

Mining heritage in Slovenia

as touristic sites



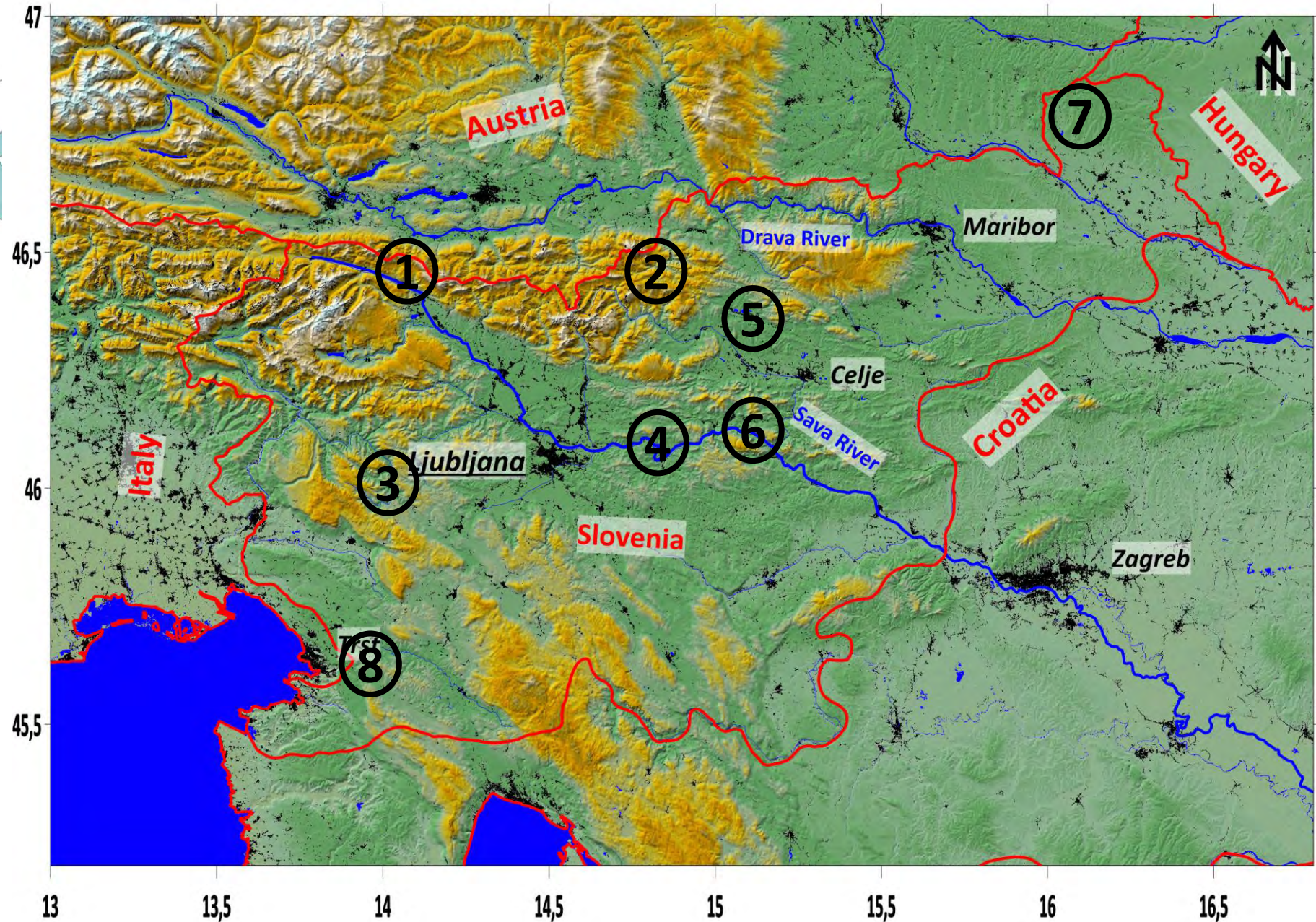


Mine museums

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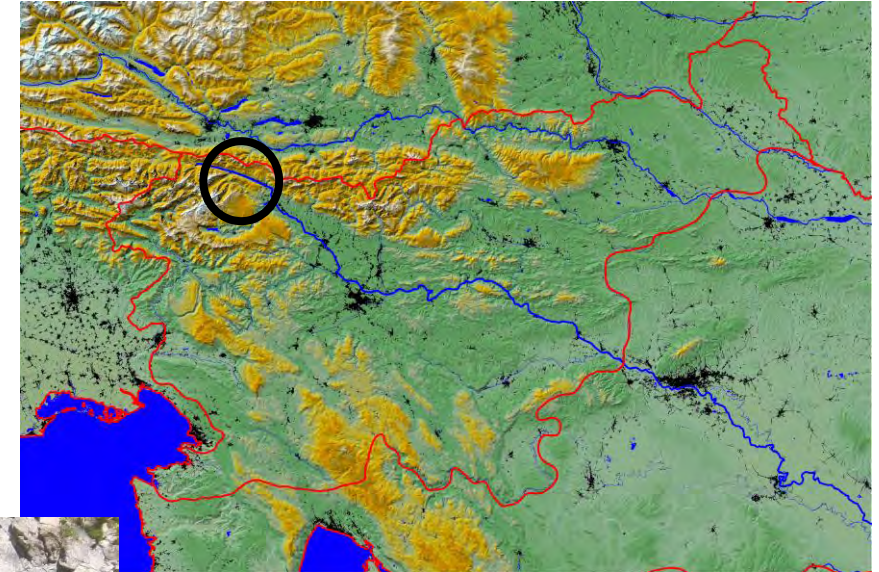


Data sources: SRTM 90m DEM, DLR TanDEM-X data products. WGS84 coordinate system.

Savske jame Fe mine

- One of the oldest documented mine site in Slovenia, from 1381
- Siderite ore was excavated
