. The total vegetation cover is from 60% to 100% in the spring aspect. The percentage of stones is very low, often less than 5%. In addition to the species characteristic of the class *Poetea bulbosae*, there are groups of species of annual and ephemeral grasslands of the classes *Stipo-Trachynietea distachyae* and *Helianthemetea guttatae* (Table 1). The higher proportion of therophytes is due to the climatic conditions of the site. The studied community is distributed at lower altitudes, where summer drought is more pronounced.

Permanent and intensive grazing and trampling is evident from the presence of ruderal species (*Avena barbata* Link, *Aegilops* sp. pl., *Ajuga chamaepitys* (L.) Schreb., *Lysimachia arvensis* (L.) U. Manns & Anderb. and *Bunias erucago* L., etc.) (Table 1).

Ordination analysis of *Romuleion* alliance in Eastern Mediterranean

For the analysis of the *Romuleion* alliance, we collected all available relevés of this vegetation type from the eastern

Table 2. Continued

Community	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<i>Muscari comosum</i>		8		27		23	23	48
<i>Muscari neglectum</i>	1		2			5		10.7
<i>Onobrychis arenaria</i>	2		1					
<i>Ophrys sphegodes</i>					14			
<i>Orchis morio</i>								
<i>Orobanche alba</i>							15	10
<i>Petrohragia illyrica</i> ssp. <i>illyrica</i>		8		9		5		
<i>Phleum montanum</i>								
<i>Pimpinella peregrina</i>						5		
<i>Poa angustifolia</i>		17	14		29			
<i>Polygala comosa</i>								
<i>Ranunculus psilostachys</i>				9			8	
<i>Ranunculus rumelicus</i>		25	17.2					
<i>Ranunculus sprunerianus</i>					14			
<i>Rorippa lippizensis</i>								
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i> (incl. <i>polygama</i>)		33		9	29	73	14.4	23
<i>Scabiosa triniifolia</i>				9				
<i>Spiranthes spiralis</i>								
<i>Stipa capillata</i>				9				5
<i>Thymus odoratissimus</i>		8		9				
<i>Thymus striatus</i>		17		18				
<i>Tragopogon balcanicus</i>				9			8	19
<i>Valerianella turgida</i>		58	18.2	36	8.8			
<i>Trifolium retusum</i>		33		73	23.2			
<i>Scorzonera cana</i>		25	11.4					
<i>Carex divisa</i>	4				14			
<i>Luzula forsteri</i>			4		18	14.7		
<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i> ssp. <i>sylvaticum</i>				27	18			
<i>Galium aparine</i>						5		
<i>Opopanax chironium</i>						5		
<i>Rubia tinctorium</i>						5		
<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>				9				
<i>Centaureum erythraea</i>				9				
<i>Galium lucidum</i>				9			8	10
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>				18			8	
<i>Lunaria annua</i>						9		
<i>Viola odorata</i>						5		
<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>	1	17				5		
<i>Psoralea bituminosa</i>			2			32	11.1	
<i>Crupina vulgaris</i>		17			14	18	8	
<i>Astragalus onobrychis</i>		17				5		10
<i>Stachys angustifolia</i>				18				
<i>Plantago arenaria</i>				9				
<i>Chamaesyce canescens</i>	1		3					
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	5	75	7.8	4	91	10.9	14	9
<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>		8						31
<i>Amaranthus albus</i>				27	18			10
<i>Eragrostis minor</i>	1	25		3	45	12.4		
<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>		17			55	21		19
<i>Senecio vernalis</i>		8						
<i>Tragus racemosus</i>	1							
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>		17	10.1	2				
<i>Inula oculis-christi</i>				9				
<i>Campanula spatulata</i>						5		
<i>Carduus tmoleus</i>						5		
<i>Pterocephalus perennis</i>						14	20.9	
<i>Stachys germanica</i> ssp. <i>heldreichii</i>						5		
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>		17				45	21.5	
<i>Silene conica</i>	1			64	22.1			
<i>Bombycilaena erecta</i>	3				14			5
<i>Filago minima</i>			3					
<i>Micropyrum tenellum</i>		17	14	1				
<i>Minuartia hybrida</i>		17						
<i>Moenchia erecta</i>	2	17		2	9			
<i>Sedum rubens</i>		33	9.5		45	15.1		
<i>Trifolium striatum</i>		17		4	18			
<i>Vulpia myuros</i>	2	8						
<i>Bromus squarrosus</i>	1	50	13.3	2	36			
<i>Filago arvensis</i>		33	19.9		18			

Table 2. Continued

Community	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	1	8						
<i>Scolymus hispanicus</i>		8					15	10
<i>Silene vulgaris</i>								
<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>							8	
<i>Tyrimnus leucographus</i>			9					
<i>Verbascum blattaria</i>				18	14.7		8	10
<i>Verbascum densiflorum</i>			18					
<i>Verbascum pulverulentum</i>						9		
<i>Dianthus viscidus</i>						32	17.3	
<i>Asperula aristata</i> ssp. <i>scabra</i>	8		9					
<i>Stachys cassia</i>	8						8	
<i>Aegilops uniaristata</i>			9					
<i>Ajuga orientalis</i>					14			
<i>Allium amethystinum</i>						14	10.7	
<i>Allium ampeloprasum</i>						5		
<i>Allium dalmaticum</i>							8	
<i>Allium flavum</i>							15	14
<i>Allium</i> sp.	25	11.2	18					
<i>Alyssum minus</i>					14			
<i>Anchusa hybrida</i>							15	13.5
<i>Anchusa variegata</i>						27	15.1	
<i>Anchusella cretica</i>					14			
<i>Anthemis auriculata</i>						41	13.3	38
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i>	67	13.7	91	23.5				12.4
<i>Arabis sagittata</i>					43	22.3	9	15
<i>Arabis verna</i>						5		
<i>Astragalus sinaicus</i>	2		1			5		
<i>Astragalus spruneri</i>			9					
<i>Aurinia corymbosa</i>			9					
<i>Aurinia saxatilis</i> ssp. <i>orientalis</i>								
<i>Barbula</i> sp.	2					14	21.2	
<i>Berteroa obliqua</i>			4					
<i>Berteroa orbiculata</i>						32	16.8	
<i>Biorum tenuifolium</i>	8							
<i>Bifora testiculata</i>						9		
<i>Biscutella didyma</i>						5		
<i>Brachypodium distachyon</i>	2	42	11.8	1	9	29	18.4	
<i>Buffonia</i> sp.	1				57	14.2		23
<i>Bupleurum commutatum</i>		8		9				10
<i>Bupleurum glumaceum</i>								
<i>Calicotome villosa</i>					14		9	
<i>Campanula phrygia</i>			36	11.8	14			
<i>Cerastium brachypetalum</i> (incl. <i>roeseri</i>)	8		27	18				
<i>Cerastium</i> sp.			9			64	25.4	8
<i>Clinopodium arvense</i>					14			
<i>Delphinium</i> sp.	17	14						
<i>Filago</i> sp.					14			
<i>Gagea foliosa</i>					14			
<i>Knautia</i> sp.	1		3					
<i>Malabaila aurea</i>		8						
<i>Männia fragrans</i>	1					5		8
<i>Medicago praecox</i>		17						
<i>Medicago turbinata</i>	1			36	15.7			
<i>Minuartia hirsuta</i> ssp. <i>fofcata</i>		25	11.2	18				
<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i> ssp. <i>cyanea</i>	1							
<i>Onobrychis aequidentata</i>		8				5		
<i>Orchis</i> sp.				9				
<i>Orlaya daucarlaya</i>	1		1					
<i>Ornithogalum armeniacum</i>		8				32	25.7	
<i>Ornithogalum montanum</i>	1		2					
<i>Parentucellia latifolia</i>		83		73		45	24.5	
<i>Petrorhagia velutina</i>		58			29	59		23
<i>Pimpinella tragiium</i> ssp. <i>polyclada</i>			100	17.6			15	86
<i>Pleurochaete squarrosa</i>						5		71
<i>Poa cephalonica</i>	8				14			
<i>Potentilla laciniosa</i>					14			
<i>Potentilla pedata</i>	50	17.6	27					
<i>Pyrus amygdaliformis</i>	25	17.2						
<i>Riccia</i> sp.	1		2			14	12.3	
<i>Rorippa thracica</i>	17		18					

Table 2. Continued

Community.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
<i>Satureja montana</i> ssp. <i>subspicata</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	19	11.9
<i>Scabiosa palaestina</i>	8	-	-	18	11	-	-	-	-
<i>Scabiosa tenuis</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Scandix australis</i> ssp. <i>grandiflora</i>	-	-	-	-	-	59	24.2	-	-
<i>Securigera parviflora</i>	8	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-
<i>Securigera securidaca</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sedum stellatum</i>	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	-
<i>Seseli montanum</i> ssp. <i>tommásinii</i>	1	-	3	-	14	-	-	23	17.7
<i>Sideritis romana</i> (incl. <i>purpurea</i>)	8	-	-	-	14	-	-	46	-
<i>Taraxacum</i> sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	86	19.9
<i>Thymus sibthorpii</i>	8	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-
<i>Thymus substriatus</i>	2	67	23.7	1	18	-	-	-	-
<i>Tortula ruralis</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Verbascum</i> sp.	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Verbascum undulatum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	5
<i>Vicia glabrescens</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Vicia hirsuta</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	13.5	-
<i>Centaurea affinis</i> ssp. <i>pallidior</i>	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Centaurea alba</i> ssp. <i>deusta</i>	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-
<i>Centaurea grisebachii</i>	42	19.3	9	-	-	-	23	-	67
<i>Centaurea orphanidea</i>	-	-	36	20.8	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Centaurea zuccariniana</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cerastium tenoreanum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	14	11.4	-	-
<i>Chaerophyllum coloratum</i>	-	-	27	18.7	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Daucus broteri</i>	25	17.2	-	-	-	-	8	-	-
<i>Daucus involucratus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Delphinium peregrinum</i>	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	-
<i>Dianthus monadelphus</i> ssp. <i>pallens</i>	8	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-
<i>Ephedra major</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Erysimum crassistylum</i>	33	14.3	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Euphorbia seguieriana</i> ssp. <i>niciciana</i>	8	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Evax pygmaea</i>	3	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Filago vulgaris</i>	83	9.8	1	73	7.1	14	-	-	-
<i>Fritillaria messanensis</i> ssp. <i>gracilis</i>	-	-	-	-	-	9	46	8	48
<i>Galium intricatum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Galium setaceum</i>	17	-	-	-	71	29.3	-	-	-
<i>Galium tenuissimum</i>	1	17	14	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Hippocrepis unisiliquosa</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Holcus setiglumis</i>	-	-	-	-	14	9	-	-	-
<i>Huetia cynapioides</i>	2	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Hymenocarpus circinnatus</i>	17	-	2	9	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Lens ervoides</i>	-	-	36	10.9	14	-	-	-	-
<i>Onopordum bracteatum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-
<i>Senecio rupestris</i>	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-
<i>Silene conica</i> ssp. <i>subconica</i>	8	-	-	-	-	14	11.4	-	-
<i>Taraxacum gracilens</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Taraxacum</i> sect. <i>Ruderalia</i>	17	10.6	-	-	-	18	13	-	-
<i>Thlaspi perfoliatum</i>	8	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-
<i>Thymus heterotrichus</i>	33	16.7	9	-	-	5	15	-	-
<i>Trifolium speciosum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Trigonella grandiflora</i>	-	-	18	14.7	-	5	-	-	-
<i>Tripodion tetraphyllum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Trisetaria aurea</i>	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	-

Note: The original classification indicated by authors is used. Communities: 1. *Lagopo-Poetum bulbosae* (Oberdorfer 1954), 2. *Lagopo-Poetum bulbosae* (Čarni et al. 2014), 3. *Stipo tortilis-Poetum timoleonis* (Oberdorfer 1954), 4. *Romuleo-graecae-Poetum bulbosae* (Čarni et al. 2014), 5. *Airo elegantissimae-Trifolietum dalmatici* (Bolós et al. 1996), 6. *Alyssum alyssoides-Poa bulbosa* community (Amanatidou 2005), 7. *Romuleo bulbocodii-Poetum bulbosae* ass. nova and 8. *Ornithogalo exscapii-Poetum bulbosae* ass. nova.

Mediterranean where it occurs (Figure 2, Table 2). For further analysis, we had to exclude the original table of Oberdorfer (1954), which had been published only as a synoptic table.

