

SLOVENIA: THE CASE OF THE LEAST TRANSFORMED RURAL LANDSCAPE IN CENTRAL EUROPE AFTER THE 19TH CENTURY?

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Historic Background

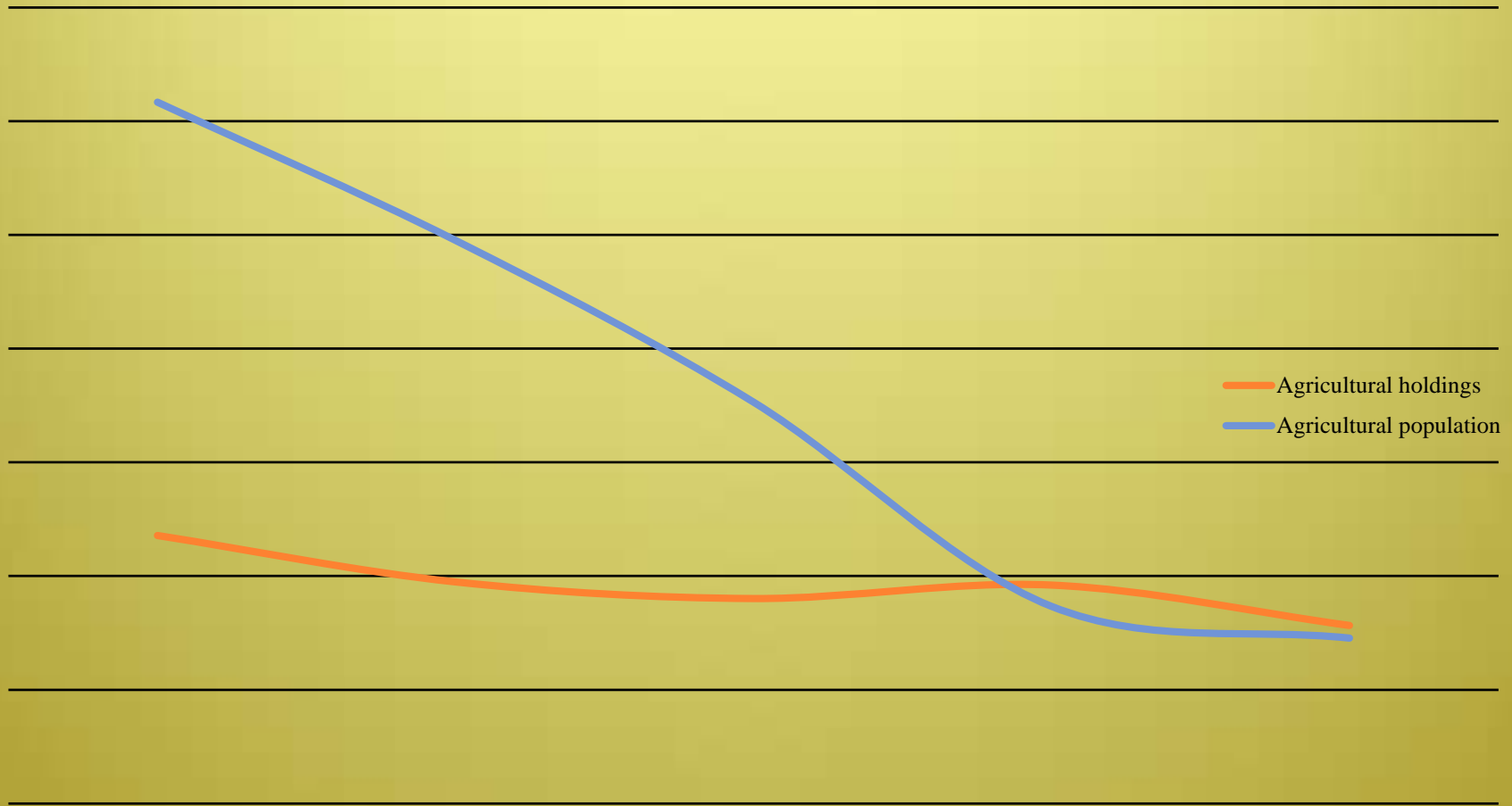
Slovenian Agriculture before the Second World war