- Today the site is accessible as hiking pathway with information tables

<https://turizem.jesenice.si/en/info@turizem.jesenice.si>

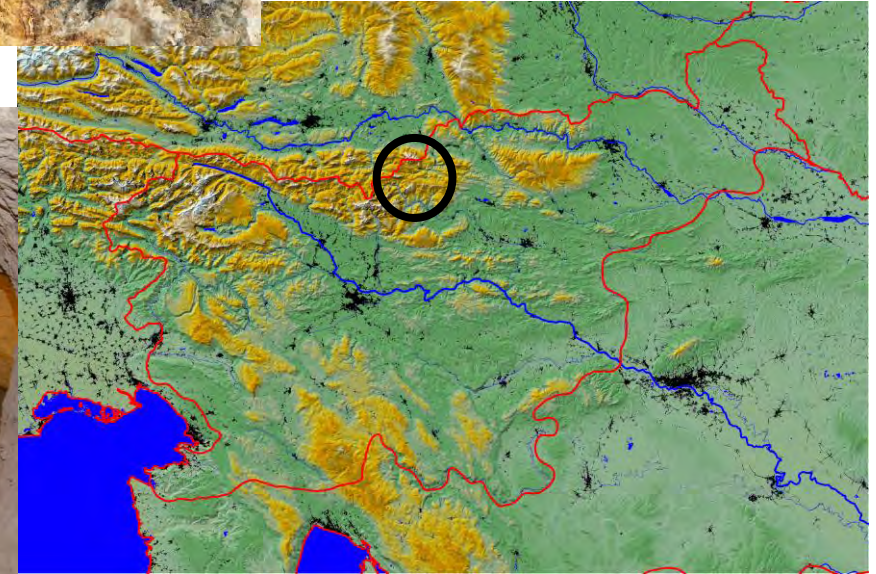


Mežica Pb-Zn mine

- MVT type Pb-Zn mineralisation
- Galena, sphalerite, wulfenite, cerusite
- Mining from at least 1424 - 1994
- Today the site is mine museum and offers underground sporting activities (cycling, kayaking)
- A part of Geopark Karavanke



