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The richness is on diversity of nature,
landscapes, people and traditions

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Where we are?

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Who are our neighbors?

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Political Map (12 regions)

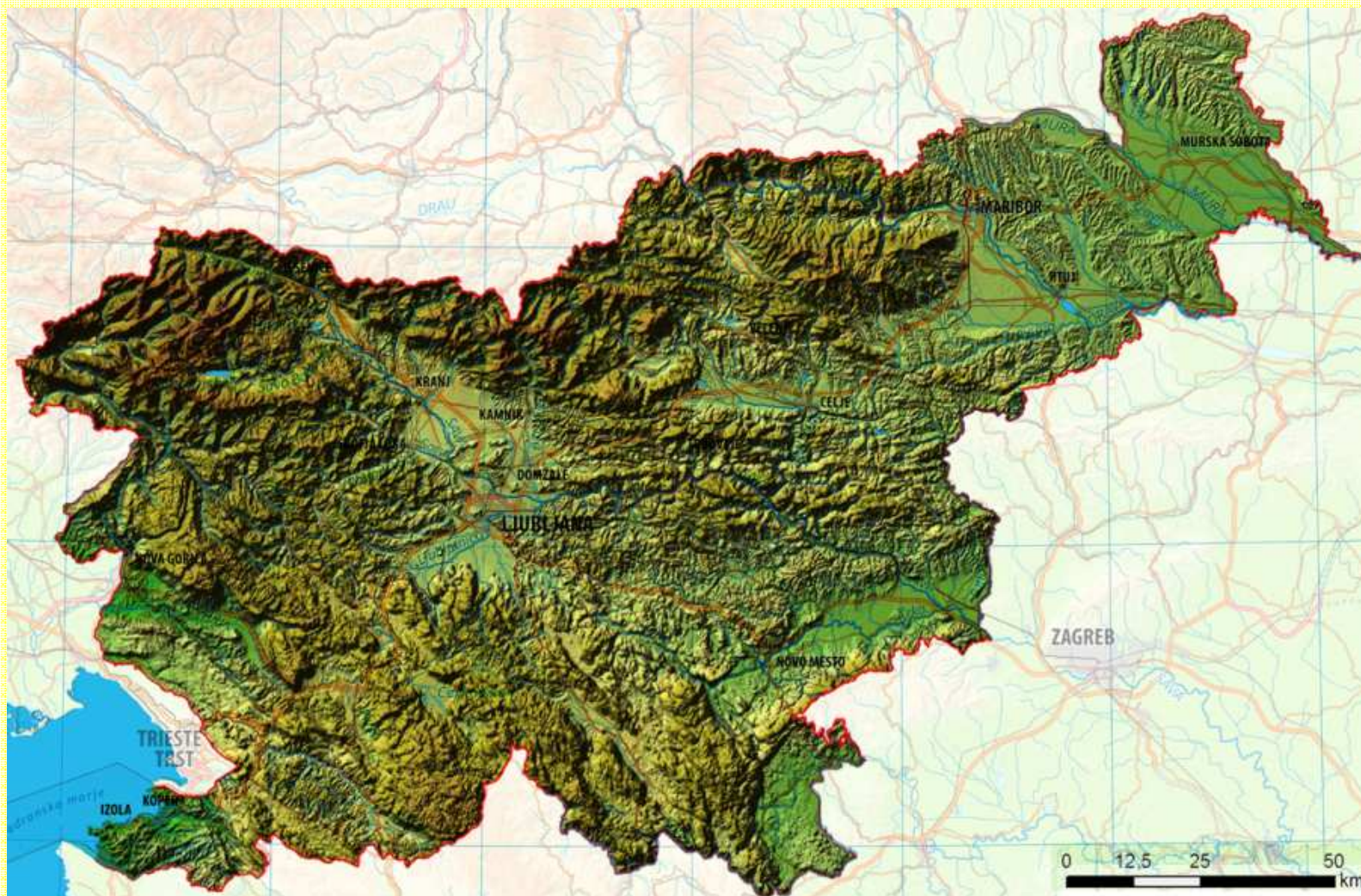
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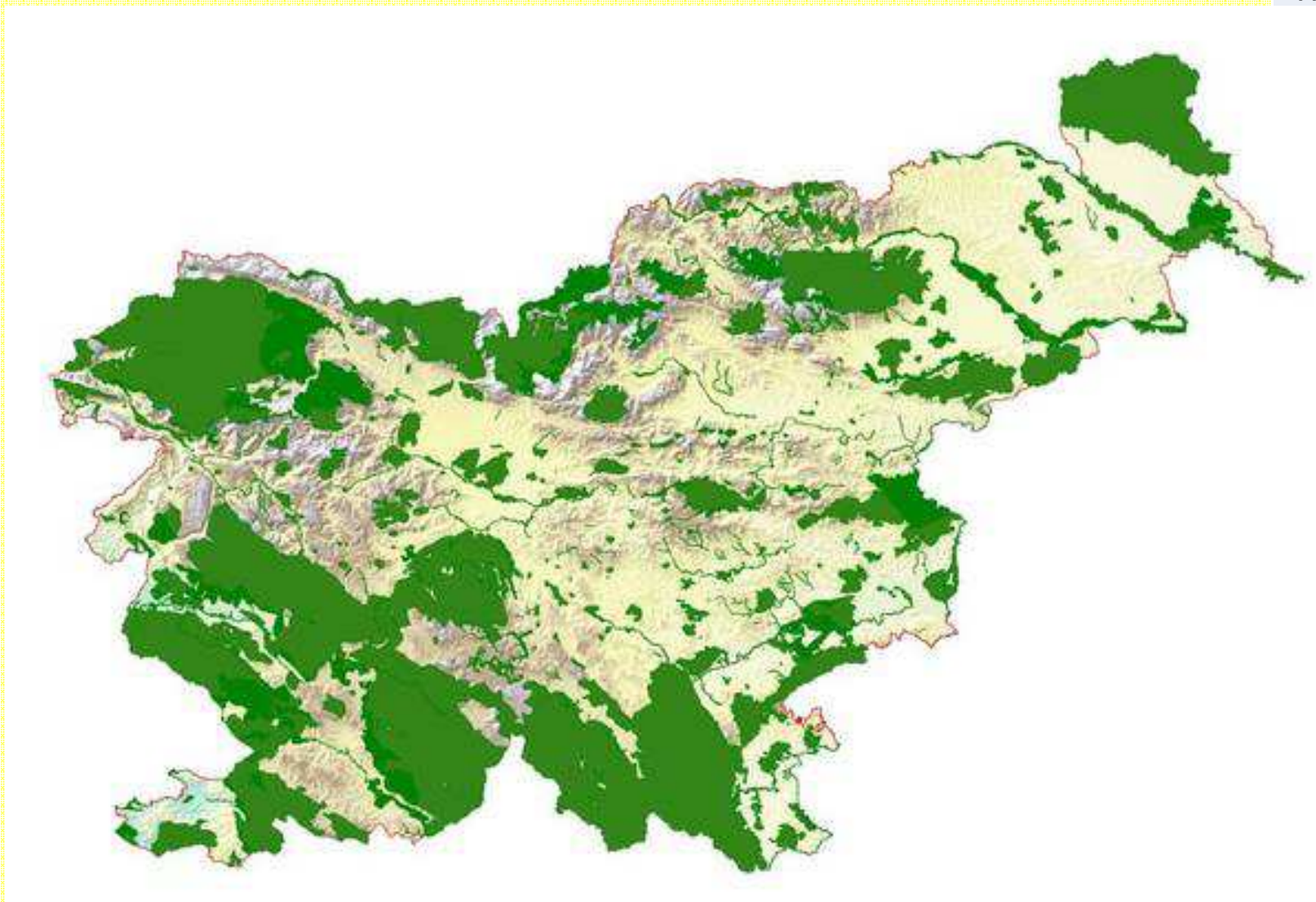
Relief in Slovenia

