# OPERATION WALLACEA GROATA

## **ABOUT OPWALL**

Operation Wallacea offers unique expeditions that gives students the chance to join in active conservation, biodiversity and geograpy field research abroad.

The design of the research expeditions is that any student who has a keen interest in conservation, research, environmental concerns and sustainability can take part. It is extremely beneficial for those of whom study biology/geography/ environmental sciences and to those looking to take part in conservation volunteering abroad.



#### **EXPEDITION DETAILS**

- 2 week expedition
- Mediterranean Ecology Course
- IRTDA Open Water Course
- Adriatic Reef Ecology Course

Allowing students the chance to collect biodiversity data with leading research scientists in:

- **Conservation Management**
- Mammology
- Ornithology
- Herpetology
- Invertebrates
- Marine Science
- GIS and Statistical Analysis
- Botany, Plant Sciences & Forestry

Students have the opportunity to carry out Independent research projects (IRPs) at all Opwall sites



#### FIND OUT MORE

For more information on the Croatia expedition:

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## FUNDRAISING SUPPORT

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### **ABOUT CROATIA**

Croatia is well known as a tourist destination in Europe but also holds some unique and important habitats and wildlife due to its glacial history. Students will spend a week at a research centre in the stunning Krka Valley with it's limestone bedrock and associated gorges. Here students will complete a wildlife ecology course and collect data across a wide range of taxonomic groups that will contribute directly to the most detailed biodiversity annual monitoring programme in the country. Our centre in Krka is set within a rural community that has suffered from significant depopulation in recent year. In addition to our biodiversity monitoring, the centre is designed to give benefits to the local community from visitors to the valley that other parts of the area currently enjoy.

The second week will be spent on Krk Island in the northern Adriatic Sea. Krk is Croatia's largest island, and is where time will be spent learning to dive or snorkelling while participating in an Adriatic ecology course.

#### **KEY FACTS**

Expedition to the Krka Valley to help with biodiversity surveys and the opportunity to dive and help with marine surveys in the Adriatic.

- Opportunity to work in the spectacular Krka river valley in an area with wolves, jackals and other keystone species
- Only European based expedition that provides the opportunity to combine marine and terrestrial research work
- Includes boat trip through the Adriatic Islands and the chance to work at a research centre on the island of Krk





## TRANSFERRABLE SKILLS

- Enhance university applications and interviews for university or jobs
- Opportunity to carry out Independent Research Projects (IRPs)
- · Enhanced understanding of course syllabuses
- Work amongst local staff members and enhance language
  wills
- Interact with academics in numerous fields and gain an insight into practical field experience
- Students can gain specific qualifications, including a dive qualification at our marine site