



NARAVNA VREDNOTA SAVINJA S PRITOKI

NATURAL VALUE OF THE SAVINJA RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES



Pot ob Savinji The Savinja Path



Struga – mlini, žage in male hidroelektrarne

Ker je bila Savinja od nekdaj nemirna reka in za izrabo vodne sile manj primerna, so že za časa Celjskih grofov na njeni levi strani, od Podvina nad Polzelo do Kasaz, izkopali umetno strugo ali mlinščico, dolgo približno 14 km. Tako imenovana »Podvinsko-Žalska Struga« je v preteklosti poganjala celo vrsto mlinov, žag in prvih industrijskih obratov.

Kar nekaj mlinov je bilo na Strugi pod Šempetrom, na reguliranem delu Struge v Vrbju pa je bil v okviru v okviru Hausenbichler-Gorjup-Niedorferjeve domačije zgrajen umeten turbinski mlin, žaga in manjša elektrarna, pod Vrbjem pa Janičev mlin, ki je kasneje prerastel v Žagarsko podjetje Žuža-Štravs.

Mlini in žage ob Strugi so se v 50 letih morali umakniti modernim virom energije ali pa so jih preuredili v male hidro elektrarne. Danes je delujoča le še elektrarna »Vrbenka« v Vrbju in delno Štravsov mlin.

Struga pa še vedno vpliva na značaj in podobo krajine ter daje intenzivni agrarni krajini vsaj nekaj ekološke pestrosti. Z vodo napaja ribnik v Vrbju in Ribogojnico Žalec, z obvodno vegetacijo sivih jelš in vrb pa predstavlja pomemben habitatni tip, ki nudi zatočišče številnim živalim, predvsem pticam.



vodna elektrarna – nekdaj imenovana Vrbenka
hydroelectric power plant – formerly known as Vrbenka

Struga – Mills, Sawmills, and Small Hydroelectric Power Plants

Because the Savinja has always been a restless river and less suitable for harnessing water power, an artificial channel—a millrace—was dug on its left bank as early as during the time of the Counts of Celje, running from Podvin above Polzela to Kasaze, with a total length of approximately 14 km. In the past, this so-called Podvin-Žalec Struga powered a whole series of mills, sawmills, and the first industrial plants.

Several mills operated on the Struga below Šempeter. On the regulated section of the Struga in Vrbje, an artificial turbine mill, a sawmill, and a small power plant were built as part of the Hausenbichler-Gorjup-Niedorfer homestead. Below Vrbje, stood the Janič mill, which later developed into the Žuža-Štravs sawmilling company.

In the 1950s, the mills and sawmills along the Struga River gave way to modern energy sources or were converted into small hydroelectric power plants. Today, only the Vrbenka power plant in Vrbje and, partially, the Štravs Mill remain in operation. The

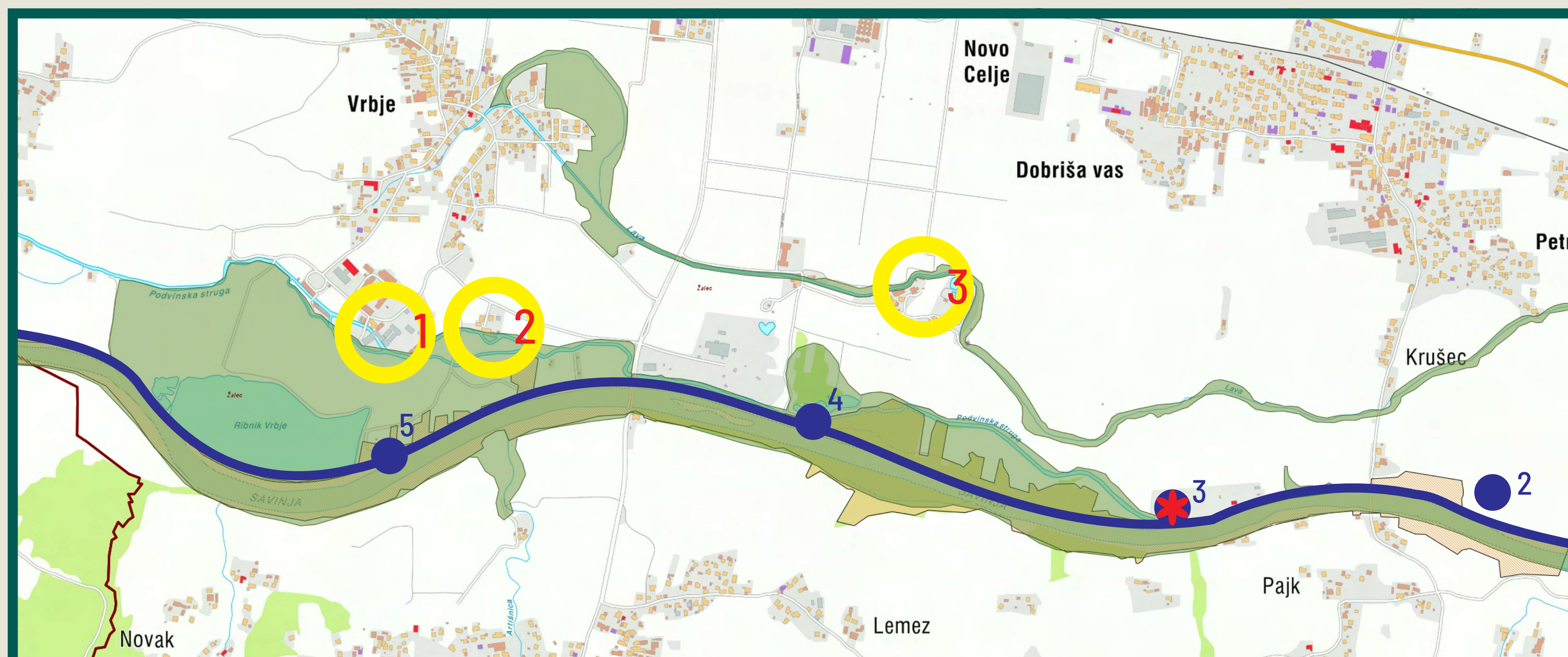
Struga River still shapes the character and image of the landscape and lends the intensive agricultural landscape at least some ecological diversity. It supplies water to the Vrbje Pond and the Žalec Fish Farm, while its riparian vegetation of grey alders and willows forms an important habitat type that is home to numerous animals, especially birds.

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LEGENDA

- 1 Elektrarna Vrbenka
- 2 Štravsov mlin
- 3 Ribogojnica Žalec

LEGEND

- The Vrbenka power plant
- Štravs mill
- Fish farm

LEGENDA

- NV Savinja s pritoki
- Natura 2000
- pot ob Savinji
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LEGEND

- NA Savinja with tributaries
- Natura 2000
- Savinja path
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