NMDS revealed a division of *Romuleion* communities into two groups along gradient of EIV temperature, BIO 14, and altitude (Figure 3). The communities from coastal Greece and in Northern Macedonia belong to one group (in lower part

of NMDS graph) and the communities from Montenegro and continental part of Greece (Epirus) in second. Altitude is one of the most important factors affecting the floristic composition and distribution of *Romuleion* communities. Communities that developed at higher altitudes (Cephalonia and Epirus) are grouped in the right part of the NMDS diagram, while communities in the lowlands (Montenegro,

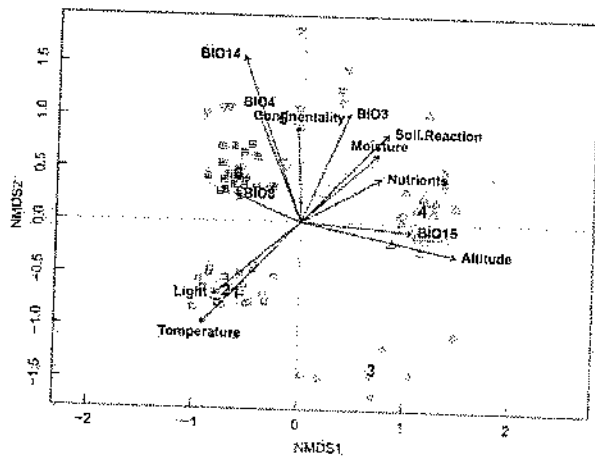


Figure 3. NMDS ordination of *Romuleion* communities from the Eastern Mediterranean. The numbers are centroids of particular syntaxon, the arrows represent the passively projected environmental variables. 1. *Lagopo-Poetum bulbosae*, Čarni et al. (2014); 2. *Romuleo graecae-Poetum bulbosae*, Čarni et al. (2014); 3. *Airo elegantissimae-Trifolietum dalmatici*, Bolòs et al. (1996); 4. *Alyssum alyssoides-Poa bulbosa* community, Amanatidou 2005; 5. *Romuleo bulbocodii-Poetum bulbosae*, Stanišić-Vujačić et al. (2022), and 6. *Ornithogalo exscapii-Poetum bulbosae* Stanišić-Vujačić et al. (2022).

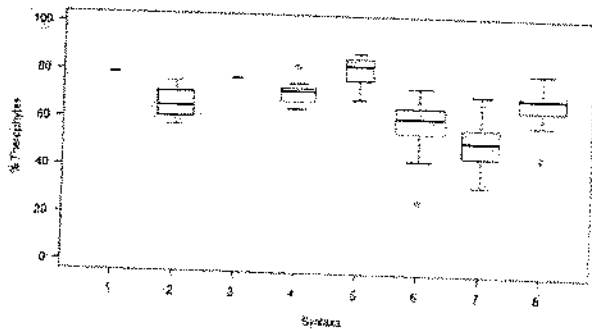


Figure 4. Percentage of therophytes in biological spectrum of *Romuleion* communities from the Eastern Mediterranean. 1. *Lagopo-Poetum bulbosae*, Oberdorfer (1954); 2. *Lagopo-Poetum bulbosae*, Čarni et al. (2014); 3. *Stipo tortilis-Poetum timolentis*, Oberdorfer (1954); 4. *Romuleo graecae-Poetum bulbosae*, Čarni et al. (2014); 5. *Airo elegantissimae-Trifolietum dalmatici*, Bolòs et al. (1996); 6. *Alyssum alyssoides-Poa bulbosa* community, Amanatidou (2005); 7. *Romuleo bulbocodii-Poetum bulbosae* ass. nova, and 8. *Ornithogalo exscapii-Poetum bulbosae* ass. nova.

coastal Greece and Northern Macedonia) are found in the left part of the NMDS diagram. In the two-dimensional solution of the NMDS ordination attained a minimum stress of 0.22.

Analysis showed that the communities in the coastal areas (coastal Greece) are dominated by therophytes (Figure 4, boxes 1–5). On the other hand, hemicryptophytes are more abundant (Figure 5, boxes 6–8) in the continental parts (Epirus, Montenegro).

The comparison of *Romuleion* dry grasslands revealed many differences in the floristic composition of the described associations in the eastern Mediterranean (Table 2). *Romuleion* dry grassland communities from Montenegro show some floristic and ecological similarities to the *Alyssum alyssoides-Poa bulbosa* community from Epirus (Table 2, Figure 3). These communities are predominantly composed of *Poetea bulbosae* species. On the other hand,

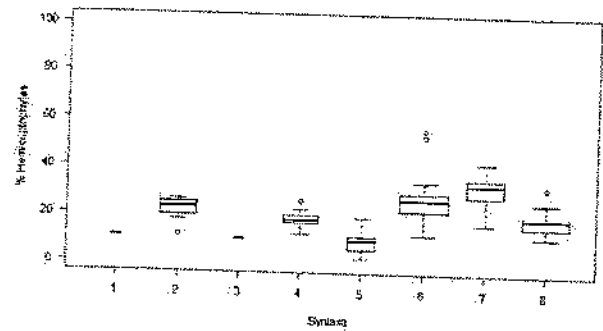


Figure 5. Percentage of hemicryptophytes in biological spectrum of *Romuleion* communities from the Eastern Mediterranean. 1. *Lagopo-Poetum bulbosae*, Oberdorfer (1954); 2. *Lagopo-Poetum bulbosae*, Čarni et al. (2014); 3. *Stipo tortilis-Poetum timolentis*, Oberdorfer (1954); 4. *Romuleo graecae-Poetum bulbosae*, Čarni et al. (2014); 5. *Airo elegantissimae-Trifolietum dalmatici*, Bolòs et al. (1996); 6. *Alyssum alyssoides-Poa bulbosa* community, Amanatidou 2005; 7. *Romuleo bulbocodii-Poetum bulbosae* ass. nova, and 8. *Ornithogalo exscapii-Poetum bulbosae* ass. nova.

associations from coastal Greece, Cephalonia and Northern Macedonia are characterized by presence of many *Stipo-Trachynietea distachyae* and *Helianthemetea guttati* species (Table 2).

Syntaxonomical scheme

Based on gathered relevés and the numerical classification and ordination we propose the following syntaxonomical scheme of the *Romuleion* alliance in the eastern Mediterranean.

Class: *Poetea bulbosae* Rivas Goday et Rivas-Mart. in Rivas-Mart. 1978

Order: *Poetalia bulbosae* Rivas Goday et Rivas-Mart. in Rivas Goday et Ladero 1970

Alliance: *Romuleion* Oberd. 1954

- *Lagopo-Poetum bulbosae* Oberdorfer 1954 corr. Čarni et al. 2014
- *Stipo tortilis-Poetum timolentis* Oberdorfer 1954
- *Romuleo graecae-Poetum bulbosae* Čarni et al. 2014
- *Airo elegantissimae-Trifolietum dalmatici* Bolòs et al. 1996
- *Alyssum alyssoides-Poa bulbosa* community Amanatidou 2005
- *Romuleo bulbocodii-Poetum bulbosae* ass. nova
- *Ornithogalo exscapii-Poetum bulbosae* ass. nova
- *Biareto-Poetum timolentis* Oberdorfer 1954 prov.

Discussion

The *Romuleion* alliance includes grassland communities of anthropogenic origin with distribution restricted to the Mediterranean basin. They are dominated by *Poa bulbosa* and consist of low perennial herbs, therophytes, and in late winter, geophytes (Oberdorfer 1954; Bolòs et al. 1996; Čarni et al. 2014).

The syntaxonomical and ecological characteristics of the *Romuleion* alliance are well documented for Greece (Oberdorfer 1954; Bolòs et al. 1996; Amanatidou 2005; Čarni et al. 2014) and the southern part of Northern Macedonia (Čarni et al. 2014), while this vegetation type is poorly studied in the western Balkans. So far, *Romuleion* dry grasslands

have been assigned to the different higher syntaxa, main difference was in classification into classes. According to Oberdorfer (1954), Bolòs et al. (1996), and Amanatidou (2005), this vegetation type is classified into the *Thero-Brachypodietea* class, while Čarni et al. (2014), classified it into the *Helianthemetea*. They also stated that it would be possible to classify them into the *Poetea bulbosae* as similar pastures are known from the western Mediterranean. Amanatidou (2005) mentioned the possibility to classify *Alyssum alyssoides-Poa bulbosa* community into the *Thero-Brachypodion* alliance. Earlier, Rodwell et al. (2002) mention classification of *Romuleion* into the *Sagineteta maritima*, but lack of halophytes does not support this solution. In the central Mediterranean, especially in Italy, there are many studies dealing with the vegetation of therophytic grasslands (Viciani et al. 2013, Scoppola 1999). Compared to *Romuleion* alliance grasslands, these grasslands are characterized by the absence of geophytes (e.g. *Romulea* sp. pl.) (Viciani et al. 2013, Scoppola 1999) and the perennial grass *Poa bulbosa* (Scoppola 1999). In contrast, several species from the genus *Sedum* are present in communities from Italy. Because of that, there is a possibility to classify these communities into the *Alyssa alyssoides-Sedion* alliance. Therophytic communities from Italy also develop on the flat surfaces of travertine debris, with a thin layer of organic soil and abundant mosses, which are not under the influence of intensive and permanent agropastoral activities (Viciani et al. 2013). After our analysis, we decided to classify *Romuleion* alliance within the *Poetea bulbosae*, which is in accordance with most recent classification (Mucina et al. 2016). So far, the class *Poetea bulbosae* was reported for the western and central Mediterranean. Although there are many climatic and floristic differences between the eastern and western/central Mediterranean (Čarni et al. 2014), these plant communities have in common intensive and permanent livestock activity. Communities of the *Poetea bulbosae* represent perennial pastures linked with zoo-anthropogenic activity, while the *Helianthemetea* includes annual pastures, less developed, often on lithosols, and with less nitrophilous species (Galán de Mera et al. 2000). Dry grasslands of *Poetea bulbosae* are characterized by the presence of species adapted to continuous trampling and fertilization by livestock (Galán de Mera et al. 2000; San Miguel 2008). The studied communities in the eastern Mediterranean are rich in many species of the *Poetea bulbosae* class such as *Poa bulbosa*, *Romulea bulbocodium*, *Anthoxanthum odoratum*, *Erodium cicutarium* (L.) L'Hér., *Trifolium subterraneum* L., *Leontodon tuberosus* L., *Prunella laciniata* L., *Trifolium nigrescens* Viv., *Hypochaeris cretensis* (L.) Bory & Chaub., and so on (Table 2). Agropastoral activities in Mediterranean grasslands condition the substitution of the oligotrophic communities of *Helianthemetea guttati* or the ruderal *Papaveretea rhoeadis* by the eutrophic ones of *Poetea bulbosae* (Ladero et al. 1992; Galán de Mera et al. 2000). As a result of grazing, trampling, fertilization, and nutrient cycle acceleration by faeces, the nitrophytic character of eastern Mediterranean communities is characterized by the presence of species such as: *Avena barbata*, *Chondrilla juncea* L.,

Hordeum murinum subsp. *leporinum* (Link) Arcang., *Dasypyrum villosum* (L.) P. Candargy, and so on (Table 2). *Romuleion* communities from the eastern Mediterranean, especially from the coastal part of Greece and Northern Macedonia, are characterized by the presence of species of the *Stipo-Trachynietea distachyae* and *Helianthemetea guttati* classes, indicating strong influence of the Mediterranean climate (Table 2). High proportion of therophytes in these communities complicates classification into higher syntaxa.

The conducted analysis of *Romuleion* alliance has shown that the most important ecological factors affecting floristic composition and distribution are precipitation seasonality (BIO 15), EIV temperature and altitude (Table 2, Figure 3). According to Čarni et al. (2014), seasonality of precipitation and temperature were also the most important ecological variables. They also emphasized that the grasslands of *Romuleion* alliance do not occur on higher altitudes, although Oberdorfer (1954) mentions the *Biareto-Poetum timolentis* community from Epirus (Greece) that occurs at higher elevations. The occurrence of *Romuleion* dry grasslands at higher altitudes has been also confirmed for Cephalonia (Bolòs et al. 1996) and Epirus (Amanatidou 2005). The *Alyssum alyssoides-Poa bulbosa* community from Vikos-Aoos National Park is similar to the *Biareto-Poetum timolentis*. *Romuleion* dry grassland from Aegean and Ionian coast of Greece are dominated by therophytes which indicates persistent summer drought and grazing. These communities often develop on shallow rocky soils, in open spots between shrubs which are quickly colonized by annuals (Bolòs et al. 1996; Sciandrello et al. 2013). Communities from the continental part of Greece at higher altitudes and from sub-Mediterranean part of Montenegro have more hemicyptophytic character, indicating the influence of modified Mediterranean climate, with more evenly distributed precipitation. Although Čarni et al. (2014) clearly differentiated their communities based on climate and life forms character they are not that different when all communities of *Romuleion* are considered (Figures 3 and 4). In the sub-Mediterranean climate of Montenegro and Epirus more hemicyptophytes thrive due to less arid climate and two distinct groups of communities are evident in the *Romuleion*, one along coasts and one more continental or at higher altitudes.