1931:

- Total population: 820.000
- 59 % of Agrarian population
- About 200.000 Agricultural holdings
- Average farm size: less than 5 ha of agricultural land

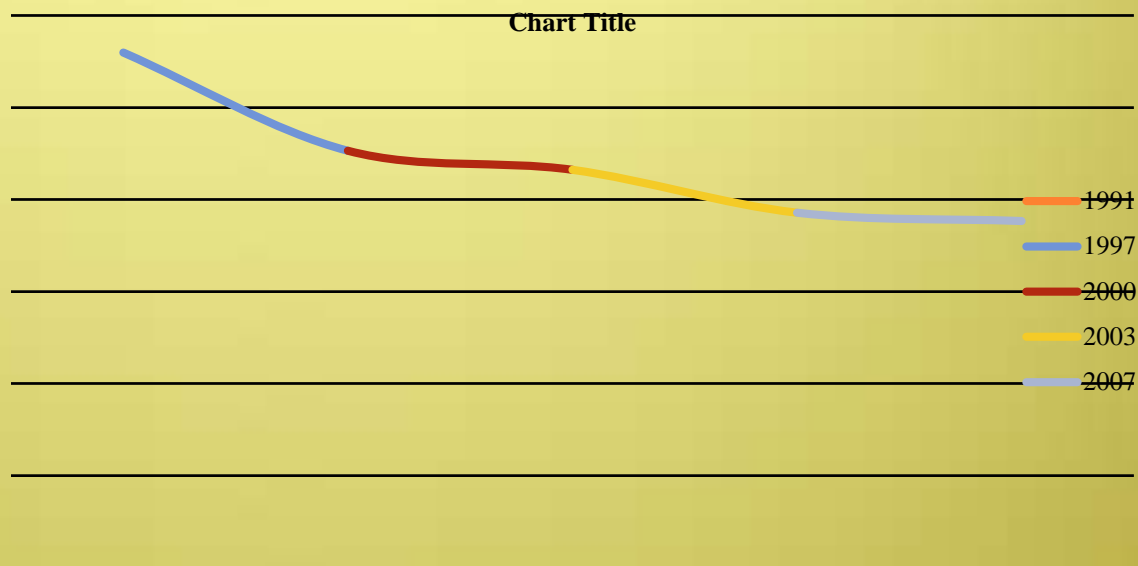
The Situation was similar as in other middle European countries.

Slovenia: Socialist period



Source: Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia

Slovenia: after 1990



2000:

