

Slovenian Agriculture

Basic Characteristics and Numbers



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I. Basic information on Slovenia



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Climate: Alpine, Pannonian,
Mediterranean, Dinaric

Length of borders: with Austria 330 km,
with Italy 280 km, with Hungary 102 km
and with Croatia 670 km; total 1,382 km

Length of coastline: 46.6 km

Highest peak: Triglav, 2,864 m (352 peaks above 2000 m)

Average height above sea level: 556.8 m



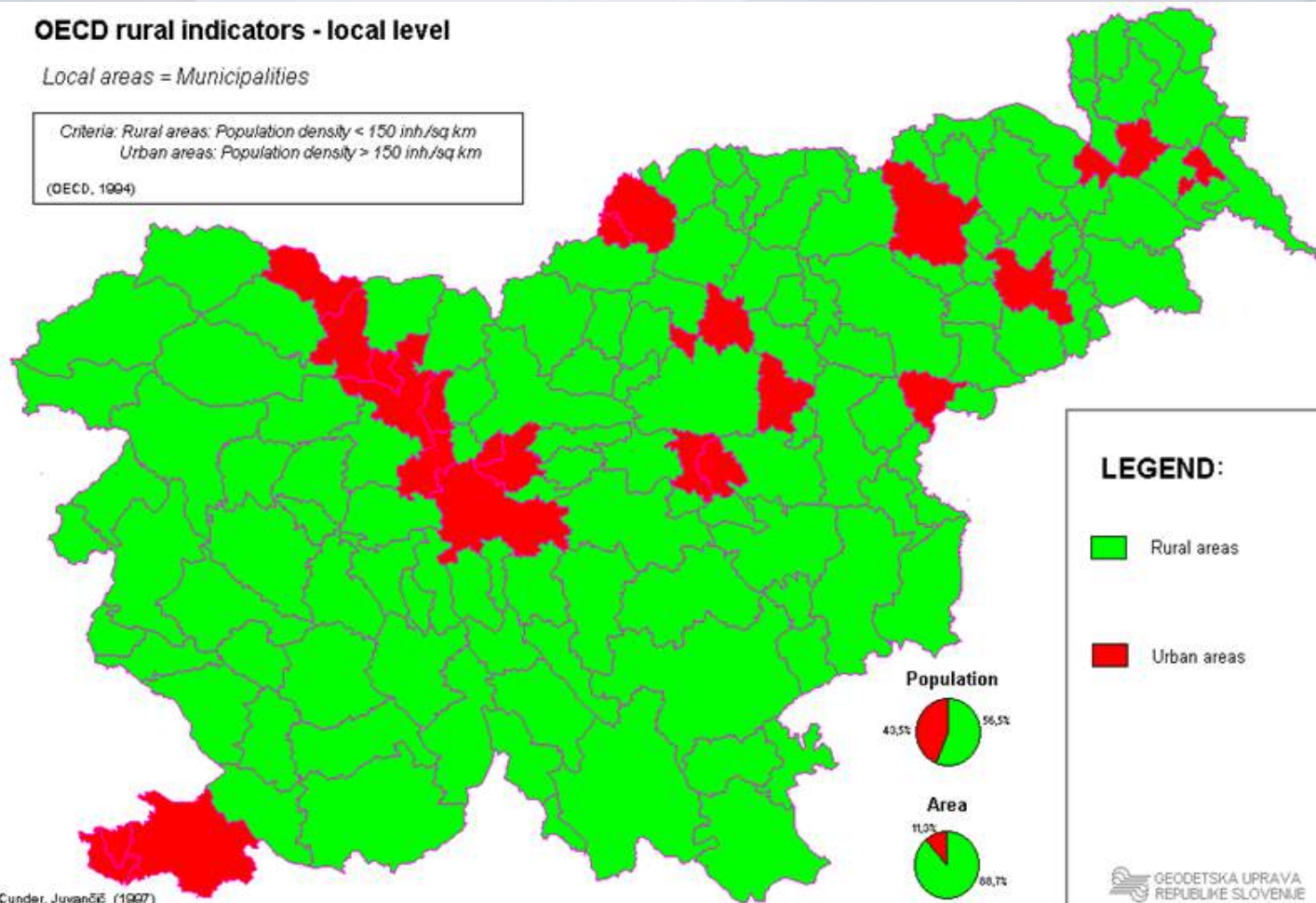
Rural and Urban Areas

OECD rural indicators - local level

Local areas = Municipalities

Criteria: Rural areas: Population density < 150 inh./sq km
Urban areas: Population density > 150 inh./sq km

(OECD, 1994)





Geographic Diversity

4 Geographic Regions:



- Alpine

30%



- Dinaric

30%



- Mediterranean

10%



- Pannonian

30%



Main geographic feature - Karst:

- covers 42% of land - over 8500 known caves !