The newly described association from Montenegro, *Romuleo-bulbocodii-Poetum bulbosae*, is also characterized by many species of the class *Festuco-Brometea*; some of them (*Bothriochloa ischaemum*, *Festuca stricta* subsp. *sulcata*, *Ranunculus millefoliatus* and *Salvia officinalis*) are also considered as diagnostic species of the association. Due to the transitional character of the studied association between *Poetea bulbosae* and *Festuco-Brometea* class, we compared our stands with *Festuco-Brometea* dry grasslands reported for the sub-Mediterranean part of Montenegro (not shown). Mix of character species of different classes, human impact, and frequent droughts in recent years make clear syntaxonomic classification difficult. Based on floristical and ecological differences and dominance of species of the *Poetea bulbosae* species, accompanied with some elements of *Helianthemetea guttati* and *Stipo-Trachynietea distachyae* class, we decided to classify it within the *Poetea bulbosae* class. The other

association described from Montenegro, *Ornithogalo exscapuli-Poetum bulbosae*, is clearly separated from the *Festuco-Brometea* grasslands in the sub-Mediterranean part of Montenegro.

Due to the high floristic and phenological diversity and the difficulty of sampling *Romuleion* communities, there is a lack of data on this vegetation type in the Mediterranean region. Communities studied are reported for Croatia (Škvorc et al. 2017), but detailed phytosociological studies are lacking. Considering the distribution of character species and ecology of sites, we assume that *Romuleion* alliance has a wider distribution than reported (Albania and other parts of Greece). Further, we estimate that *Romuleion* dry grasslands are distributed also in coastal part of Montenegro. We found similar stands dominated by *Romulea bulbocodium* in the wider surroundings of Ulcinj (unpublished). These stands are restricted to shallow, skeletoid sandy areas along roadsides, that are not grazed, but heavily trampled. Therefore, they are dominated by many ruderal species (*Avena barbata*, *Dasyphyrum villosum*, *Tordylium apulum* L. and *Vicia villosa* subsp. *varia* (Host) Corb.). The potential occurrence of *Romuleion* communities on such sites should be studied in the future.

The *Satureja subspicata-Poa bulbosa* community is reported for sub-Mediterranean part of Montenegro (Černjavski et al. 1949), which is relatively close to our sampling sites. There are floristic differences between our stands of Čemovsko polje and the *Satureja subspicata-Poa bulbosa* community; it is obvious that the vegetation sampling was made only in the phenological optimum. Therefore, many late winter and early spring species are missing.

The *Festuco illyricae-Poetum bulbosae* community, dominated with grass *Poa bulbosa*, is reported for wider area of Podgorica (Blečić and Lakušić 1976), and for the Kvarner area in Croatia (Trinajstić 2008). A comparison of the *Romuleion* dry grasslands and the synoptic table for the *Festuco illyricae-Poetum bulbosae* community from Croatia (Horvat et al. 1974) shows many floristic differences, although both associations are dominated by *Poa bulbosa*. The *Festuco illyricae-Poetum bulbosae* community is classified within the *Festuco-Brometea* class (Horvat et al. 1974; Trinajstić 2008; Terzi 2015).

Dry grasslands of *Romuleion* alliance are distributed in areas where the potential vegetation are thermophilous oak forests dominated by *Quercus trojana* Webb and *Quercus pubescens* Willd. and evergreen forest dominated by *Quercus ilex* L. and *Quercus coccifera* L. These communities have become established as a result of permanent agropastoral activities and represent typical elements of the Mediterranean cultural landscape (Čarni et al. 2014).

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Appendix 1. Species in Table 1 occurring in less than 3 relevés

Hypochaeris cretensis (L.) Bory. & Chaub. 13: 1, 5: +; *Prunella lacinjata* L. 2: +, 7: 1; *Medicago lupulina* L. 14: +, 34: +; *Lolium perenne* L. 13: +; *Scleranthus annuus* subsp. *polycarpus* (L.) Bonnier & Layens 23: +; *Briza maxima* L. 14: +; *Trifolium stellatum* L. 11: +; *Linum strictum* L. 25: +; *Saxifraga tridactylites* L. 12: 1; *Hornungia petraea* (L.) Rchb. 10: +; *Alyssum alyssoides* (L.) L. 8: +; *Aphanes arvensis* L. 34: +; *Matricaria chamomilla* L. 9: +; *Fumaria officinalis* L. 3: +; *Serapias vomeracea* (Burm. f.) Briq. 7: +, 31: +; *Prunella vulgaris* L. 13: +; *Poa trivialis* L. 2: +; *Verbena officinalis* L. 8: +; *Sporobolus indicus* (L.) R. Br. 13: 2; *Tragopogon pratensis* subsp. *orientalis* (L.) Čelák. 1: +; *Poa pratensis* L. 2: 1; *Trifolium repens* L. 13: 1; *Galium mollugo* L. 2: 1; *Carex halleriana* Asso 10: 1, 12: 2; *Fumana praecumbens* (Dunal) Gren. & Godr. 10: 1, 27: +; *Satureja montana* L. 24: 2; *Tragopogon porrifolius* L. 12: +; *Teucrium chamaedrys* L. 31: +; *Spiranthes spiralis* (L.) Chevall. 32: +; *Medicago prostrata* Jacq. 10: 1, 12: +; *Polygala comosa* Schkuhr 10: +; *Gagea pusilla* (F. W. Schmidt) Sweet 1: +; *Bromopsis pannonica* (Kunth) & Sendtn. Holub 14: 1, 12: 3; *Pilosella baubini* (Schult.) Arv.-Touv. 10: +; *Galium lucidum* All. 12: 1; *Crupina vulgaris* Cass. 24: +, 25: +; *Trifolium striatum* L. 9: +; *Sedum sexangulare* L. 8: +; *Sedum acre* L. 7: +; *Lathyrus sphaericus* Retz. 12: +; *Lathyrus setifolius* L. 12: +; *Medicago rigidula* (L.) All. 11: +, 31: +; *Gastrium ventricosum* (Gouan) Schinz & Thell. 14: +; *Thymelaea passerina* (L.) Coss. & Germ. 10: +, 34: +; *Bunias erucago* L. 11: +; *Anisantha madritensis* (L.) Nevski 13: +; *Orlaya grandiflora* (L.) Hoffm. 14: +, 12: 1; *Ranunculus muricatus* L. 13: +; *Cardamine hirsuta* L. 1: 1, 34: +; *Knautia integrifolia* (L.) Bertol. 11: +; *Lolium rigidum* Gaudin 25: +; *Aegilops neglecta* Bertol. 33: 1; *Aegilops triuncialis* L. 7: +, 34: +; *Valerianella locusta* (L.) Laterr. 1: +, 2: 1; *Campanula erinus* L. 3: +; *Geranium dissectum* L. 16: +; *Micromeria juliana* (L.) Benth. ex Rchb. 6: 1, 10: +; *Cephalaria leucantha* (L.) Roem. & Schult. 14: 1; *Asparagus acutifolius* L. 12: +; *Paliurus spina-christi* Mill. 3: +; *Vicia grandiflora* Scop. 7: +, 12: 1; *Eleusine tristachya* (Lam.) Lam. 9: +; *Valeriana tuberosa* L. 10: +; *Asphodelus ramosus* L. 14: 2; *Silene italica* (L.) Pers. 10: +, 16: +; *Calamintha nepeta* (L.) Kuntze 3: +; *Plantago coronopus* L. 9: 1; *Alkanna tinctoria* Tausch 18: +, 33: +; *Myosotis ramosissima* Rochel 1: +, 2: +; *Campanula lingulata* Waldst. & Kit. 10: +; *Crepis setosa* Haller f. 14: +; *Foeniculum vulgare* Mill. 11: +; *Chondrilla juncea* L. 4: +, 15: +; *Cichorium intybus* L. 14: +; *Centaurea solstitialis* L. 8: 1; *Picris hieracioides* L. 12: +; *Carduus nutans* L. 8: +, 10: +; *Silene vulgaris* (Moench) Garcke 1: +; *Calepina irregularis* (Asso) Thell. 5: +, 2: +; *Asperula aristata* subsp. *scabra* (J. Presl & Č. Presl) Nyman 6: +; *Chaerophyllum coloratum* L. 12: +; *Noccaea perfoliata* (L.) Al-Shehbaz 1: 1, 2: +; *Taraxacum* F. H. Wigg. sect. *Taraxacum* 13: +; *Dactylis glomerata* subsp. *hispanica* (Roth)

Nyman 13: +; *Scorzonera lacinjata* L. 1: +, 2: +; *Fritillaria messanensis* subsp. *gracilis* (Ebel) Rix 3: +; *Malabaila aurea* (Sm.) Boiss. 12: +; *Salvia pratensis* subsp. *bertolonii* (Vis.) Soó 1: +, 2: +; *Poa trivialis* subsp. *sylvicola* (Guss.) H. Lindb. 13: +, 7: +; *Cerastium brachypetalum* Pers. 2: +; *Rostraria cristata* (L.) Tzvelev 33: +, 34: +; *Centaurea jacea* subsp. *angustifolia* (DC.) 2: +; *Arithyllis vulneraria* subsp. *rubriflora* (DC.) Arcang. 10: +, 14: +; *Helianthemum nummularium* subsp. *obscurum* (Čelák) Holub 6: +, 10: +; *Scorpiurus muricatus* L. 8: +, 14: +; *Alyssum minus* (L.) L. 5: +, 8: +; *Verbascum species* 5: +, 9: +; *Vicia villosa* subsp. *varia* (Host) Corb. 7: +, 12: +; *Allium ampeloprasum* L. 2: +; *Genista sylvestris* subsp. *dalmatica* (Bartl.) H. Lindb. 10: 1.

Appendix 2. Relevé localities, coordinates (WGS84 reference system, in decimal degrees) and dates (year/month/day) of relevés in Table 1

1. Podgorica – Old Government building, 42.44127, 19.25676, 2020/05/11;
2. Podgorica – Malo Brdo, 42.45633, 19.25877, 2020/04/22; 3. Podgorica – Malo Brdo, 42.45542, 19.24872, 2020/04/22; 4. Podgorica – Malo Brdo, 42.4546, 19.24971, 2020/04/22; 5. Podgorica – Vrela Ribnička, 42.42617, 19.30133, 2020/05/12; 6. Podgorica – Vrela Ribnička, 42.42814, 19.3007, 2020/05/12; 7. Podgorica – Omerbožovići, 42.42319, 19.31892, 2020/05/12; 8. Podgorica – Omerbožovići, 42.42525, 19.31892, 2020/05/12; 9. Podgorica – Omerbožovići, 42.42817, 19.32114, 2020/05/12; 10. Kakačka gora – kod Malog mosta, 42.43399, 19.29838, 2020/05/18; 11. Podgorica – Omerbožovići, 42.4304, 19.3195, 2020/05/12; 12. Dajbabska gora, 42.41612, 19.23846, 2020/05/11; 13. Ljubovići, 42.43207, 19.25231, 2020/05/11; 14. Čemovsko polje – Stari Aerodrom, 42.43039, 19.28513, 2020/04/28; 15. Čemovsko polje, 42.42224, 19.29523, 2020/04/28; 16. Čemovsko polje, 42.42321, 19.29193, 2020/04/28; 17. Čemovsko polje, 42.42315, 19.29159, 2020/04/28; 18. Čemovsko polje, 42.42316, 19.28862, 2020/04/28; 19. Čemovsko polje to Dinoša, 42.41701, 19.32223, 2020/05/18; 20. Čemovsko polje, 42.41697, 19.32029, 2020/05/18; 21. Čemovsko polje, 42.41707, 19.3205, 2020/05/18; 22. Čemovsko polje, 42.41701, 19.32032, 2020/05/18; 23. Čemovsko polje, 42.41827, 19.31656, 2020/05/18; 24. Čemovsko polje, 42.41784, 19.31825, 2020/05/18; 25. Čemovsko polje to Omerbožovići, 42.42358, 19.30481, 2020/05/12; 26. Čemovsko polje to Omerbožovići, 42.41815, 19.31569, 2020/05/18; 27. Čemovsko polje, 42.41784, 19.3185, 2020/05/18; 28. Čemovsko polje, 42.41463, 19.3167, 2020/05/18; 29. Čemovsko polje, 42.42396, 19.28074, 2020/04/28; 30. Čemovsko polje, 42.4200, 19.2946, 2020/04/28; 31. Čemovsko polje, 42.42376, 19.29254, 2020/04/28; 32. Čemovsko polje, 42.42531, 19.29183, 2020/04/28; 33. Čemovsko polje, 42.40456, 19.2547, 2020/05/11; 34. Čemovsko polje, 42.40614, 19.25923, 2020/05/11.

