

Otter situation in Slovenia



■ Slovenia can be divided into three zones:

1.) alpine

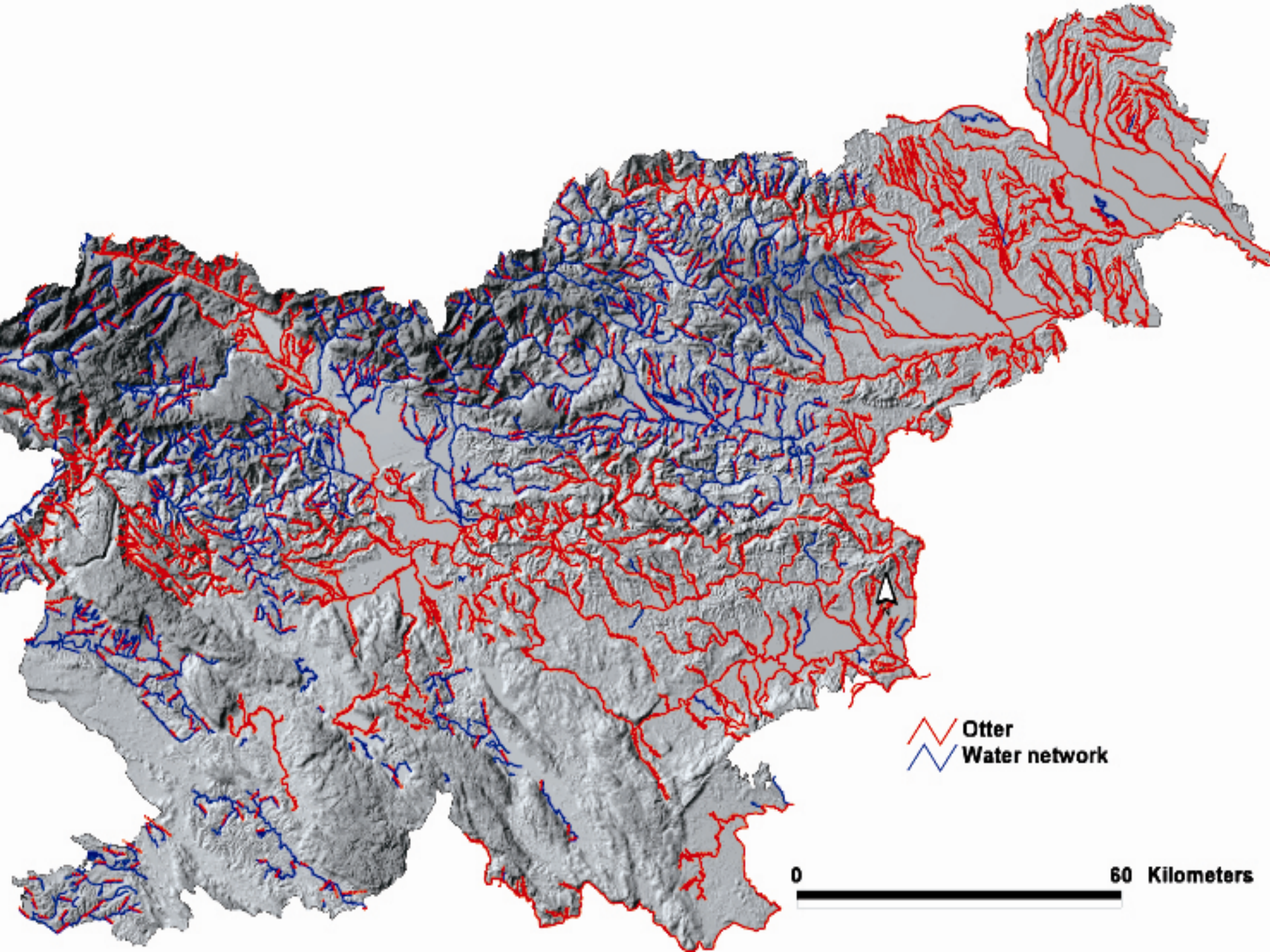
2.) continental

3.) karst and coastal region









Otter population is increasing

- The population core is situated in eastern part, in subpannonian region, and in lowlands in the prealpine world.
- In the alpine region the otter has been recorded only along major rivers (Sava, Soča); for the upper part of Sava the last data are some decades old.

- In the coastal region no otters were recorded; the water network is small and isolated from otter populations in the continent.
- In karst region the otters have been found on some of polje (Cerkniško jezero), while on the others it has not been found yet; the reason probably lies in the geomorphology of the area and the isolated nature of surface streams.

Threats

- Road casualties
- Power plant construction
- Highway construction
- Illegal hunting
- Dogs

Thank you!



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