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Less favoured areas: 75.4%, of which 55.9% are mountain areas

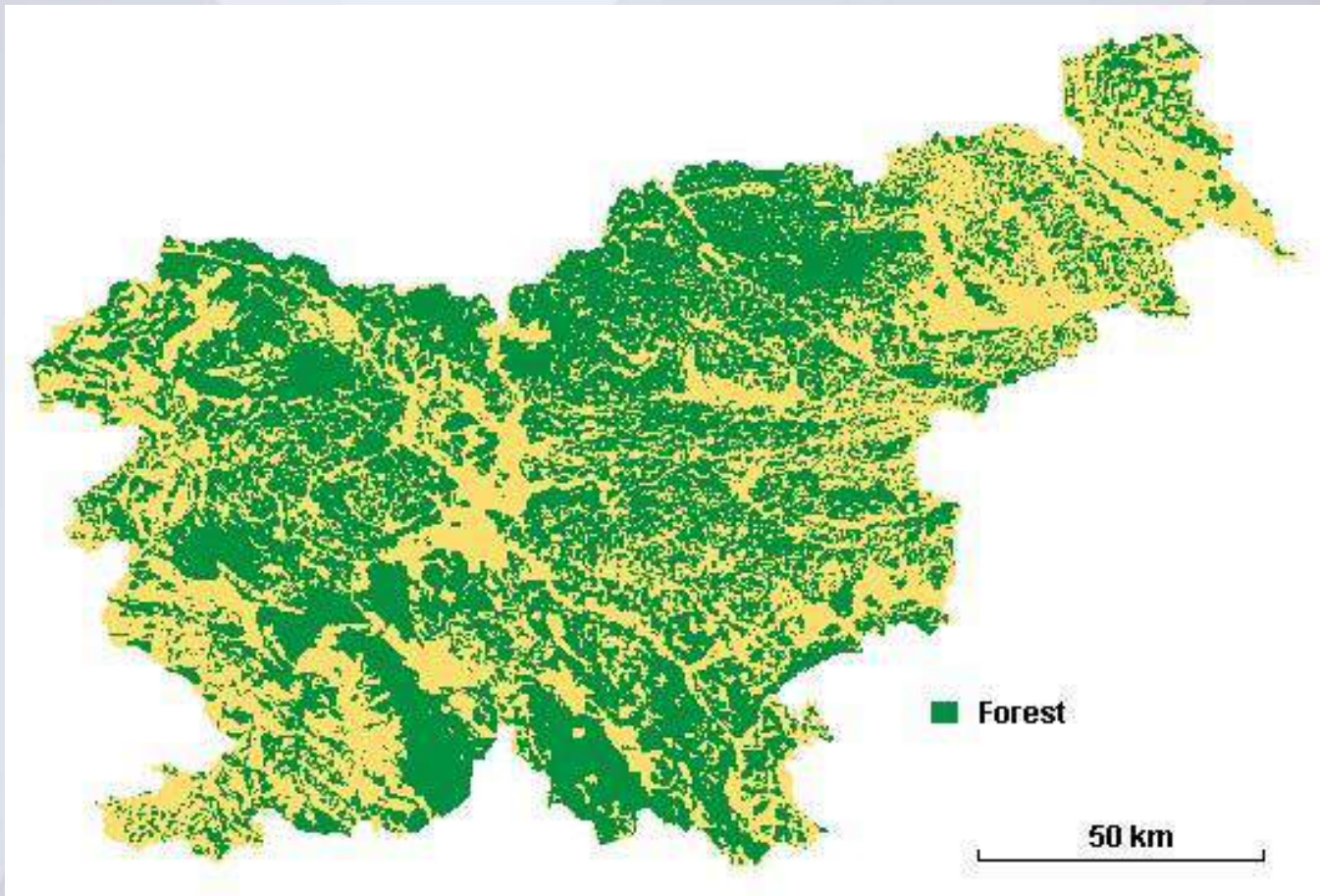
Natura 2000 areas: 37.9% - forests area: 70.7%