An *Asphodelus ramosus* dominated plant community in Montenegro: fringe or grassland?

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Abstract – Our phytosociological study in Montenegro (Čemovsko polje) deals with the syntaxonomy of arid grasslands in the Adriatic region and, in particular, different interpretations of plant communities dominated by *Asphodelus ramosus*. The main aims of this study were to contribute to knowledge of the composition of dry grasslands dominated by *Asphodelus ramosus* in Montenegro and to compare instances of *Asphodelus ramosus* dominated vegetation along the Adriatic. Our vegetation dataset included 82 phytosociological relevés: 17 from our recent field work and 72 relevés of South European *Asphodelus ramosus* communities. Ordination analysis (NMDS) was used for comparison of *Asphodelus ramosus* dominated communities in the Adriatic region. The *Asphodelus ramosus* community from Montenegro was classified into *Bromo erecti-Chrysopogonietum grylli*. The analysis revealed two distinct vegetation groups: grassland communities of the vegetation class *Festuco-Brometea* from Montenegro, Croatia and Albania, and edge vegetation of the new class *Charybdido pauciflori-Asphodeletea ramosi* from Italy. Comparison with similar vegetation types shows high similarity with associations on the eastern Adriatic coast, where they are treated as grassland communities belonging to the alliance *Chrysopogono grylli-Koelerion splendidis*, order *Scorzoneretalia villosae*, class *Festuco-Brometea*.

Keywords: *Asphodelus ramosus*, *Bromo erecti-Chrysopogonietum grylli*, dry grasslands, *Festuco-Brometea*, Montenegro

Introduction

Secondary dry grassland communities in the Mediterranean have a zoo-anthropogenic origin; they have developed over centuries or even millennia of traditional land use, featuring practices such as mowing, grazing, temporary abandonment of arable fields, and/or other disturbance regimes (Apostolova et al. 2014, Valkó et al. 2018). Mediterranean and sub-Mediterranean dry grasslands are considered to be among the floristically richest vegetation types (Apostolova et al. 2014) and, at the same time, a very important habitat for endangered, rare and endemic species, so they are included in the list of Habitats of European Interest (Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora, 1992), as well as the European Red List of Habitats (Janssen et al. 2016). Compared to other parts of Europe, dry grasslands of the Balkan peninsula are still well preserved (Apostolova et al. 2014).

The Balkan peninsula is well known for its rich flora and well-preserved vegetation, because it was a glacial refuge for animal and plant species (Griffiths et al. 2004). Its biodiversity is considered to be among the highest in Europe (Apostolova et al. 2014). The peninsula is characterized by the presence of a broad spectrum of dry grasslands (e.g., Horvat et al. 1974, Jovanović et al. 1986, Apostolova et al. 2014, Terzi 2015, Ačić et al. 2015, Matevski et al. 2018). In some Balkan countries (Slovenia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Croatia, North Macedonia), dry grassland vegetation has been intensively researched (Apostolova et al. 2014, Matevski et al. 2018). In contrast to these countries, research into this type of vegetation in Montenegro has considerable discontinuity, and comprehensive studies, especially in the sub-Mediterranean and Mediterranean region, are rare (Pulević and Bulić 2012).

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In our study, we focused on research into *Asphodelus ramosus*-dominated vegetation. *Asphodelus ramosus* is a species native to the Mediterranean and Macaronesian regions: southern Europe, northern Africa, the Middle East, Mediterranean islands and Canary Islands. It can be found in forest edges and grasslands, generally on basic soils of a certain depth, forming very dense populations in grazed areas, from the coast up to 1000 m, occasionally reaching 2150 m in the mountain systems of North Africa (Díaz-Lifante and Valdés 1996). It is unpalatable for grazing animals.

Research into plant communities dominated by *Asphodelus* spp. (and *Asphodelus ramosus* in particular) has become very intensive in recent years, especially in the western and central Mediterranean (Allegrezza et al. 2015, Biondi et al. 2016, 2017). In the Balkan peninsula, similar vegetation has been described from Albania (Fanelli et al. 2015) and Croatia (Horvatić 1934, 1939, 1963, Šegulja 1969, 1970, Hećimović 1984, Jasprica and Rušić 2013, Jasprica et al. 2016).

Today, there are different opinions about the syntaxonomical classification of *Asphodelus ramosus* dominated vegetation in Europe and its position in the landscape (as grasslands or fringe (saum) communities). In the eastern Adriatic, these communities have been classified within the grassland class *Festuco-Brometea*, while in the central and western Adriatic, they have been classified as heliophilous edge vegetation of *Trifolio-Geranietea sanguinei* (Biondi et al. 2014, Allegrezza et al. 2015) or recently into a new class *Charybdido pancratii-Asphodeletea ramosi* Biondi et al. 2016 (Biondi et al. 2016, 2017).

The aim of this study was to (i) contribute to knowledge of the composition of dry grasslands dominated by *Asphodelus ramosus* in Montenegro and (ii) compare examples of *Asphodelus ramosus* dominated vegetation along the Adriatic and its syntaxonomical classification and classification into Natura 2000 habitat types.

Materials and methods

Study area

Čemovsko polje is a part of Zetska ravniča plain in Montenegro, between the rivers Morača, Cijevna and Ribnica. It covers 165 km² and extends from Podgorica, the capital of Montenegro, to Skadar Lake. The altitude of the investigated area ranges from 12 to 30 m a.s.l. During the Pleistocene period, moraine material eroded from the mountains was carried along the rivers Morača and Cijevna into the area of Čemovsko polje (Radojičić 2015). The dominant types of soil are eutric cambisol and rendzina, which are formed on fluvio-glacial deposits, and consequently are often shallow and skeletoid (Burić et al. 2017). The area of Čemovsko polje has a Mediterranean climate with hot summers – Csa (Burić and Micev 2008). A grassland ecosystem is dominant in this area. The studied *Asphodelus ramosus* - dominated vegetation occurs in pastures used for grazing by cattle and sheep. A significant area of Čemovsko polje is

occupied by vineyards and plantations of peach and other kinds of fruit (Radojičić 2015). The area investigated has also recently been heavily impacted by urbanization (Burić et al. 2017).

Although many floristic studies have been performed in the area of Čemovsko polje (Černjavski et al. 1949, Hadžiablahović 2010, 2018, Stešević et al. 2014), the vegetation has remained poorly studied (Černjavski et al. 1949, Hadžiablahović 2018). Potential natural vegetation of the wider area of Podgorica and Lake Skadar is Apulian-south-east Adriatic meso-supra-Mediterranean *Quercus trojana* forests with *Pistacia* species (Bohn et al. 2000-2003) or precisely Macedonian oak forest '*Quercetum trojanae montenegrinum* Blečić et Lakušić 1975' (recte: *Quercetum trojanae* Em 1958). Illyrian sub-Mediterranean rocky grasslands on shallow calcareous soils of the alliance *Chrysopogono grylli-Koelerion splendidis* Horvatić 1973 prevail in the area of Čemovsko polje (Hadžiablahović 2010).

Sampling and data analysis

From April to June 2019, we sampled *Asphodelus ramosus*-dominated plant communities on Čemovsko polje according to the Braun-Blanquet method (Braun-Blanquet 1964). We made 17 relevés and the size of plots was 25 m². The minimum distance between plots was 100 m. The minimum coverage value of *Asphodelus ramosus* for it to be considered dominant was 25%. Each plot was visited in April and again in June. Cover values of species and total vegetation cover are based on the summer aspect (Tab. 1, Appendix 1). GPS coordinates were recorded for each plot (Appendix 2). All relevés made during fieldwork and relevés from the literature were entered into the Turboveg (Hennekens and Schaminée 2001) database. Relevés from the literature were used for comparison with vegetation data from our fieldwork (Appendix 3).

We obtained characteristic species of the association *Bromo erecti-Chrysopogonetum grylli* according to Horvatić (1963). Diagnostic taxa of alliance and order were assigned according to Terzi (2015), while the diagnostic taxa of classes were determined according to Terzi (2015) for the class *Festuco-Brometea*, Mucina et al. (2014) for other classes and Biondi et al. (2016) for the class *Charybdido pancratii-Asphodeletea ramosi*.

Non-metric multidimensional scaling (NMDS, Kruskal 1964) was used to examine the overall variation in the species composition in the whole relevé dataset. Hellinger transformation of percentage cover values (5=87.5 %, 4=62.5 %, 3=37.5 %, 2=12.5 %, 1=2.5 %, +=0.5 %, r=0.1 %) was used and Bray-Curtis as a measure of dissimilarity. NMDS was performed using the R package 'vegan' (Oksanen et al. 2017). For ecological interpretation of vegetation patterns, ecological indicator values (Pignatti et al. 2005) were passively projected onto the NMDS graph. Weighted by species cover, mean indicator values were calculated for each relevé using JUICE software (Tichý 2002).

The nomenclature of taxa is in accordance with Euro+Med (2006) and the nomenclature of higher syntaxa according to Mucina et al. (2014).

The taxonomy of *Asphodelus ramosus* species was sometimes ambiguous. Previously, the species *Asphodelus microcarpus* Viv. was accepted as valid by many authors but, after a taxonomic revision of the genus *Asphodelus* in the western Mediterranean (Díaz-Lifante and Valdés 1996), it has been considered a synonym of *Asphodelus ramosus* L. (Euro+Med 2006).

Results

The *Asphodelus ramosus* plant community from Čemovsko polje (Montenegro) is represented by 17 relevés in the phytosociological table (Tab. 1). The dominant species of the association are *Asphodelus ramosus* and *Chrysopogon gryllus*, while the most frequent species are *Asphodelus ramosus*, *Sanguisorba minor*, *Poa bulbosa*,

Teucrium capitatum, *Sideritis romana* subsp. *purpurea*, and *Anacamptis papilionacea*. *Asphodelus ramosus* is also considered to be the only characteristic species of the association. The community develops in two clear phenological aspects. In the spring aspect (Fig. 2A), the dominant species is *Asphodelus ramosus*, while in summer (Fig. 2B), dominance is taken by the tall grass *Chrysopogon gryllus*. The spring aspect is also characterised by high frequency and coverage of *Anemone hortensis*, *Poa bulbosa* and *Sanguisorba minor*, and the summer one by *Bupleurum veronense* and *Teucrium capitatum*.

In addition to the species characteristic for the class *Festuco-Brometea*, there are several species of annual and ephemeral grasslands of the classes *Stipo-Trachynietea distachyae* and *Helianthemetea guttate*, and seasonal perennial and ephemeroïd pastures of the class *Poetea bulbosae*, all indicating the Mediterranean and grassland character of the studied plant community. The impact of grazing is evident from the many ruderal species: *Avena barbata*, *Scandix pecten-veneris*, *Daucus guttatus*, *Scolymus hispanicus*, *Bromus squarrosus*, *Euphorbia exigua*, *Sonchus oleraceus* (Tab. 1). The studied stands constitute an open grassland community, which develops on stony soil and is used for grazing (cattle and sheep). Total vegetation coverage is 60–80% in the summer aspect. Stones and pebbles have dimensions of up to 20 cm and their cover is 5–40%. If the stones are removed and these areas are used for mowing, the vegetation changes into dry grasslands of the alliance *Vulpio-Lolion* (Hadžiablahović 2018).

