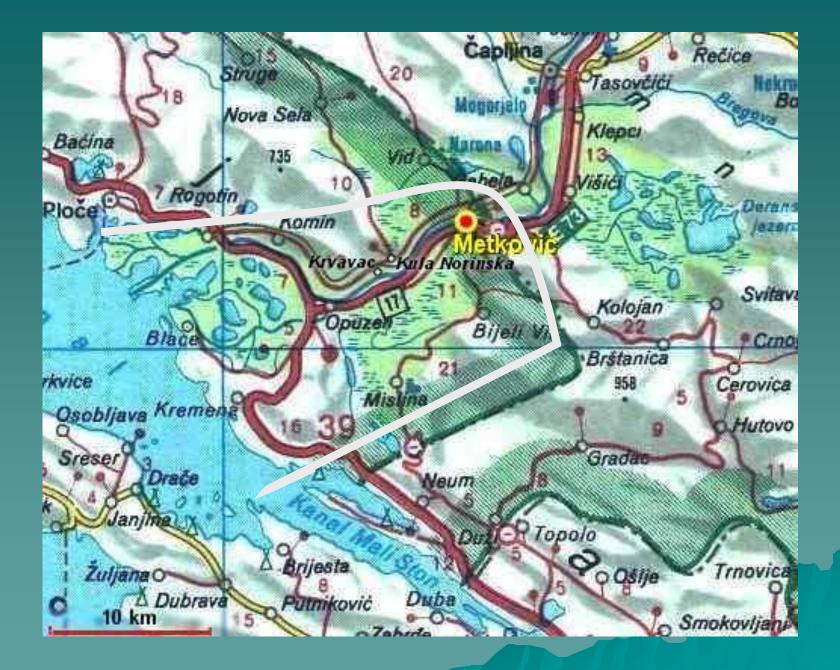
THE NERETVA VALLEY

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GEOGRAPHY

- The Neretva river is located in southern part of Croatia
- Dubrovnik Neretva County
- Neretva Delta is the river delta of the Neretva, a river that flows through Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia and empties in the Adriatic Sea
- ♦ Area 12,742 ha
- 1,724 ha protected





Mouth of the Neretva river





Neretva River photo by Marin Veraja



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CLIMATE

 Mediterranean climate Mild and rainy winters Dry and warm summers More than 2400 sunny hours per year Average temperature 7 (winter) Maximum temperature can surpass 40 degrees in August

LANDSCAPE

 The Neretva River Delta represents the unique landscape in Europe
Diversity of wetland habitats
Delta is surrounded by karst hills and sea at the river mouth

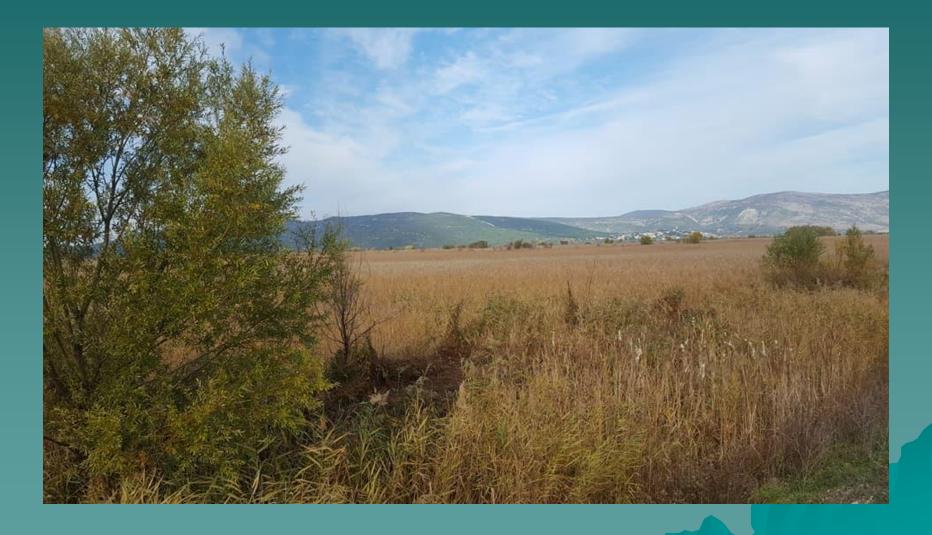
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Neretva Delta



Neretva Delta



Neretva river

 The river flows through Croatia (22 km) and Bosnia Herzegovina (208km)

- The size of the Neretva watershed in Croatia is estimated 280 km2
- The whole territory is covered by karst
- Sinkholes, underground watercourses

Neretva





- With the green frog and an eel the area is inhabited by many other amphibians and reptiles: copperhead, blavor, lizard etc.
- There are also a large number of mammals. In Neretva resides the endangered otter. There are endangered wildcats and wolves, too.
- There are 16 freshwater types of the aquatic snail and several types of crab. It is perfectly reasonable that in such a swampy area there has to be a lot of bugs, and there are 307 types. Butterflies alone take up more than 250 types.

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