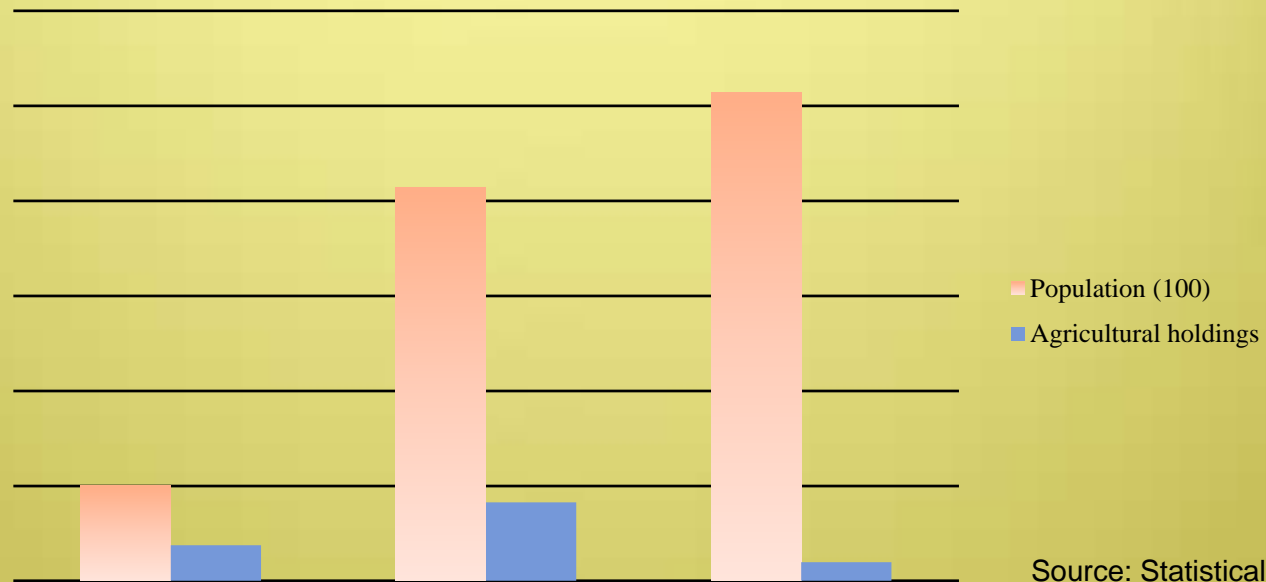
323.000 persons were living on family farms

252.000 persons did work on family farms

46.000 persons the only activity

Middle European comparison

Processes after the 2nd World War



Source: Statistical Office
of the Republic of Slovenia

Austria: the size of family farms gradually increased

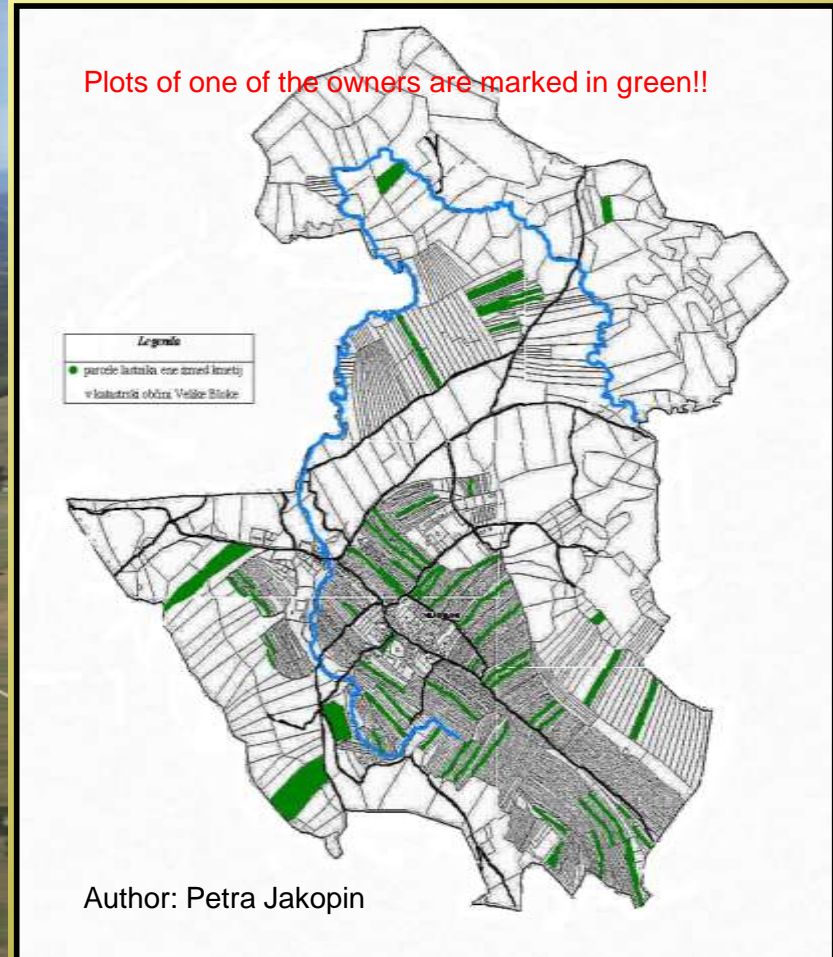
Czechia: the majority of farming areas were nationalized and thus state farming lands were formed

Slovenia: the ten-hectare land maximum was determined.