Using various numerical classifications, we tried to classify the association *Bromo erecti-Chrysopogonetum grylli* into subassociations. This kind of vegetation is fairly uniform in the study area, and there were no ecologically evident/logical subunits.

A comparison of the studied *Asphodelus* community from Montenegro with *Asphodelus ramosus*-dominated communities from around the Adriatic (Fig. 1) revealed two distinct vegetation groups (Tab. 2, Fig. 3). Communities from Albania, Croatia and Montenegro form one group,

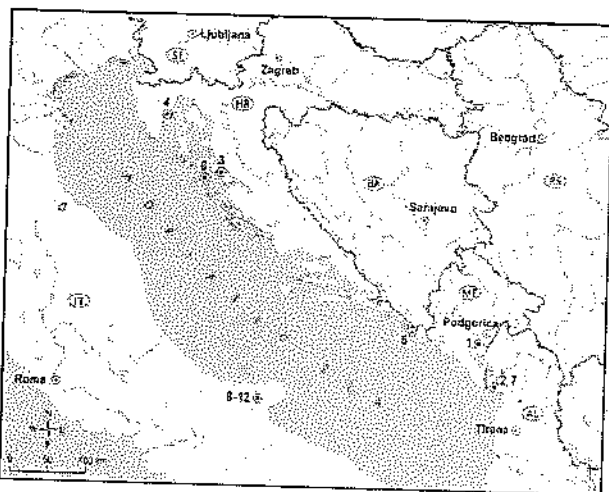


Fig. 1. Localities of data used of *Asphodelus ramosus*-dominated communities. See Tab. 2 for community abbreviations. AL – Albania, BA – Bosnia and Herzegovina, HR – Croatia, IT – Italy, ME – Montenegro, RS – Serbia, SI – Slovenia.

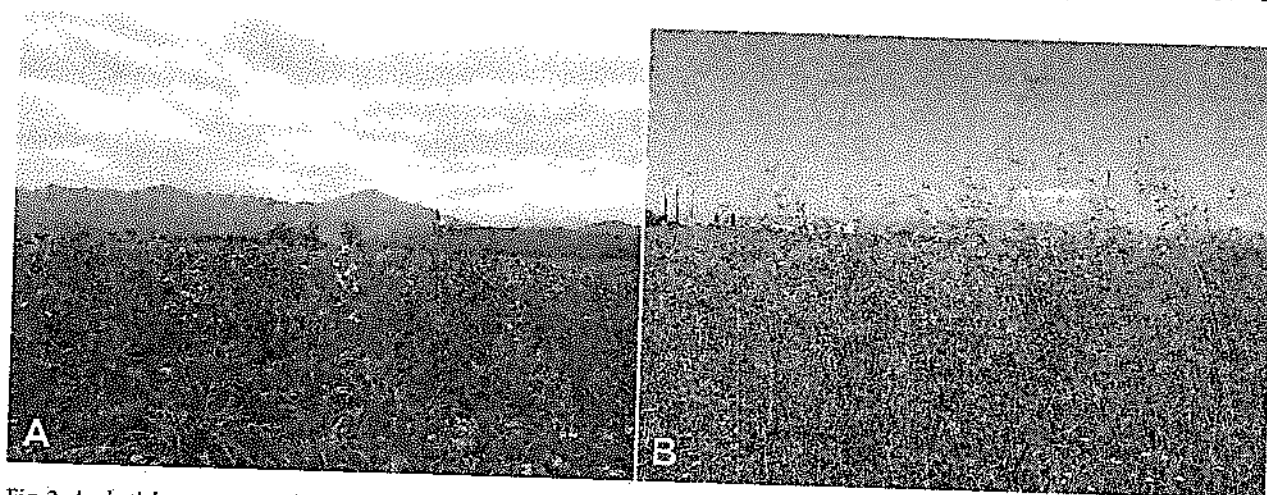


Fig. 2. *Asphodelus ramosus* dominated community on Čemovsko polje, vicinity of Podgorica, Montenegro. A – spring aspect, B – summer aspect.

Table 1. Phytosociological table of the association *Bromo erecti-Chrysopogonietum grylli* in Čemovsko polje (Montenegro).

Relevé number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Presence (%)
Plot size (m ²)	25																	
Vegetation cover (%)	80	60	80	70	75	60	60	75	60	65	70	70	60	60	60	60	60	
<i>Bromo erecti-Chrysopogonietum grylli</i>																		
<i>Asphodelus ramosus</i>	4	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	4	3	4	17
<i>Chrysopogono grylli-Koelerion splendidis</i>																		
<i>Bupleurum veronense</i>	+	+	+	.	.	+	.	+	.	.	+	.	+	+	+	.	.	9
<i>Carduus nutans</i> subsp. <i>micropterus</i>	.	+	.	+	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	4
<i>Scorzoneretalia villosae</i>																		
<i>Chrysopogon gryllus</i>	1	2	2	3	2	2	1	2	.	1	3	2	2	2	2	1	.	15
<i>Eryngium amethystinum</i>	+	+	1	.	1	+	1	+	+	.	1	1	+	1	1	1	1	15
<i>Koeleria lobata</i>	+	+	+	.	+	1	.	.	+	.	1	.	+	1	1	+	1	12
<i>Seseli montanum</i> subsp. <i>tommasinii</i>	1	.	.	.	+	.	+	.	+	.	.	1	.	.	+	1	.	7
<i>Satureja subspicata</i>	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	+	2	.	.	.	2	2	.	+	6
<i>Festuca stricta</i> subsp. <i>sulcata</i>	.	.	.	+	.	+	.	1	2	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	5
<i>Medicago prostrata</i>	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	+	.	+	.	.	.	4
<i>Plantago holosteum</i>	.	+	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	+	.	.	.	4
<i>Bunium alpinum</i> subsp. <i>montanum</i>	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	4
<i>Scorzonera villosa</i>	.	.	1	+	.	.	.	.	+	+	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	4
<i>Festuco-Brometea</i>																		
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i>	3	2	3	2	2	+	1	2	+	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	17
<i>Poa bulbosa</i>	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	+	+	1	+	2	1	1	2	1	17
<i>Teucrium capitatum</i>	+	1	1	+	+	1	1	1	2	+	1	2	+	2	2	1	1	17
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	.	1	+	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	17
<i>Hippocrepis ciliata</i>	+	.	1	.	+	1	+	.	.	1	+	+	+	+	+	1	+	15
<i>Centaurea deusta</i>	+	+	.	.	+	+	+	3	1	+	1	1	1	1	.	3	.	13
<i>Leontodon crispus</i>	.	.	+	+	+	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	+	+	11
<i>Ranunculus millefoliatus</i>	.	+	+	+	.	.	.	+	+	.	.	+	1	+	+	.	+	10
<i>Convolvulus cantabrica</i>	+	.	.	.	2	1	2	.	.	.	1	1	1	+	.	1	.	9
<i>Petrorhagia saxifraga</i>	.	.	.	+	+	+	+	+	.	.	+	+	.	.	+	+	.	9
<i>Linum tenuifolium</i>	.	+	+	.	.	+	.	.	1	.	.	+	+	+	.	.	+	8
<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i> subsp. <i>polyphylla</i>	.	.	+	.	+	+	.	.	+	+	+	+	+	.	.	.	.	8
<i>Carex caryophyllae</i>	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	+	+	1	1	1	.	7
<i>Podospermum laciniatum</i>	+	+	.	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	5
<i>Bothriochloa ischaemum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	1	+	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	5
<i>Anacamptis morio</i>	.	+	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
<i>Ophrys sphegodes</i>	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	4
<i>Cuscuta epithymum</i> subsp. <i>epithymum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	3
<i>Thymus striatus</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
<i>Leopoldia comosa</i>	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	+	+	.	.	3
<i>Chenopodietea</i>																		
<i>Avena barbata</i>	+	+	+	+	1	1	1	.	.	2	.	.	1	.	.	+	+	11
<i>Valantia muralis</i>	.	.	1	.	+	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	+	.	+	5
<i>Scandix peecten-veneris</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	3
<i>Stipo-Trachynietea distachyae</i>																		
<i>Sideritis romana</i> subsp. <i>purpurea</i>	+	+	1	+	+	1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1	17
<i>Crepis sancta</i>	1	1	+	+	1	1	1	1	+	1	+	+	+	+	+	1	+	14
<i>Arenaria leptoclados</i>	1	.	+	1	+	+	+	.	.	.	.	+	+	+	+	.	+	10
<i>Polygala monspeliaca</i>	.	+	+	.	+	+	+	.	.	+	+	.	.	+	+	1	+	10
<i>Ornithogalum collinum</i>	+	.	.	+	+	+	1	+	.	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	9
<i>Tordylium apulum</i>	.	.	.	+	.	+	+	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	6

Relevé number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Presence (%)
Plot size (m ²)	25																	
Vegetation cover (%)	80	60	80	70	75	60	60	75	60	65	70	70	60	60	60	60	60	
<i>Petrorhagia dubia</i>	.	.	+	+	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	4
<i>Filago germanica</i>	+	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	4
<i>Ononis reclinata</i>	+	.	.	.	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	4
<i>Trachymia distachya</i>	.	.	+	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	4
<i>Neotostema apulum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	3
<i>Helianthemetea guttati</i>													1	+	+	.	.	3
<i>Helianthemum salicifolium</i>	1	+	1	+	1	1	2	2	+	1	1	1	1	.	1	1	.	15
<i>Crupina vulgaris</i>	+	+	+	.	+	+	1	.	1	+	+	+	+	+	.	.	.	12
<i>Asterolimon linum-stellatum</i>	+	1	+	+	+	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	1	+	.	11
<i>Galium divaricatum</i>	1	1	+	+	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	+	+	1	+	.	11
<i>Plantago bellardii</i>	+	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	+	+	9
<i>Linaria pelisseriana</i>	.	+	.	+	.	.	.	+	+	.	.	.	1	+	+	.	.	7
<i>Filago gallica</i>	.	+	.	.	.	+	.	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	5
<i>Aira elegantissima</i>	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	+	.	.	4
<i>Trifolium stellatum</i>	+	.	+	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	+	4
<i>Poetea bulbosae</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	+	2	.	1	+	+	+	.	+	+	.	.	+	+	.	1	+	12
<i>Trifolium subterraneum</i>	+	1	.	1	+	.	+	+	.	.	1	.	+	.	.	1	1	10
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	.	+	+	1	.	.	.	+	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	8
<i>Leontodon tuberosus</i>	.	.	+	+	+	.	+	1	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
<i>Herniaria glabra</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
<i>Prospero autumnale</i>	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	+	+	.	3
<i>Trifolium nigrescens</i>	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	3
Sedo-Scleranthetea																		
<i>Cerastium pumilum subsp. glutinosum</i>	+	+	.	1	1	1	.	+	.	.	.	.	1	+	+	1	+	11
<i>Viola kitaibeliana</i>	1	1	+	+	+	+	.	+	.	+	.	.	+	+	.	.	.	10
<i>Clinopodium acinos</i>	.	.	+	.	+	.	1	.	.	.	+	+	+	+	+	.	.	8
<i>Draba verna</i>	+	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	+	+	.	6
Artemisietea vulgaris																		
<i>Daucus guttatus</i>	+	+	+	+	+	1	1	.	.	2	+	.	+	.	.	+	+	12
<i>Scolymus hispanicus</i>	.	+	+	1	.	+	1	1	+	+	+	.	.	.	+	1	.	11
<i>Tyrimus leucographus</i>	1	.	.	+	+	+	1	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	8
<i>Potentilla recta</i>	.	.	.	1	.	+	1	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	5
Sisymbrietea																		
<i>Geranium columbinum</i>	+	+	.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	.	+	+	.	+	+	.	14
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	+	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	+	+	1	+	+	.	1	9
<i>Bromus squarrosus</i>	1	.	.	.	.	1	+	.	.	1	.	+	.	+	.	.	.	6
Papaveretea rhoedis																		
<i>Euphorbia exigua</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	+	.	.	.	+	1	1	.	+	+	+	1	1	+	+	+	.	13
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	+	+	.	.	+	+	1	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	9
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	.	.	+	+	+	+	1	.	+	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
<i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i>	+	+	.	.	.	+	+	.	+	+	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	7
<i>Euphorbia taurinensis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	.	.	+	.	4
<i>Euphorbia taurinensis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	+	.	.	.	3
Molinio-Arrhenatheretea																		
<i>Serapius vomeracea</i>	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	.	.	+	.	.	5
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	1	5
Ononido-Rosmarinetea																		
<i>Carlina corymbosa</i>	.	.	+	.	1	+	1	.	.	+	+	1	1	+	.	.	1	10