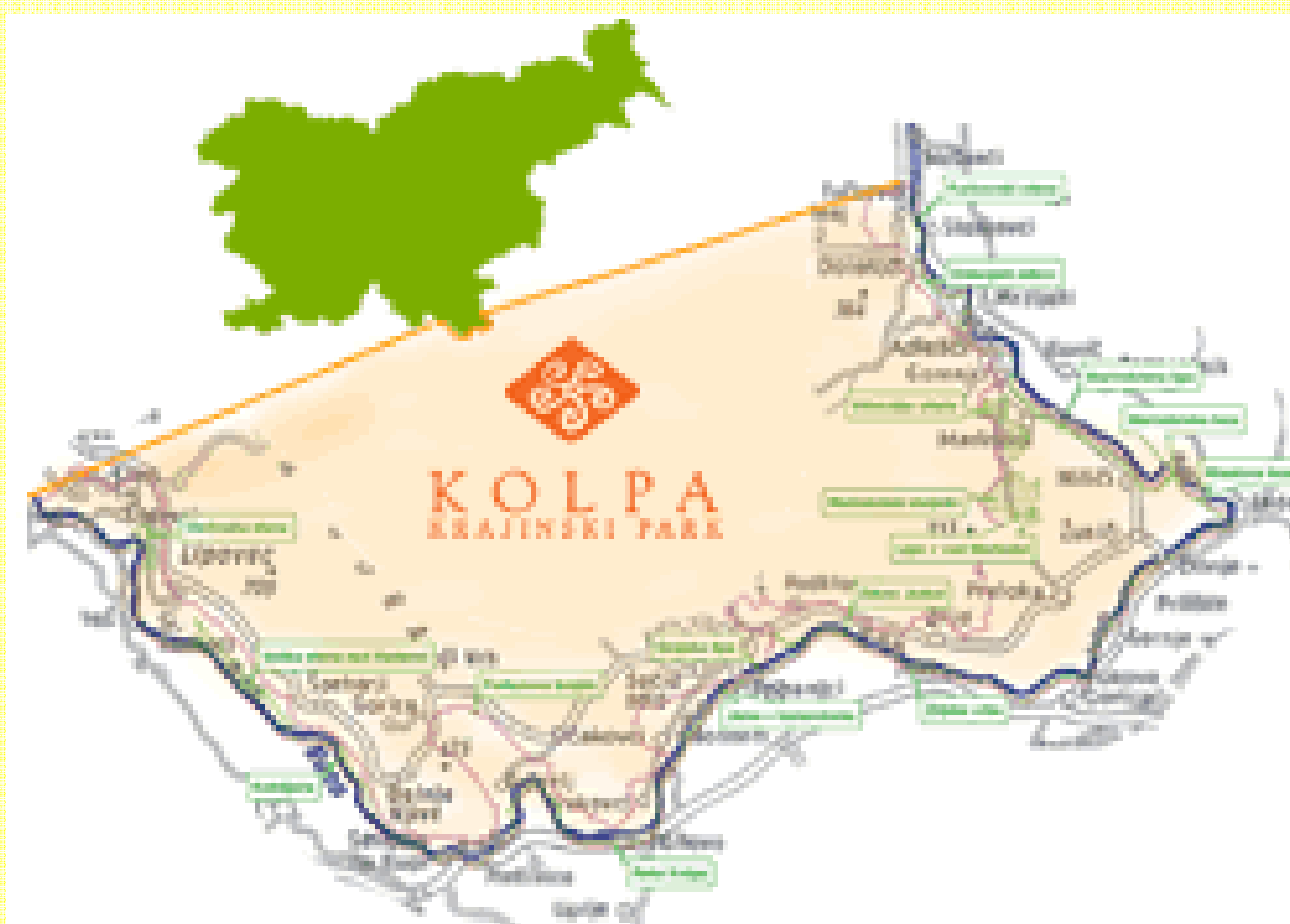
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Natura 2000 sites in Slovenia

