

# **BIOTOXMET PROJECT**

## **overview after third project period**

**(28. 6. 2023. - 27. 2. 2025.)**

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### **THIRD MEETING**

**Integrated evaluation of aquatic organism responses to metal exposure:  
gene expression, bioavailability, toxicity and biomarker responses  
(BIOTOXMET)**

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# PROJECT GOALS

1. seasonal and long-term trends of metal concentrations in the water and sediments of the Krka River and its tributaries



2. biological responses of aquatic organisms to metal exposure/impact under different environmental conditions



3. bioavailable and potentially toxic fraction of dietborne metals in fish



4. active cellular processes in acanthocephalans and fish intestine under different metal exposure regimes



# Work plan – 3<sup>rd</sup> project period

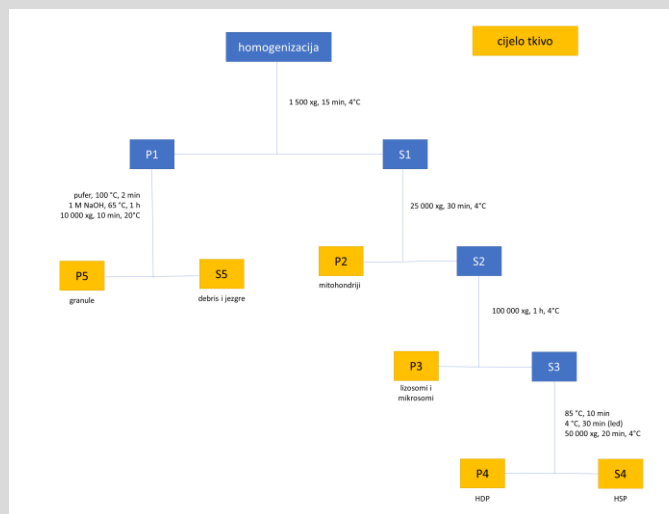
## Results to be achieved

### 3.1. metal concentrations measured in the following intestinal fractions:

- a) metal sensitive fraction (MSF)
- b) biologically detoxified metal fraction (BDM)
- c) trophically available metal fraction (TAM)

## Team member

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The data analyzed and report on bioavaialble fraction of dietary metals prepared

Presenter: Sara Šariri



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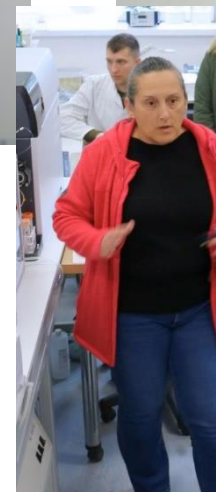
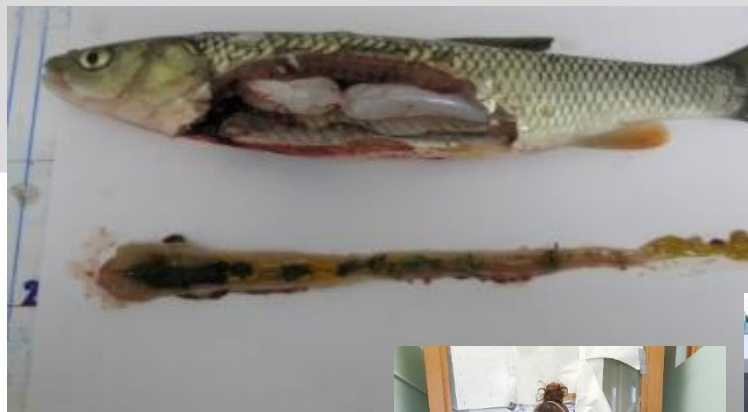
# Work plan – 3<sup>rd</sup> project period

## Results to be achieved

**3.2. Gut content digested and total metal concentrations measured, conclusions and reports on the dietborne metal levels prepared**