Relevé number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Presence (%)
Plot size (m ²)	25																	
Vegetation cover (%)	80	60	80	70	75	60	60	75	60	65	70	70	60	60	60	60	60	
<i>Lygeo sparti-Stipetea tenacissimae</i>																		
<i>Anacamptis papilionacea</i>	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	1	1	1	1	1	+	1	+	16
<i>Anemone hortensis</i>	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	+	1	1	.	.	.	.	2	.	12
Other species																		
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	15
<i>Allium guttatum</i> subsp. <i>sardoum</i>	+	1	.	1	+	.	+	+	.	+	.	+	.	+	+	+	+	11
<i>Cerastium ligusticum</i> subsp. <i>trichogynum</i>	2	1	+	1	1	.	.	.	+	.	.	1	.	1	1	.	.	9
<i>Silene italica</i>	-	+	+	+	+	+	.	.	.	.	+	1	.	1	.	.	.	8
<i>Alkanna tinctoria</i>	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	.	.	6
<i>Hainardia cylindrica</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
<i>Trifolium scabrum</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3

Table 2. Shortened synoptic table of plant communities with *Asphodelus ramosus*. The original classification indicated by authors is used. Communities: 1. *Bromo erecti-Chrysopogonetum grylli* (Montenegro, new relevés from Čemovsko polje), 2. *Asphodelo-Chrysopogonetum grylli* (Albania, Fanelli et al. 2015), 3. *Bromo-Chrysopogonetum grylli* subsp. *asphodeletosum microcarpi* (Croatia, Horvatić 1934), 4. *Narcisso tazettiae-Asphodeletum microcarpi* (Croatia, Segulja 1970), 5. *Narcisso tazettiae-Asphodeletum microcarpi* (Croatia, Hećimović 1984), 6. *Narcisso tazettiae-Asphodeletum microcarpi* (Croatia, Jasprica et al. 2016), 7. *Asphodelus ramosus* community (Albania, Fanelli et al. 2015), 8. *Charybdiso pancratii-Asphodeletum ramosi* (Italy, Biondi et al. 2016), 9. *Alkanna tinctoriae-Asphodeletum ramosi* (Italy, Biondi et al. 2016), 10. *Euphorbio characinae-Thapsietum garganicae* (Italy, Biondi et al. 2017), 11. *Asphodelo ramosi-Feruletum communis* (Italy, Biondi et al. 2016), 12. *Asphodelimo luteae-Feruletum communis* (Italy, Biondi et al. 2016).

Plant community	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Number of relevés	17	4	12	8	10	3	3	14	3	10	11	12
<i>Bromo erecti-Chrysopogonetum grylli</i>												
<i>Asphodelus ramosus</i>	100	25	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	60	100	100
<i>Cytisus spinescens</i>	.	.	50	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Narcisso tazettiae-Asphodeletum microcarpi</i>												
<i>Narcissus tazetta</i>	.	25	.	100	70	100	.	7	.	.	.	.
<i>Anacamptis papilionacea</i>	94	.	.	75	.	.	.	21	.	40	.	29
<i>Chrysopogono grylli-Koelerion splendidis</i>												
<i>Carduus nutans</i> subsp. <i>micropterus</i>	24	25	50	50	50	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Bupleurum veronense</i>	53	.	42	.	90	.	67	.	.	80	.	43
<i>Centaurea cristata</i>	.	.	.	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Salvia officinalis</i>	.	50	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Scorzoneretalia villosae</i>												
<i>Chrysopogon gryllus</i>	88	100	100	88	.	67	33	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Koeleria lobata</i>	71	25	67	88	40	67	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Plantago holosteum</i>	24	25	33	88	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Eryngium amethystinum</i>	88	50	58	88	.	.	33	7	.	60	.	57
<i>Salvia pratensis</i>	.	25	33	88	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Medicago prostrata</i>	24	.	25	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Festuca valesiaca</i>	.	.	83	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Seseli montanum</i> subsp. <i>tommasinii</i>	41	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Satureja subspicata</i>	35	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Potentilla heptaphylla</i> subsp. <i>australis</i>	.	.	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Dorycnium pentaphyllum</i> subsp. <i>germanicum</i>	.	.	17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Festuco-Brometea</i>												
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i>	100	25	17	88	.	.	.	29	.	20	.	.
<i>Bothriochloa ischaemum</i>	29	25	.	50	100	.	33	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Bromopsis erecta</i>	.	25	100	75	.	33	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Hippocrepis comosa</i>	.	.	17	25	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

Plant community	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Number of relevés	17	4	12	8	10	3	3	14	3	5	2	7
<i>Linum tenuifolium</i>	47	25	8	63	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ruta graveolens</i>	.	25	17	75	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Leopoldia comosa</i>	18	.	.	.	70	.	.	36	.	.	.	.
<i>Carex caryophyllea</i>	41	25	.	50	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	43
<i>Satureja montana</i>	.	25	8	.	.	.	33	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ranunculus millefoliatus</i>	59	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20	.	14
Charybdiso pancratii-Asphodeletum ramosi												
<i>Carina corymbosa</i>	76	50	100	63	.	.	33	50	.	80	100	29
<i>Asparagus acutifolius</i>	6	25	50	100	50	.	.	79	100	60	100	86
<i>Drimys pancratium</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	100	67	20	100	57
<i>Anemone hortensis</i>	71	25	.	63	70	.	.	64	.	80	50	57
<i>Asphodeline lutea</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	.	60	.	100
<i>Thapsia garganica</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	57	.	100	.	100
<i>Ferula communis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20	100	100
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	29	.	.	.	.	.	.	29	33	.	.	.
<i>Asphodeline liburnica</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	.	.	.	.
Other												
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i> subsp. <i>hispanica</i>	.	25	100	88	50	100	.	93	67	.	.	.
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	47	25	33	100	90	.	.	29	.	.	.	71
<i>Reichardia picroides</i>	.	25	50	75	100	67	.	43	.	40	.	43
<i>Catapodium rigidum</i>	6	50	75	88	100	.	100	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Crepis sancta</i>	82	.	.	.	.	.	.	43	67	.	100	43
<i>Avena barbata</i>	65	.	33	50	.	.	67	.	33	.	100	29
<i>Trifolium scabrum</i>	18	25	25	25	50	.	67	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Helichrysum italicum</i>	.	25	75	50	90	67	33	7	.	.	.	.
<i>Paliurus spina-christi</i>	25	63	.	.	.	.	.	43	.	.	100	.
<i>Olea europaea</i>	17	.	.	.	.	.	.	43	.	.	100	.
<i>Pinus halepensis</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33	20	.	.

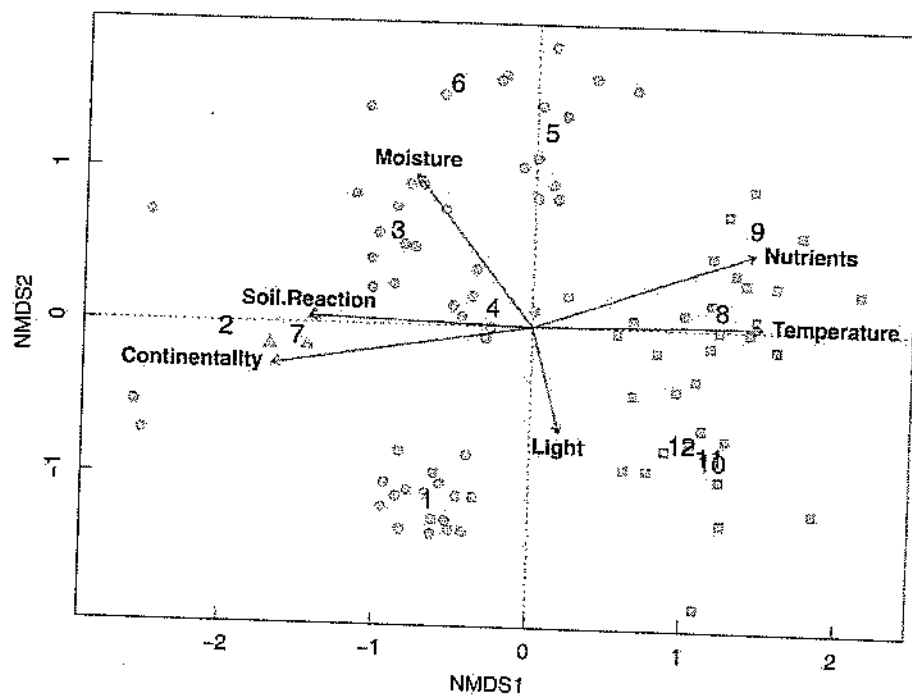


Fig. 3. NMDS ordination of *Asphodelus ramosus*-dominated communities from the Adriatic region with passively projected ecological indicator values. Symbols indicate classification into the classes: ○ – *Festuco-Brometea*, △ – *Artemisietea vulgaris*, □ – *Charybdiso pancratii-Asphodeletea ramosi*. Numbers indicate centroids of relevés of particular communities (see Tab. 2).

with abundant grassland species of the class *Festuco-Brometea*, which are not present in the second group of edge communities from Italy. Two dimensional solution of the NMDS ordination attained a minimum stress of 0.21. The NMDS ordination clearly distinguishes the two groups along gradients of nutrients, light and soil reaction. Edge communities from Italy thrive on more nutrient-rich, shaded sites (Fig. 3).

Based on floristic composition and all the comparative analyses, we decided to classify the studied stands dominated by *Asphodelus ramosus* into the already described grassland association *Bromo erecti-Chrysopogonietum grylli*.

Discussion

In recent years, several studies on the distribution and dynamics of plant communities with *Asphodelus ramosus* have been performed, especially in the central and western Mediterranean (Biondi et al. 2016, Biondi et al. 2017). In contrast, this type of vegetation has been poorly studied in Montenegro.

The association *Bromo erecti-Chrysopogonietum grylli* was described for the first time in Croatia (Island of Pag, Horvatić 1934), with two subassociations (*Bromo-Chrysopogonietum grylli dorycnietosum herbacei* and *Bromo-Chrysopogonietum grylli asphodeletosum microcarpi*), and classified in the alliance 'Chrysopogoneto-Satureion subspicatae Horvat i Horvatić 1934' (recte: *Chrysopogono grylli-Koelerion splendidis*), order 'Brometalia erecti Br. Bl.' Subsequently, *Bromo-Chrysopogonietum grylli asphodeletosum microcarpi* was raised by Horvatić (1963) to the rank of association, with the name *Asphodelo microcarpi-Chrysopogonietum grylli*, and included in the order 'Scorzonero-Chrysopogonetalia H-ić et Ht (1956) 1958' (recte: *Scorzoneretalia villosae*). The association has so far been reported in Montenegro and Albania (Černjavski et al. 1949, Fanelli et al. 2015, Hadžiablahović 2018). In his nomenclatural revision of the order 'Scorzonero-villosae-Chrysopogonetalia grylli Horvatić et Horvat in Horvatić 1963', Terzi (2011) considered the associations *Asphodelo-Chrysopogonietum grylli* and *Bromo-Chrysopogonietum grylli* to be valid, while Terzi (2015) later united them and retained the earlier valid name, *Bromo-Chrysopogonietum grylli* (cf. Theurillat et al. 2021).

In Montenegro, *Bromo erecti-Chrysopogonietum grylli* was reported by Blečić and Lakušić (1976) in the coastal part of Montenegro, as well as in the vicinity of Podgorica, and by Černjavski et al. (1949) and Hadžiablahović (2018) in the area of Skadar Lake. These publications were not supported with phytosociological studies and it was not possible to make a comparison with our results from Čemovsko polje. According to Černjavski et al. (1949), *Bromo-Chrysopogonietum grylli* is developed on stony hills with thin soils, while our researched stands are found in the lowlands of Čemovsko polje on deeper alluvial soils. According to Černjavski et al. (1949) *Bromo-Chrysopogonietum grylli* is characterized by many species of shrub vegetation (*Paliurus spina-christi*, *Salvia officinalis*, *Rubus ulmifolius*, *Euphorbia veneta*, *Helichrysum*

italicum, *Ruscus aculeatus*, *Cyclamen neapolitanum*, *Arum italicum*, *Phlomis fruticosa*, *Cistus villosus*, *Cistus salviaefolius*, *Nephrodium filix-mas*, *Pteridium aquilinum*, etc.) and chasmophytic vegetation (*Asplenium trichomanes*, *Edraianthus tenuifolius*, *Cardamine glauca*, *Silene quadridentata*, *Ceterach officinarum*, *Sedum album*, *Moltkea petraea*, etc.) that were absent from our stands from Čemovsko polje. Further investigation of the association *Bromo-Chrysopogonietum grylli* reported by Černjavski (1949) is needed to determine whether there are differences in relation to our community from Čemovsko polje.