Case study - Bloke



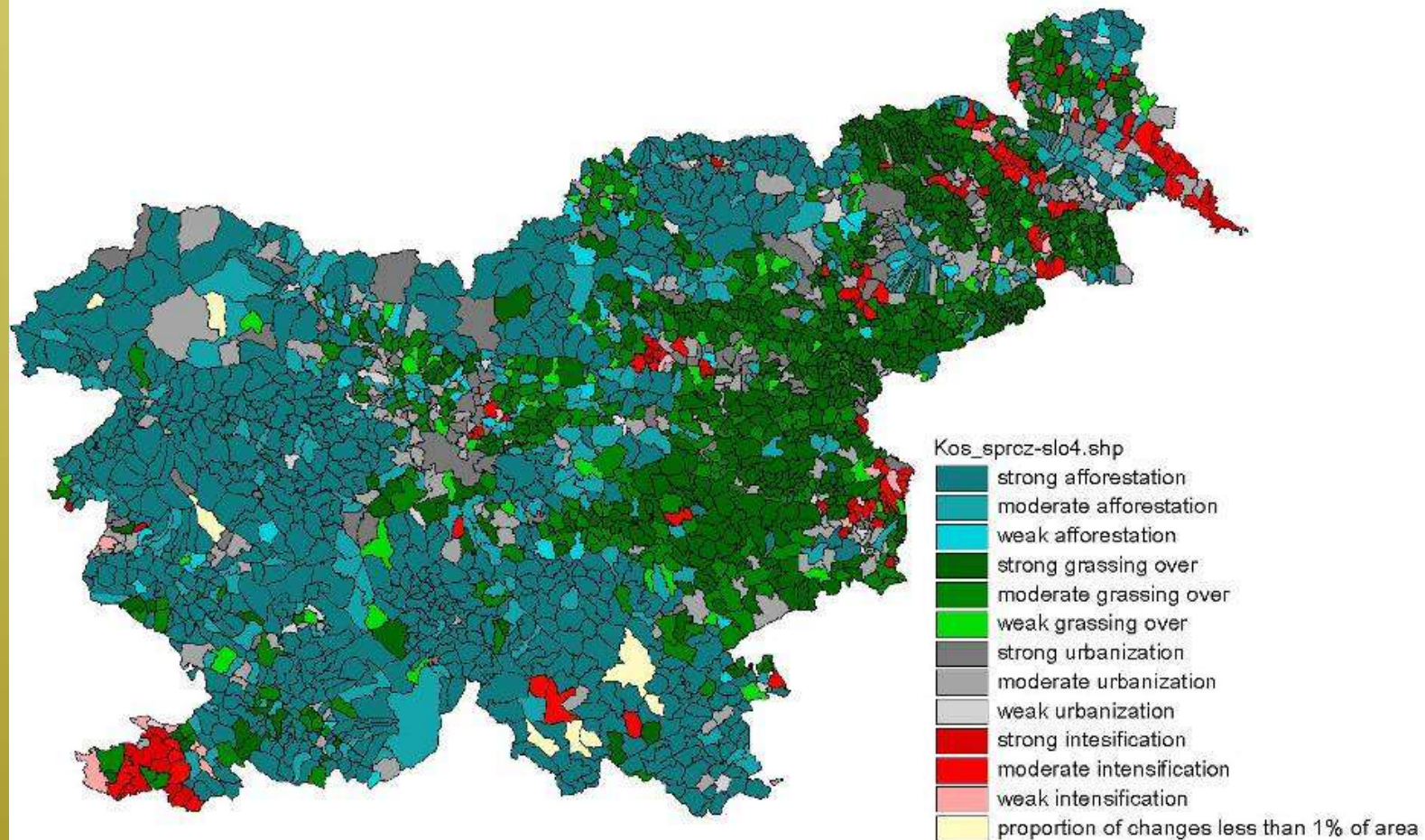
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Half of the people are still living on farms!!