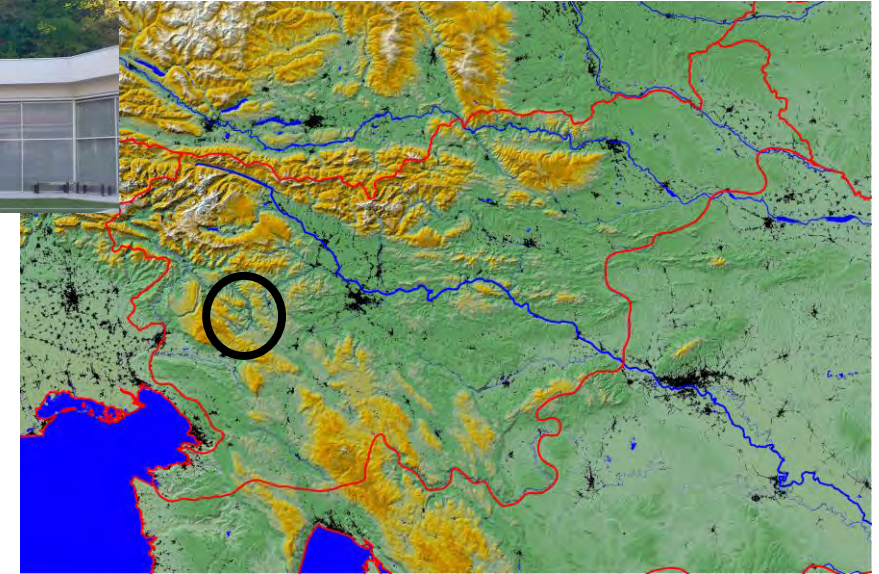
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Idrija Hg mine

- Epithermal mercury deposit
- Cinnabar ore and native Hg
- Second largest Hg mine in the world
- Mining from 1490 - 1991
- Today the site is transformed to mine and smelting museum
- UNESCO world heritage