Fanelli et al. (2015) reported *Asphodelo-Chrysopogonietum grylli* in Albania in the Buna River protected landscape and it shows high similarity with associations from Montenegro and Croatia. The species *Cytisus spinescens*, which is a characteristic species of the association (Horvatić 1963) is not present in stands from Montenegro and Albania. Stands from Montenegro are also characterized by an absence of species characteristic of dry grasslands of the classes *Festuco-Brometea* – *Salvia officinalis* and *Bromopsis erecta*.

According to Horvatić (1934, 1939), the development and distribution of *Bromo-Chrysopogonietum grylli asphodeletosum microcarpi* is conditioned by agro-pastoral activities, i.e., moderate grazing. In the case of Čemovsko polje, it is grazed particularly by sheep and rarely by cattle. Intensive and permanent grazing leads to degradation of this community, which is especially evident from the absence of *Asphodelus ramosus* from relevés on Rab island (Horvatić 1939). Intensive grazing leads to a higher abundance of shrubs (*Helichrysum italicum*, *Cytisus spinescens*, *Euphorbia spinosa*, *Salvia officinalis*) (Horvatić 1934), or ruderal and subruderal species (Fanelli et al. 2015). Overgrazed stands can be included in the order *Carthametalia lanatae* (*Artemisietea vulgaris*) because of abundant therophytes: *Carthamus lanatus*, *Dasyphyrum villosum*, *Catapodium rigidum*, *Nigella arvensis*, etc. (Fanelli et al. 2015). On the other hand, stands are abandoned, after which succession leads to *Rhamno-Paliuretum* Trinajstić 1996, or are turned into mowed grasslands of the *Vulpio-Lotio* Horvatić 1963 alliance (Hadžiablahović 2018).

In several localities in Croatia along the Adriatic coast, similar vegetation types with *Asphodelus ramosus* have been reported. *Narcisso tazettae-Asphodeletum microcarpi* was described in Istria (Šegulja 1970). The same association was later reported on the islands of Bobara and Mrkan (Hećimović 1984), Supetar (Jasprica and Rušić 2013) and Olib (Jasprica et al. 2016). Originally, it was classified into *Scorzonerion villosae*, but was later moved to *Chrysopogono grylli-Koelerion splendidis*. Ecological conditions are different to those of *Asphodelo ramosi-Chrysopogonietum grylli* and it occurs on deep skeletal soils and under the influence of salt spray (Šegulja 1969). According to Jasprica et al. (2016), the association is considered to be the most thermophilous grassland along the eastern Adriatic coast. The characteristic species of the association are *Asphodelus ramosus*, *Narcissus tezzeta* and *Orchis papilionacea*. Thermophilous grassland communities with domination of

Asphodelus ramosus have a distribution along the eastern Adriatic, influenced by the Mediterranean climate.

There is a different situation along the western Adriatic coast, where *Asphodelus ramosus*-dominated communities are considered to be heliophilous fringe and tall-herb vegetation, which develops after the abandonment of agro-pastoral activities (Tesei et al. 2020). Comprehensive studies on heliophilous edge vegetation have been performed in Italy (Gargano peninsula, central part of the Apennines; northern part of Sardinia) and southern Spain (Biondi et al. 2016, 2017). As a result, a new class of edge vegetation *Charybdido pancratii-Asphodeletea ramosi* was described, focused on areas with a Mediterranean macrobioclimate (Biondi et al. 2016, 2017).

The proposal to update the EuroVeg Checklist (Mucina et al. 2014) by adding this new class was provisionally rejected by the European Vegetation Classification Committee of the European Vegetation Survey working group of the International Association of Vegetation Science, due to the lack of evidence concerning a clear floristic delimitation of *Charybdido pancratii-Asphodeletea ramosi* from *Lygeo sparti-Stipetea tenacissimae* and *Trifolio-Geranietea sanguinei* (Biurrun and Willner 2020). Nonetheless, we can accept the existence of a new fringe class replacing *Trifolio-Geranietea* in the Mediterranean, but we are of the opinion that *Bromo erecti-Chrysopogonetum grylli* clearly represents grassland vegetation erroneously classified as fringe vegetation by Biondi et al. (2016). This is clearly indicated by the numerous species of *Festuco-Brometea* present in stands (Tab. 2) from eastern Adriatic *Asphodelus*-dominated communities. Fringe communities with *Asphodelus ramosus* from Italy, due to overgrazing, are dominated by monocotyledons, many of them toxic to animals, while in Montenegro these areas represent pastures. Another difference is the presence of shrub species with higher cover in stands of *Charybdido-Asphodeletea ramosi* (*Paliurus spina-christi*, *Olea europaea*, *Pinus halepensis*), missing in grasslands from the eastern Adriatic.

According to Biondi et al. (2016) the diagnostic species of the newly described class are *Asphodelus ramosus* subsp. *ramosus*, *A. fistulosus*, *A. tenuifolius*, *A. ayardii*, *Charybdis pancration*, *C. maritima*, *C. glaucophylla*, *C. aphylla*, *C. hesperia*, *Thapsia garganica*, *Asparagus acutifolius*, *Ornithogalum etruscum* subsp. *umbrobracteatum*, *Anemone hortensis*, *Carlina corymbosa*, *Hypochoeris radicata*, *Iris planifolia*, *L. bicapitata*, *Asphodeline liburnica*, *A. lutea*, *Ferula communis*, *F. communis* subsp. *cardonae*, *F. glauca*, *F. arrigonii* and *Hermodyctylis tuberosus*. The diagnostic species group of *Charybdido-Asphodeletea* should also be revised, since many of them are attributed to other vegetation classes (*Festuco-Brometea*, *Lygeo sparti-Stipetea tenacissimae*, *Ononido-Rosmarinetea* etc.) according to Mucina et al. (2014). *Asphodelus ramosus*, *Anemone hortensis*, *Carlina corymbosa* and *Hypochoeris radicata*, which are considered to be character species by Biondi et al. (2016), are also very frequent in grassland vegetation of *Bromo erecti-Chrysopogonetum grylli*.

In terms of Natura 2000 habitat types (Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora, 1992) there are differences between grassland and fringe communities dominated by *Asphodelus ramosus*. Heliophilous *Asphodelus* spp. edge communities in the western and central Mediterranean do not represent any habitats of European Community interest and a progressive increase in *Asphodelus* spp. cover in grasslands can result in the disappearance of grassland habitat types (Tesei et al. 2020). According to a report of habitat types of Montenegro important for the European Union (Petrović et al. 2019), *Bromo erecti-Chrysopogonetum grylli* is classified within the Eastern sub-Mediterranean dry grasslands (*Scorzoneretalia villosae*) habitat type (code 62A0). The same situation applies to *Narcisso tazettae-Asphodeletum microcarpi* in Croatia (Jasprica et al. 2016).

Syntaxonomical scheme

Based on the analyses performed, the following syntaxonomical scheme is proposed for *Asphodelus ramosus*-dominated communities in the Adriatic region.

- Festuco-Brometea* Br.-Bl. et Tx. ex Soó 1947
- Scorzoneretalia villosae* Kovačević 1959
- Chrysopogono grylli-Koelerion splendidis* Horvatić 1973
- Bromo erecti-Chrysopogonetum grylli* Horvatić 1934
- Narcisso tazettae-Asphodeletum microcarpi* Šegulja 1969
- Artemisietea vulgaris* Lohmeyer et al. ex von Rochow
- Asphodelus ramosus* community
- Charybdido pancratii-Asphodeletea ramosi* Biondi in Biondi et al. 2016
- Asphodeletalia ramosi* Biondi in Biondi et al. 2016
- Charybdido pancratii-Asphodelion ramosi* Biondi et al. 2016
- Charybdido pancratii-Asphodeletum ramosi* Biondi et al. 2016
- Alkanno tinctoriae-Asphodeletum ramosi* Biondi et al. 2016
- Euphorbio chiaraciae-Thapsietum garganicae* Biondi et al. 2017
- Asphodelo ramosi-Ferulion communis* Biondi et al. 2016
- Asphodelo ramosi-Feruletum communis* Biondi et al. 2016
- Asphodelino luteae-Feruletum communis* Biondi et al. 2016

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Appendix 1: Species present in only 1 or 2 relevés from Cemovsko polje in Table 1.

Asparagus acutifolius 17: +; *Catapodium rigidum* 6: +; *Geranium molle* 2: +; *Trifolium angustifolium* 3: +; *Romulea bulbocodium* 2: +; *Sonchus asper* 10: +; *Pyrus amygdaliformis* 3: 1; *Carthamus lanatus* 6: +; *Salvia verbenaca* 16: +; *Teucrium chamaedrys* 17: +; *Geranium purpureum* 7: +; *Alyssum minus* 10: 1; *Ajuga chamaepitys* 12: +, 16: +; *Vicia angustifolia* 9: +; *Crepis foetida* 2: +, 6: +; *Tragopogon porrifolius* 9: +, 11: 1; *Bellis perennis* 4: +; *Parentucellia latifolia* 14: +, 15: +; *Aphanes arvensis* 8: +, 17: +; *Valerianella rimosa* 6: +, 8: +; *Knautia integrifolia* 9: +, 10: +; *Stipa pulcherrima* 3: +, 4: 1; *Cardamine hirsuta* 4: +, 17: +; *Linum bienne* 5: +, 7: +; *Trifolium cherleri* 3: +, 5: +; *Bromus madritensis* 7: +, 16: +; *Trifolium resupinatum* 5: +; *Vulpia myuros* 10: +; *Trigonella gladiata* 1: +; *Veronica arvensis* 17: +; *Reseda phyteuma* 9: +; *Bromus sterilis* 11: +; *Calepina irregularis* 6: +; *Bromus hordeaceus* 3: +; *Orchis ustulata* 11: +; *Orlaya grandiflora* 9: +; *Medicago rigidula* 5: +; *Poa annua* 10: +; *Hyacinthella dalmatica* 5: +; *Matthiola incana* 15: 1; *Lactuca viminea* 3: +; *Aegilops neglecta* 11: +; *Alyssum alyssoides* 7: +; *Alyssum campestre* 11: 1; *Astragalus illyricus* 11: 2, 14: +; *Matricaria chamomilla* 13: +, 14: +; *Onosma echioides* 9: 1, 12: +.

Appendix 2: Relevé dates (year/month/day) and coordinates (WGS84 reference system, in decimal degrees).

1. 2019/04/07, 42.3968090, 19.3021110; 2. 2019/04/07, 42.3964610, 19.3030050; 3. 2019/04/07, 42.3960000, 19.3040000; 4. 2019/04/07, 42.3978055, 19.3048888; 5. 2019/04/07, 42.3985277, 19.3019638; 6. 2019/04/07,

42.4001488, 19.3031944; 7. 2019/04/07, 42.4006410, 19.3023280; 8. 2019/04/07, 42.4021890, 19.3049660; 9. 2019/04/07, 42.3880040, 19.2856690; 10. 2019/04/07, 42.3803160, 19.2743840; 11. 2019/04/09, 42.3708888, 19.2303056; 12. 2019/04/09, 42.3728888, 19.2316944; 13. 2019/04/09, 42.3697222, 19.2339166; 14. 2019/04/09, 42.3705580, 19.2360490; 15. 2019/04/09, 42.3709350, 19.2383990; 16. 2019/04/10, 42.4021370, 19.3210555; 17. 2019/04/10, 42.3885277, 19.3110277.

Appendix 3: Relevés from literature sources (name of the plant community, authors, table and number of relevés from original source paper).

