

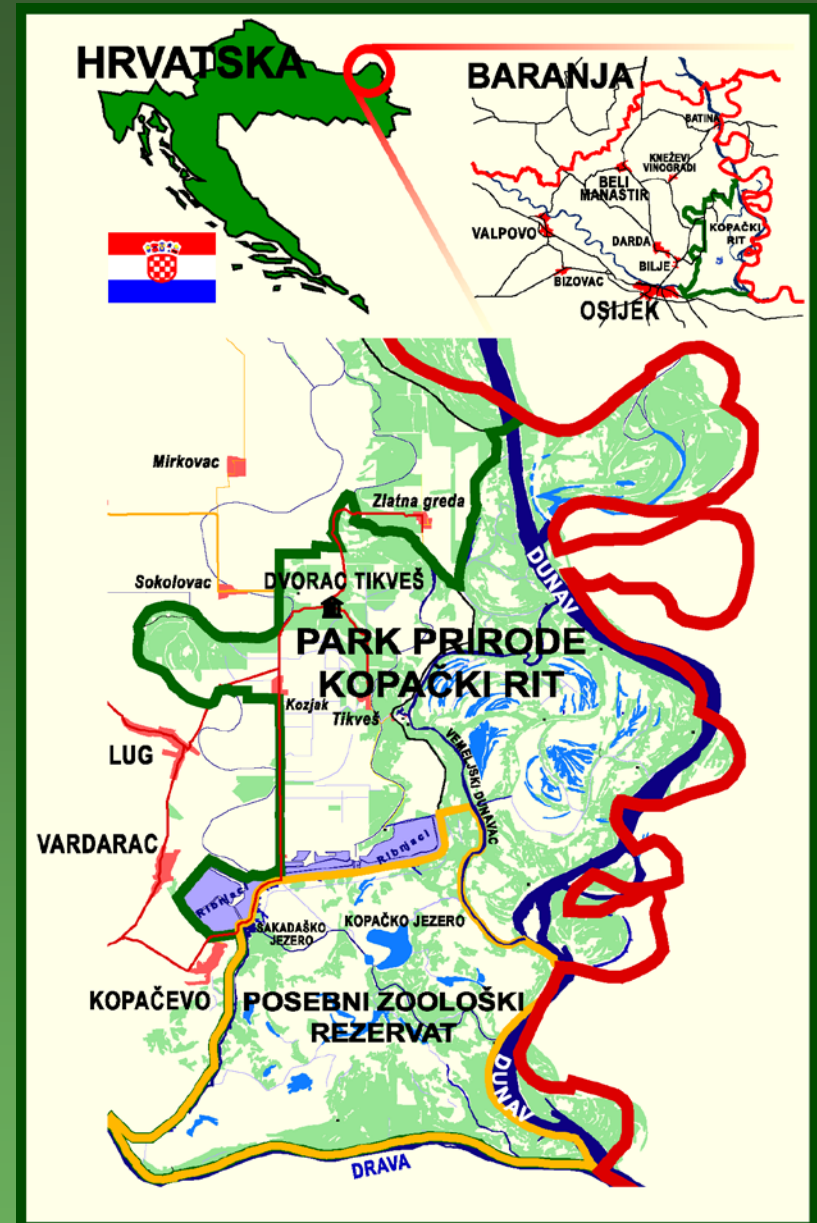
An aerial photograph of a wide, winding river, likely the Danube. A large, elongated island covered in dense green forest dominates the center-right of the frame. To the left, a small cluster of buildings with red roofs is situated on a narrow strip of land. The river's water is a murky, brownish-yellow color. The background shows more forested land and the river continuing into the distance.

# IN THE HEART OF THE DANUBE

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# Geographical position

- In Eastern Croatia
- Between the Drava and Danube
- 23 000 ha of protected area
- International significance  
(Ramsar site, IBA,, Biosphere Reserve)
- Protected since 1967
- Nature Park - 15.300 ha  
Special Zoological Reserve -7.700 ha





# Significance

- The whole landscape depends on the flood dynamics
- The land changes it's form and function depending on the water level
- Complex microrelief structure (canals, channels, lakes, ponds and saggings)
- Ecological conditions enable the development of plant communities and fauna



# Low water level





# Ecological significance

## Great Biodiversity

### More than 2000 biological species

- 298 bird species
- 55 mammal species
- 45 fish species
- Reeds, White Willows, White and Black Poplar, Oak etc.
- Great population of rare and endangered species



# Monitoring

## Action Plan for the protection of aquatic habitat (Faculty of Agriculture)

- Nanocyperion communities (temporary)
- Chnidion dubii communities (perennial)
- Inventory of flora and phytocenology

## Action Plan for the protection of the White-tailed Eagle (HDZZP&DDNP)

- Monitoring of nesting and wintering populations
- Bird ringing

Black Storks

Water fowls

Winter counting

Large permanent colonies (Grey Heron, Great Cormorant)







- Bird Epizootiology (viruses)
- Beaver
- Red Deer during the rutting
- Ichthyofauna (Faculty of Agriculture)
- Danube and Drava water levels, inner waters of Kopački rit (Croatian Water Management)
- Groundwater
- Rainfalls (Meteorological and Hydrological Service)
- Hydrogeological activities (Faculty of Mining, Geology and Petroleum Engineering)





# Ranger Service

- 23 000 ha, 32 km of the Danube, 7 rangers
- Implement measures of physical protection
- Supervision in the field (Stakeholders, anglers, visitors, and others in the Park)
- Cooperation with the Police, Fire Brigade, Croatian De-mining Centre, local population





- Active Fire Protection
- Participation in rescue during floods
- Supervision of the Park's estate
- Participation in monitoring
- Participation in visitor's management
- Dealing with issues concerning  
Traditional Fishing and Sport angling
- Poaching









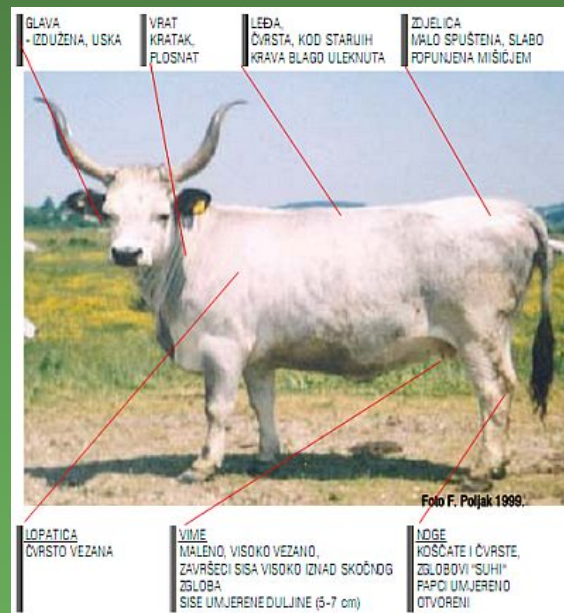
# Tourism management

- Education
- Boat tours, canoe tours
- Hiking
- Tourist train tour
- Presentation of ecological values
- Workshops
- Cycling



# “In Harmony with Nature”

- Hereford cattle breeding on pastures
- Grey Bovine breeding (indigenous species)





# Bird watching and Photo Safari



# Marketing

- Web-site

- [www.kopacki-rit.com](http://www.kopacki-rit.com)

- National and Local Tourist Boards

- Travel agencies

- National and International Fairs

- The media

- Facebook

- Personal contacts







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ATTENTION**