## Team member

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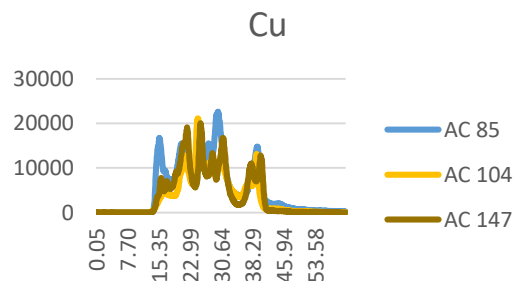
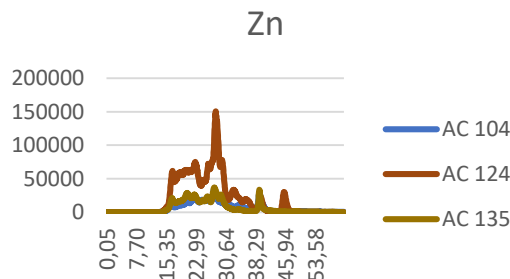
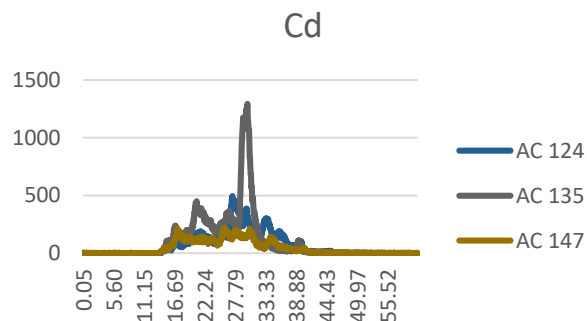
Results to be achieved	Team member
3.3. Cytosolic proteins of different molecular masses in fish intestine and acanthocephalans separated, data analysed and report prepared	S. Šariri T. Mijošek I. Karamatić



**Presenter: Tatjana Mijošek Pavin**

# Work plan – 3<sup>rd</sup> project period

Results to be achieved	Team member
3.4. Metal concentrations in cytosolic protein fractions of different molecular masses in fish intestine and acanthocephalans analysed	T. Mijošek S. Šariri Z. Dragun



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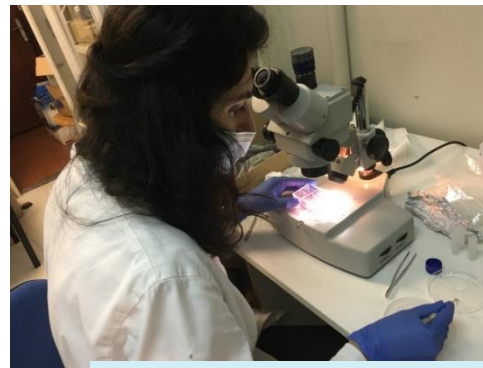
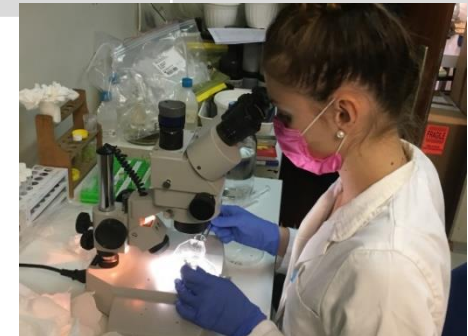
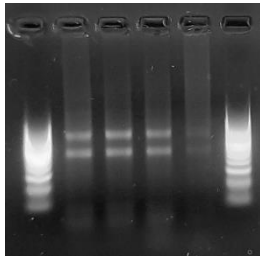
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## Results to be achieved

**3.5. Expression of target genes in RT-qPCR reactions determined to confirm transcriptome analysis of fish intestine**

## Team member

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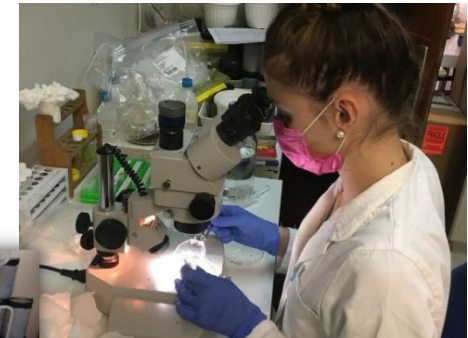


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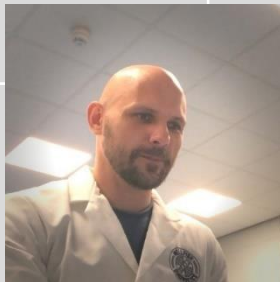
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Results to be achieved	Team member
New research filed – First insight in microplastics presence in the water and fish from the Krka River	S. Šariri M. Kuštro



**Presenter: Lara Vereecke**

# Overview of the project achievements

			
<b>Presentations</b>			
<b>General overview of the field work activities</b>			<b>Team member</b> T. Kralj
<b>General overview of histopathological changes in fish soft tissues</b>			J. Barišić
<b>BIOTOXMET – overview of the project achievements and final words</b>			V. Filipović Marijić
<b>Art exhibition of primary school students (Primary School Braća Bobetko Sisak, Primary School Ivana Kukuljevića Sisak): Our vision of water pollution</b>			prof. Goran Filipović
<b>Lunch at Mlinarica Restaurant</b>			All members





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