1. *Bromo-Chrysopogonetum grylli* subass. *asphodeletosum microcarpi* (Horvatić 1934), Tab. 23, rels. 11-16, 18-23; 2. *Narcisso tazettae-Asphodeletum microcarpi* (Šegulja 1970), Tab. 2, rels. 1-8; 3. *Narcisso tazettae-Asphodeletum microcarpi* subass. *sisymbrietosum officinalis* (Hećimović 1984), Tab. 5, rels. 1-10; 4. *Narcisso tazettae-Asphodeletum microcarpi* (Jasprica and Ruščić 2013), rel. on the page 128; 5. *Asphodelus ramosus* community (Fanelli et al. 2015), Tab. 41, rels. 15, 70, 492; 6. *Asphodelo-Chrysopogonetum grylli* (Fanelli et al. 2015), Tab. 25, rels. 31-33; 7. *Narcisso tazettae-Asphodeletum microcarpi* (Jasprica et al. 2016), Tab. 11, rels. 1-3; 8. *Charybdiso pancratii-Asphodeletum ramosi* (Biondi et al. 2016, Tab. 1, rels. 1-14; 9. *Alkanno tinctoriae-Asphodeletum ramosi* (Biondi et al. 2016), Tab. 2, rels. 1-3; 10. *Asphodelo ramosi-Feruletum communis* (Biondi et al. 2016), Tab. 3, rels. 1-2; 11. *Asphodelino luteae-Feruletum communis* (Biondi et al. 2016), Tab. 4, rels. 1-7; 12. *Euphorbio characiae-Thapsietum garganicae* (Biondi et al. 2017), Tab. 6, rels. 1-5.



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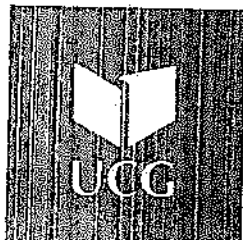
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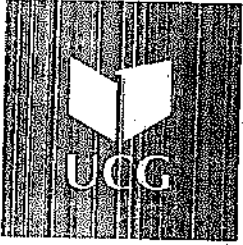
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Rođena sam 28.08.1977. godine u Titogradu, gdje sam završila osnovnu školu i gimnaziju. Školske 1996/97 godine upisala sam studije Biologije na Prirodno-matematičkom fakultetu u Podgorici. Diplomirala sam oktobra 2000. godine sa prosječnom ocjenom 9,48 i stekla zvanje diplomirani biolog. Dobitnik sam plakete Univerziteta Crne Gore za najboljeg studenta u oblasti prirodnih nauka, za školsku 1999/2000. godinu. Poslijediplomske studije, smjer Ekologija i geografija biljaka upisala sam školske 2000/01. godine na Biološkom fakultetu Univerziteta u Beogradu. Magistarsku tezu pod nazivom: "Floristička studija planine Sutorman" odbranila sam 05. 02. 2004. godine i stekla zvanje magistra bioloških nauka. Zvanje doktora bioloških nauka stekla sam na Prirodno-matematičkom fakultetu (Studijski program Biologija) Univerziteta Crne Gore, odbranom doktorske teze "Floristička i vegetacijska studija planinskog masiva Rumiје" 17.10.2011.

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Radno iskustvo:

2001. do 2012. – saradnik u nastavi na studijskom programu Biologija. U navedenom periodu bila sam angažovana na izvođenju nastave iz botaničke grupe predmeta (Ekologija biljaka, Anatomija i morfologija biljaka, Sistematika biljaka).

2005. do 2012. – saradnik u nastavi na Poljoprivrednom fakultetu smjer Poljoprivredna proizvodnja, predmet Botanika.

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Stručni angažmani:

1. Flora i vegetacija šireg područja Podgorice
2. IPA (Important Plant Area) projekat
3. Biodiversity (habitats/vegetation) mapping for selected locations in the Coastal area of Montenegro
4. Studija biodiverziteta obalnog područja
5. Katalog Flore Crne Gore (I, II i III tom)

6. Monitoring biodiverziteta odabranih lokaliteta u Crnoj Gori
7. Unaprijeđenje ekološke baze za održivo šumarstvo u Crnoj Gori
8. Evolucija dvije grupe biljaka iz Crne Gore i susjednih regiona (Balkansko poluostrvo)
9. Studija "Prirodne vrijednosti poluostrva Vrmac"
10. Strateška procjena uticaja na Program razvoja lovstva
11. Studija zaštite planinskog masiva Sinjajevine
12. Procjene uticaja na životnu sredinu u različitim dijelovima Crne Gore
13. Prilog Studiji zaštite Šaskog jezera
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15. Prostorni plan posebne namjene za Nacionalni park Prokletije, vođa biološkog tima
16. Zaštita i održivo korištenje biodiverziteta Prespanskog, Ohridskog i Skadarskog jezera
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18. Akcioni plan za biodiverzitet Podgorice
19. Upoznavanje sa ciljevima održivog razvoja u srednjim školama u Jugo-istočnoj Evropi
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21. Kartiranje međunarodno značajnih staništa na području NP Skadarsko jezero

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SKLEP O PREDČASNI IZVOLITVI V NAZIV ZNANSTVENI SVETNIK

Dr. Urban Šilc, zaposlen na Biološkem inštitutu Jovana Hadžija ZRC SAZU, se **predčasno** izvoli v naziv **znanstveni svetnik**.

Izvolitev je trajna in velja od **19. januarja 2017 dalje**.

Obrazložitev:

V postopku izvolitve je Znanstveni svet Biološkega inštituta Jovana Hadžija ZRC SAZU predlagal predčasno izvolitev, za katero je prosil raziskovalec. Znanstveni svet ZRC SAZU je na 1. seji, dne 10. 11. 2016, na podlagi priložene vloge, dokumentacije, recenzij, sklepa Znanstvenega sveta inštituta in poročevalca ugotovil, da kandidat po kvantitativnih kriterijih za 200 % presega minimalno število točk bibliografskih kazalcev, zato lahko raziskovalec kandidira za ta naziv že po preteku prve izvolitve v naziv višji znanstveni sodelavec. Pozitivno mnenje k izvolitvi je dne 19. 12. 2016 podal tudi Znanstveni svet ARRS. Ker kandidat poleg kvantitativnih kazalcev v celoti izkazuje tudi kvalitativne kazalce, je Znanstveni svet ZRC SAZU odločil, kot izhaja iz prve točke izreka tega sklepa.

Pravni pouk:

Zoper ta sklep lahko kandidat, ki je zaprosil za izvolitev v naziv, v skladu z 20. členom Pravilnika o pogojih in postopku za napredovanje delavcev v raziskovalnih nazivih na ZRC SAZU vloži pritožbo. Pritožbo se vloži na ZS ZRC SAZU v roku 8 dni od vročitve tega sklepa. O pritožbi odloča ZS ZRC SAZU v razširjeni sestavi. Kandidat mora pritožbo obrazložiti in predložiti ustrezna dokazila.

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EDUCATION:

- B.S., University of Ljubljana (1996),
- MSc, University of Ljubljana (2000),
- Ph.D., University of Ljubljana (2003).

ACADEMIC TITLE:

- Scientific Advisor (2017, ZRC SAZU),
- Assistant professor (2015, University of Primorska)

EMPLOYMENT:

- Jovan Hadži Institute of Biology ZRC SAZU (since 1996)
- BC Naklo (since 2014, add. 20%).

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Head of Institute of Biology ZRC SAZU (2018-)
- secretary general of Easternalpine-Dinaric Society for Vegetation Science (2001-2005), founding co-editor (2002-2005) and Editor-in-Chief (2006-) of scientific journal *Hacquetia* (Ljubljana),
- editor of journal *Phyton* (Graz), member of editorial board of journals *Tuexenia* and *Phytocoenologia*
- vice president and president of Scientific Council of Jovan Hadži Institute of Biology ZRC SAZU,
- member of Council EVA (European Vegetation Survey) and EVCC (European Vegetation Classification Committee).

RESEARCH PROJECTS – LEADING:

- Biodiversity of weed flora and vegetation and changes of agroecosystem (bilateral project Slovenia and Serbia and Montenegro) - leading researcher
- Biodiversity Multivariate analysis of biodiversity and quality of grasslands in west Balkans as basis for sustainable management (bilateral project Slovenia and Serbia and Montenegro) - leading researcher
- Psammophytic vegetation of Montenegro and its conservation (bilateral project Slovenia and Montenegro) - leading researcher
- Grassland vegetation along climatic gradient on NW Balkan Peninsula (bilateral project Slovenia and Croatia)-leading researcher.
- Mapping of non-forest habitat types for areas Šentjernej-Gorjanci and Bloščica - leading researcher
- Survey of animal and plant species, their habitats and mapping of habitat types with special attention on European important species, ecologically important areas, special conservation areas, protected areas and natural values on area from middle to lower Sava river (between HE Medvode and HE Vrhovo) – leader of project
- Rufford grant (2013-2014) Conservation of halophytic vegetation in coastal lagoons in Albania – leader of project
- The design of monitoring of the conservation status of minor Natura 2000 forest habitat types in Slovenia – Target-research-project (2015-2017) – leader of project
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RESEARCH PROJECTS – COOPERATION:

- research program Flora, fauna and vegetation of Slovenia and neighbouring countries (1999-2008),

- research program Gradients and biodiversity– ARRS P1-0236 (2008-),
- LJUBA- people for Barje (EEA Grants – 2015-2016)
- Vegetation and hydrology of Ljubljansko barje in the past, present and future – a consequence of succession, human impact or climatic fluctuations?
- research projects: Natural stands of larch in Slovenia, Influence of former management of landscape on recent forest vegetation, Military firing ranges as risk for environment with special emphasis on ecological sanation of military range Poček, Research of population genetics and site characteristics of autochthonous black poplar (*P. nigra* L.) on large flooded areas and directions for its conservation, Development of system of monitoring of genetic diversity in natural and endangered habitats, Biodiversity of Posočje and nature conservation applications for Natura 2000 areas, Estimation of influence of military range Krivolak on environment with purpose of its sanation, Kras-biodiversity, reforestation and nature conservation, Succession of birch forests in SE Slovenia.
- FP 5 AQUADPT- Strategic tools to support adaptive, integrated water resource management under changing utilisation conditions at catchment level: A co-evolutionary approach, FP 7 BIOMOT- Motivational strength of ecosystem services and alternative ways to express the value of Biodiversity, LJUBA – ljudje za barje (EEA grants – 2015-2016)
- applicative projects: mapping projects (areas Kras, Šentjernej-Gorjanci, Bloščica, Mirna, lower and middle Sava river) and impact assessment on environment (Lipica)

MENTORSHIP:

- Svetlana Ačić, Agricultural faculty, University of Belgrade, Serbia – Ph.D. – finished 2018
- Milica Petrović, Agricultural faculty, University of Belgrade, Serbia – Ph.D. – finished 2019
- Filip Kuzmič, Biotechnical faculty, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia – Ph.D. student
- Milica Stanišić-Vujačić, Faculty of Science and Mathematics, University of Montenegro, Montenegro – Ph.D. student
- diploma thesis BC Naklo (6)- supervisor

TEACHING:

- lecturer of 2 courses: Biodiversity evaluation and Ecosystem equilibrium (Higher Vocational College for Nature Conservation, Biotechnical Centre Naklo)
- lecturer of course: Ecology of terrestrial ecosystems (master study Nature conservation, University of Primorska)

SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS AND RESULTS:

The design of monitoring of the conservation status of minor Natura 2000 forest habitat types in Slovenia

We researched distribution of minor Natura 2000 forest habitat types by existing data, field mapping and modelling. For all researched habitat types we extracted characteristic species and ecological conditions. Through comparison of similar projects abroad and our results we made a proposal of monitoring approach of minor forest habitat types that Slovenia must implement according to the Article 17 of the Habitats Directive

Psammophytic vegetation of Montenegro and its conservation

We researched vegetation of Velika plaža in Montenegro and anthropogeneous influence on vegetation changes. We detected land-use changes since 1950. Using transect method we sampled alien plant species in different habitat types and changes of zonation of plant communities due to human impact. We researched impact of alien species on changes of plant communities species composition, their species and phylogenetic diversity and changes in plant functional traits. Trampling impact on embryonal and stabilized dunes was studied. We sampled distribution and source of macro plastic litter in different habitat types along the beach.

Biodiversity: patterns, processes, predictions and conservation

Using large datasets of vegetation data we were involved in several macroecological studies of various vegetation types on continental level:

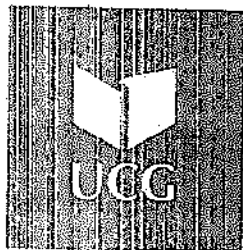
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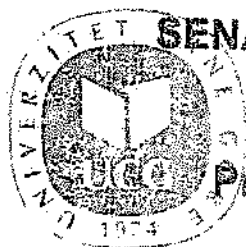
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