



THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER IN SLOVENIA

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- " Without water, there is no life" - This proverb is not attributed to any particular culture, but is a universal saying that points out the invaluable role of water in human life.
- Our ancestors were already aware of this.
- Most of the first civilisations, such as Egypt, Mesopotamia, India, China, etc., were built by water. Slovenian territory was not different. The first settlements and the first major cities in Slovenia were also built by water.
- Why?



Water was used for irrigation (Herodotus, the father of history, wrote "Egypt is the gift of the Nile", meaning that if it hadn't been for the Nile there would have been a desert).

Water served them as a source of: food - fishing, energy, hygiene - washing, water was used for cooking, for transport (for example in the construction of the pyramids) and also for defence (the Colonists in the Ljubljana Marshes).

The Romans and ancient Greeks also appreciated the importance of good clean water, hence the many aqueducts throughout the Roman Empire. As Slovenian ancestors were also part of the Roman Empire, they also enjoyed an adequate water supply.

The following historical periods were no different.



<https://www.dana.si/boljsa-voda/pijte-boljso-vodo/>

Slovenia has more than 6 000 drinking water springs, which are the main source of drinking water for the population.

The most famous sources of drinking water are the springs in Pohorje, such as the Lovren Lakes and Šumik, and the springs in Planinsko Polje, such as the source of the Ljubljanica River.

Slovenia also has more than 300 lakes, which are tourist attractions and popular destinations for water sports such as sailing, kayaking and windsurfing.



<https://pd-mbmatca.si/odseki/odsek-za-varstvo-narave/pohorje/>

And how it was and is in Slovenia and in our region, which is called Pomurje after the river Mura.

Slovenia is located at the transition between a central European and a Mediterranean climate, which means that it has relatively high rainfall and abundant water resources.

On average, Slovenia receives around 1 500 mm of rainfall per year in various forms.

There are more than 28,000 km of rivers and streams in Slovenia, which are an important source of water for agriculture, industry and drinking water supply.

Slovenia's longest river is the Sava, which flows through Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia, emptying into the Danube.



<https://za-savo.si/reka-sa>

WATER IN SLOVENIA AND THE POMURJE REGION

Slovenia is rich in water. It has 321 lakes, 40 km of coastline, rivers and waterfalls.



<https://www.slovenia.info/sl/dozivetja/v-naravi/jezera-reke-slapovi/reke>



<https://www.ptice.si/naravovarstvo-in-raziskave/iba-slovenia/obmocja-v-sloveniji/mura/>



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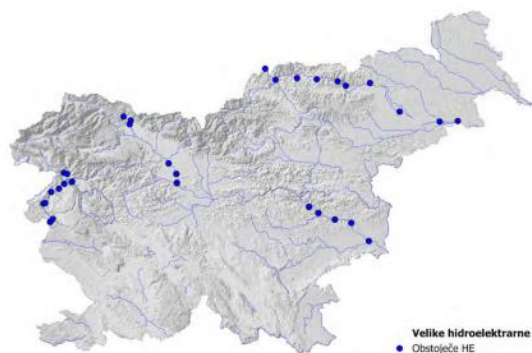
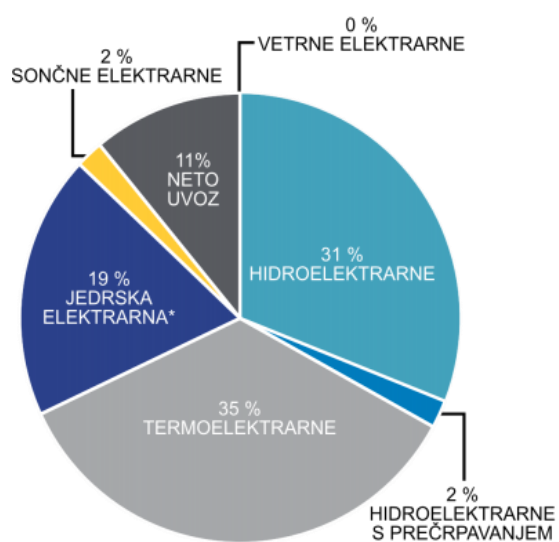
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HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANTS ON SLOVENIAN RIVERS

- 31% of electricity in Slovenia



http://www.energetika-portal.si/fileadmin/dokumenti/publikacije/an_ove/posodobitev_2017

TOURISM

The most famous tourist destination - Lake Bled (the only Slovenian island).



<https://www.ekodezela.si/eko-revija-turizem/kako-znova-zagnati-slovenski-turizem/>

WATER IN POMURJE - THE PAST

- Mura
- Water mills (almost every village)
- wading (transport)
- pottery



https://www.pomurec.com/vsebina/16893/Zelkovi_ohranjajo_loncarsko_tradicijo_v_Pecarovcih_ze_vec_kot_130_let



THE MURA RIVER

- the main river in Pomurje
- originates in Austria
- forms the border between Gornja Radgona and Bad Radkersburg
- it is home to more than 50 species of fish



THERMAL WATERS AND SPRINGS IN THE POMURJE REGION

- Mineral water springs
- spas:
 - Moravske toplice
 - Radenci health resort
 - numerous biotherms



https://kraji.eu/slovenija/radenci_vrelcni_paviljon_zdravilni_vrelec/slo



<https://www.radenska.si/nase-blagovne-znamke/radenska-kraljevi-vrelec-gazirana>



<https://www.palma.si/terme-in-wellness/terme-3000-moravske-toplice/>

FARMING IN THE POMURJE REGION

- large agricultural areas
- 12% of all Slovenian livestock
- horticulture
- Slovenia's best known tomato type - Lušt
- viticulture
- many droughts in recent years



http://www.drustvo-geografov-pomurja.si/projekti/zborovanje/Zbornik_geografov



<https://www.drivestyle.si/slovenski-premium-paradiznik-lust/>

WATER IN THE FUTURE

- access to drinking water is decreasing
- water must be managed carefully
- it is important to raise people's awareness of the importance of water



<https://www.varcevanje-energije.si/filtri-za-vodo/filtri-za-vodo-in-pitna-voda-iz-dezevnice.html>

Finally,

we've chosen a saying that goes: "It is better to be where there is good water than where there is good bread" (Slovenian proverb).

There are many Slovenian proverbs on the subject of water, which also proves that our ancestors were aware of the importance of water.

But are we aware of it?