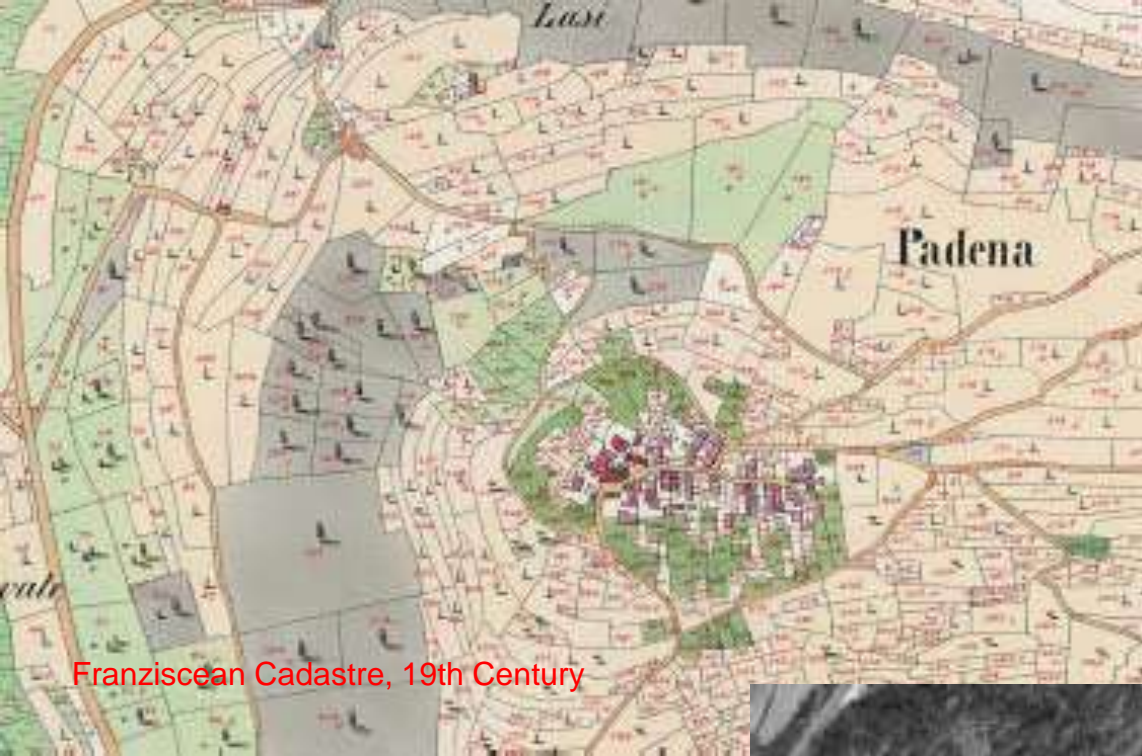
Land fragmentation and LUCC

Typology of land use changes for Slovenia 1900-2000



Mediterranean landscape:

Padna



Franziscean Cadastre, 19th Century

Source: Franci Petek, Mimi Urbanc, 2004:
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Source; Surveying and Mapping Authority of the RS

Case study: Ljubljana Vižmarje

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clearly visible
boundaries formed
by lines of trees

identifying minute
elements that can be
considered relicts of
the earlier agricultural
cultural landscape.



Clearing forest for Pasture:
European Agricultural Police?
Forest (black pine) was planted
In 20th century!!