<http://www.cudhg-idrija.si/en/>
infohg@cudhg-idrija.si

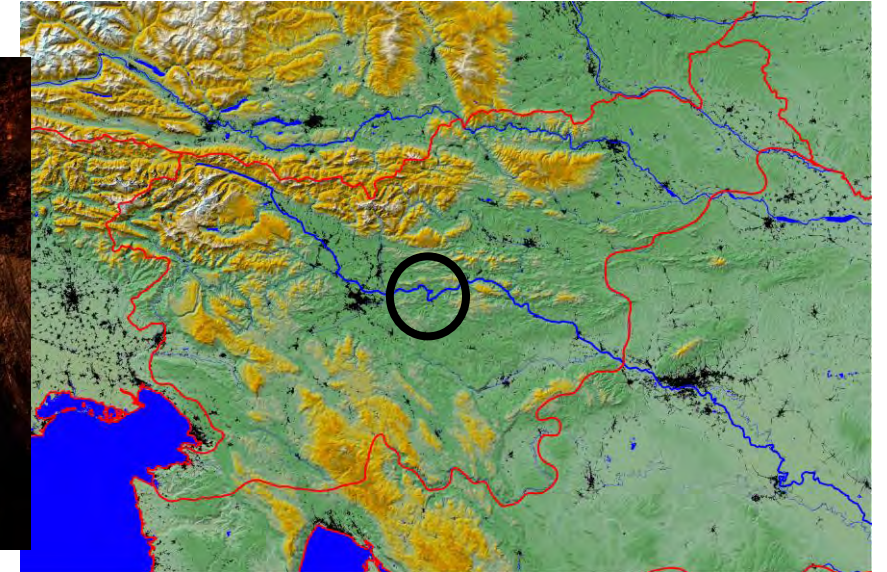


Litija polymetallic mine

<http://www.rudniksitarjevec.si>

info@visitlitija.si

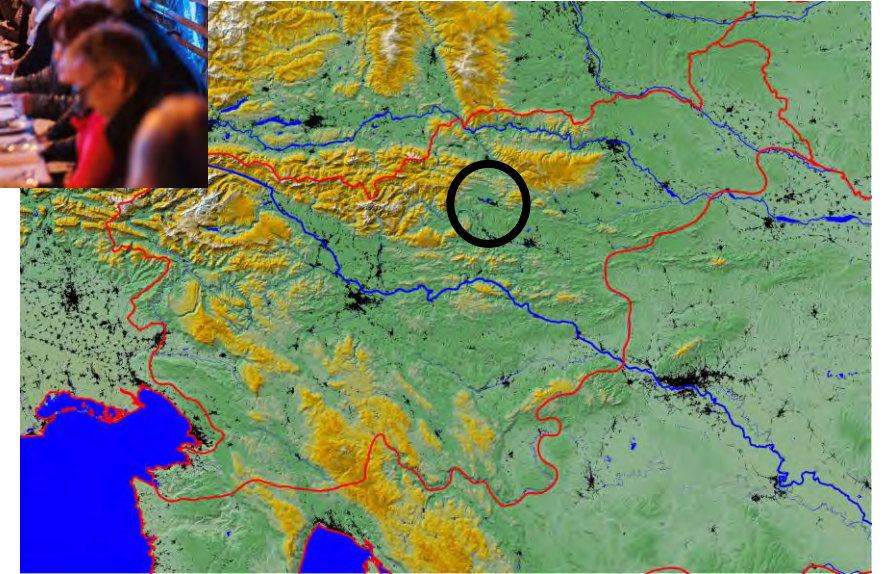
- Polymetallic hydrothermal vein deposit
- Galena, sphalerite, cinnabar, chalcopyrite, baryte
- Mining from 1537 - 1935
- The mine is transformed to museum



Velenje lignite mine

<http://muzej.rlv.si/en/>
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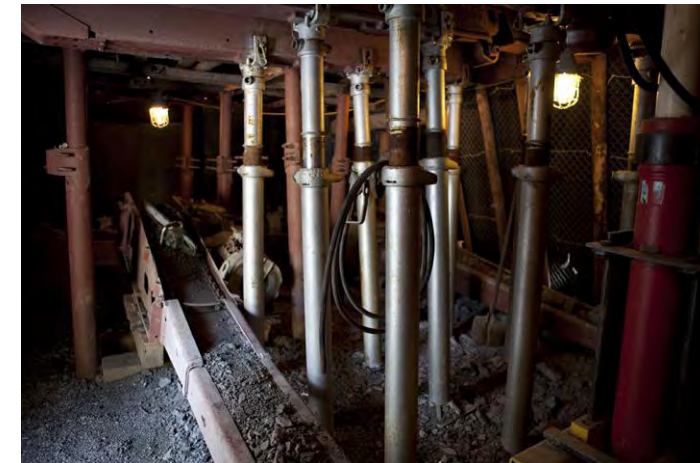
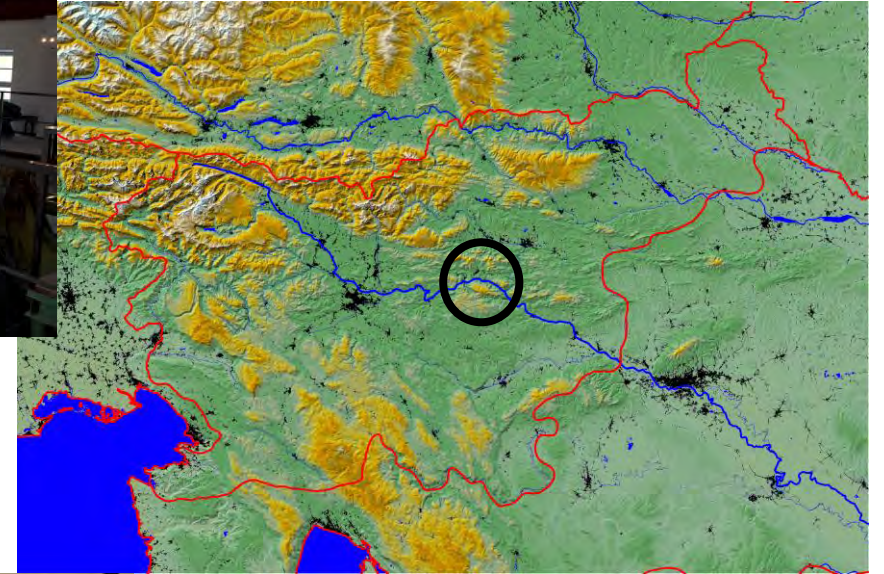
- Active lignite underground mine
- Thickest lignite layer in the world (up to 123 m)
- Mining from 1875 - today
- Older parts of the mine are transformed to museum