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Slovenia is characterised by extremely diverse

relatively well preserved nature
small territory -great biodiversity
attributed to the convergence of various types of climate,
geologic features and a considerable elevation range and also
to largely **traditional agricultural** land use

App. 60 % of the environment is in a natural or semi-
natural state, including landscapes and areas that were
managed in a traditional way in the past



Slovenia has biodiversity with 26 000 known estimated total of 45 000-120 000 species

about 800 animal and 66 plant species are endemic.

Especially characteristic are forests, subterranean and water ecosystems, wetlands, the sea, alpine and mountainous areas, and dry grasslands

0.004 % of the Earth's total surface and 0.014 % of its total land area more than 1 % of all known species of all living organisms

more than 2 % of all terrestrial species live in Slovenia

This ranks the country among the naturally richest areas of Europe and even of the world

Culinary richness



Food and wine



Events & festivals

- Ethnological events
- Music events
- Cultural events
- Culinary events
- Sports events
- Festivals



Making Bela krajina Easter decorated eggs

- Bela krajina *pisanice* or Easter eggs are coloured and ornamented for Easter using the batique technique.
- Today, they are made only around Adlešiči, where they are produced all the year round as gifts and souvenirs



Nada Cvitkovič. Photo: Siniša Borovičanin, 2010

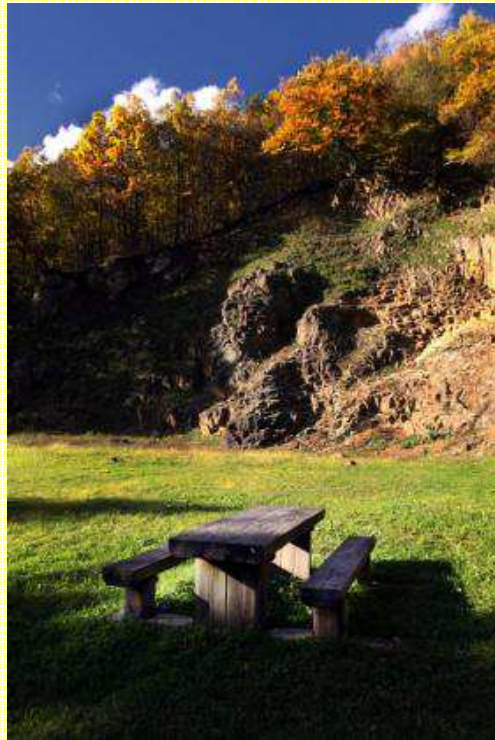
Richness customs and traditions



Photo Boris Grabrijan, Sept. 2016

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the richness and
diversity of nature



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The role of the agriculture

to all this richness is in my opinion the main contributor agriculture
Slovenian agriculture, characterized in that small farms that is NOT
industrialized, (the average farm has 6.6 ha)

it is not mass production

It is fairly traditional

but it is true that it is not competitive

greatly helps to maintain biodiversity and national identity



TODAYS RICHNESS ARE:

diversity of nature,
diversity of landscapes,
people which live close to nature and traditions

All that is gaining value - it is appreciated

Whereas it is modest and adapted friendly to nature, time,
landscape and natural conditions

Thank you

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