Forest area: 58% of Slovenia is covered by forest



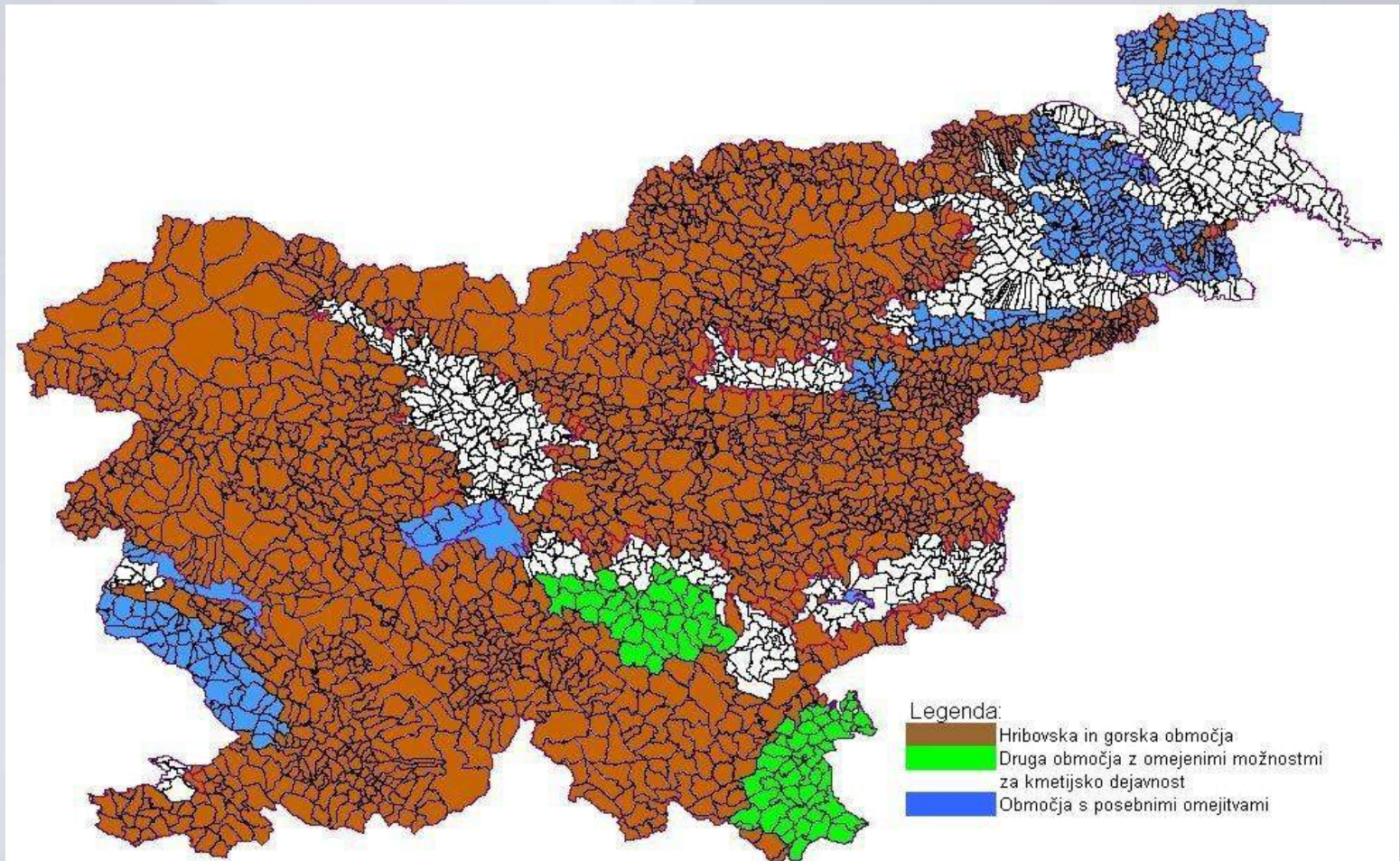


Forest Cover Map of Slovenia





LFA in Slovenia





Key general statistics for Slovenian agriculture

	Ø 2003-07	Ø 2008-12	2013	2014	2015
Agriculture in economy					
Gross value added of agricultural sector* (mill. EUR)	629.0	646.7	639.4	709.5	750.4
• Share in total value added (%)	2.4	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3
Employment in the agriculture* (000)	90.1	80.0	77.2	77.1	77.1
• Share in total employment (%)	9.6	8.3	8.4	8.3	8.2
Exports of agri-food products** (mill. EUR)	469	794	888	968	1,064
• Share in total export of goods (%)	3.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.4
Imports of agri-food products** (mill. EUR)	1,067	1,753	1,930	1,970	2,094
• Share in total import of goods (%)	6.5	8.4	8.7	8.7	9.0
Trade balance with agri-food products** (mill. EUR)	-598	-959	-1,043	-1,002	-1,030
Agricultural land use***					
Utilised agricultural area (ha)	499,554	476,284	478,888	482,218	476,862
Arable land (%)	35.1	36.4	36.4	36.3	35.9
Permanent crops (%)	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.7
Permanent grassland (%)	59.3	58.1	57.9	58.0	58.4
Share of utilised agricultural area in total area (%)	24.6	23.5	23.6	23.8	23.5
Utilised agricultural area per habitant (ha)	0.25	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23

Source: SORS (National accounts, External trade, Crop production), calculated by AIS

* agriculture, forestry, hunting and fisheries; 2015: provisional data

** commodity groups 01-24 of Combined Nomenclature (CN) of European Union; 2015: provisional data

*** annual statistics of crop production



III. Conditions for agriculture (2016)

- ❑ Slovenia has rather unfavorable natural conditions for agriculture.
 - ❑ Livestock is the major sector of Slovenian agriculture: 58,000 agricultural holdings, average no. of animals per agricultural holding is 7,5
 - ❑ Utilised Agricultural Area: 477.000 ha (510.000 ha in the year 2005)
 - ❑ Structure: 36 % of arable land, 58 % of grassland, 6% of permanent crops
 - ❑ 70,063 agricultural holdings (77,000 in the year 2005)
 - ❑ Average size of the agricultural holding is 7.3 ha (mixed farms)
- Agriculture: shares of added value in GDP 2% and 5% to the total employment are small and are decreasing due to growth of non-agricultural sectors of the economy