Photo: Matija Zorn

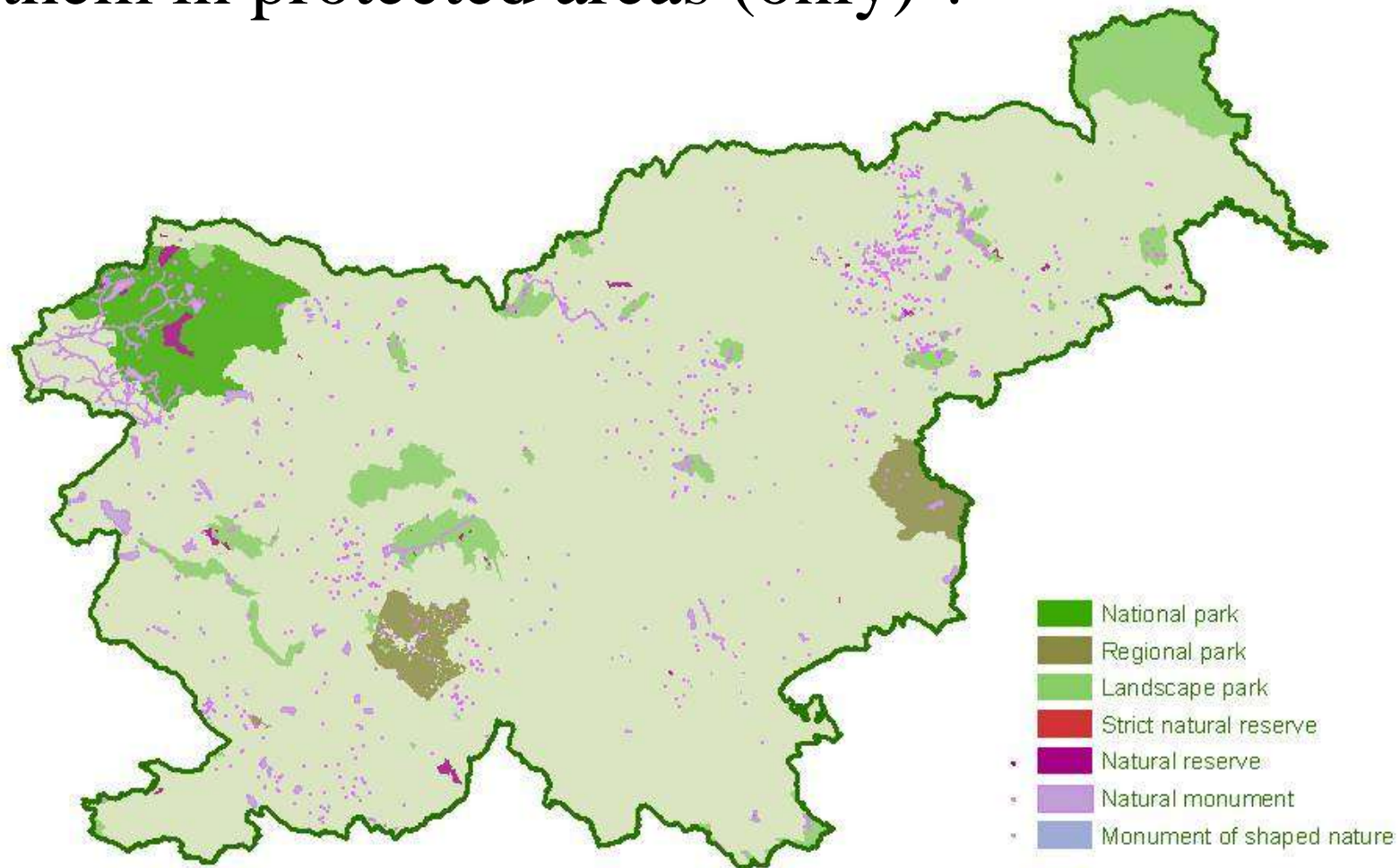


Photo: Gregor Kovačič

Clearing forest for Vineyard
(Dragonja Valley)



Traditional landscapes: do we like to preserve them in protected areas (only) ?



Source: Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning

Concluding Questions

- What is traditional rural landscape?
- Do we want to preserve it?
- Why and Where?
- Who will take care of it?
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