Zagorje coal mine

- Historical coal mining area
- Museum is in mine machinery, and offers an artificial mock-up of mine environment
- Mining from 1755 - 1995

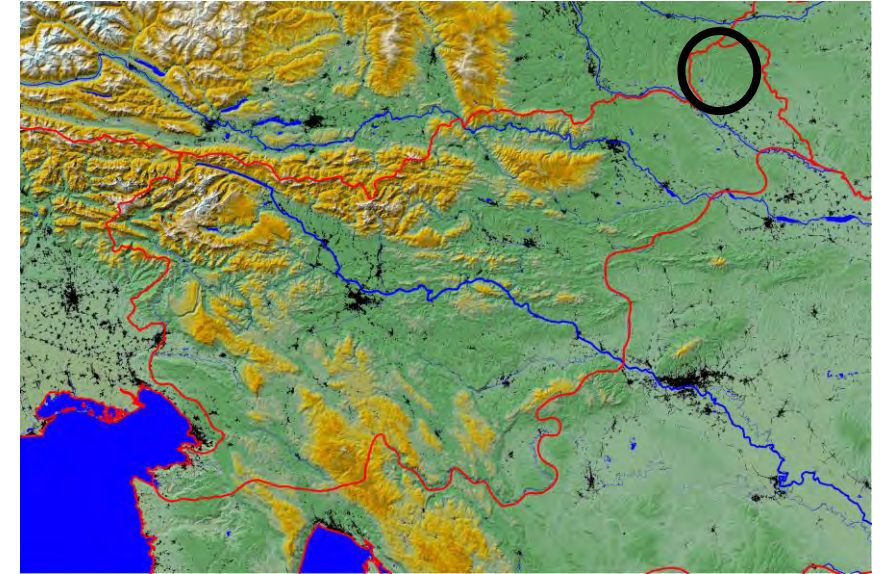
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Vulkanija park

- Neogene volcanism
- Amusement park about volcanoes with geological museum
- Especially interesting for children

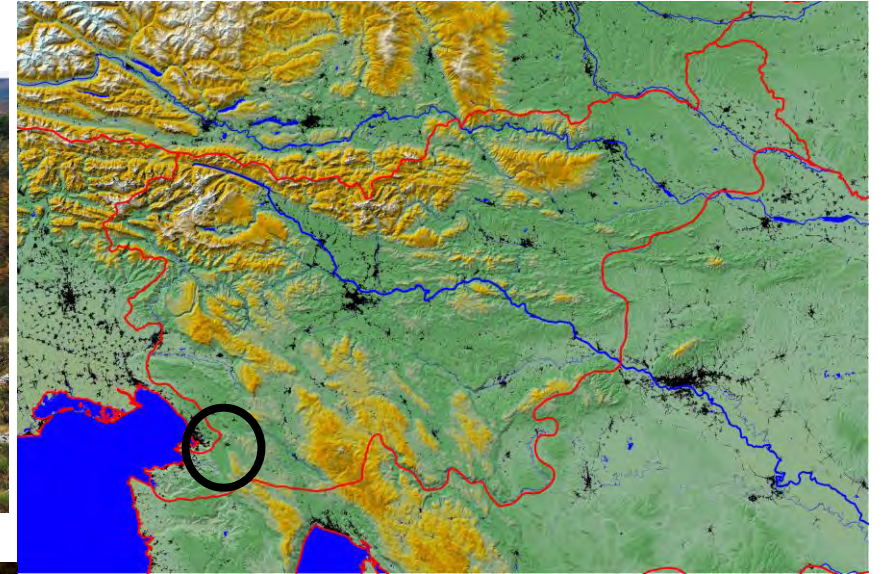
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Škocjan caves

- Largest natural karstic caves in Slovenia
- One of the largest underground canyon in the world
- RAMSAR, UNESCO and Natura2000 site

<https://www.park-skocjanske-jame.si/en>
psj.info@psj.gov.si



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