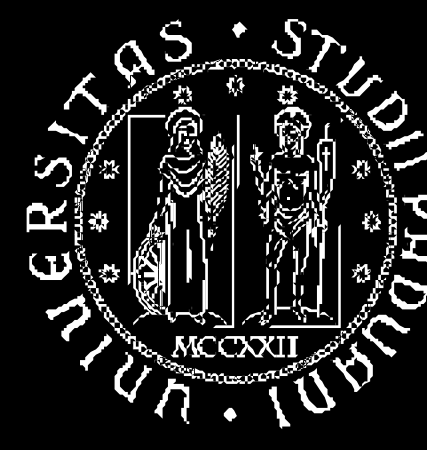
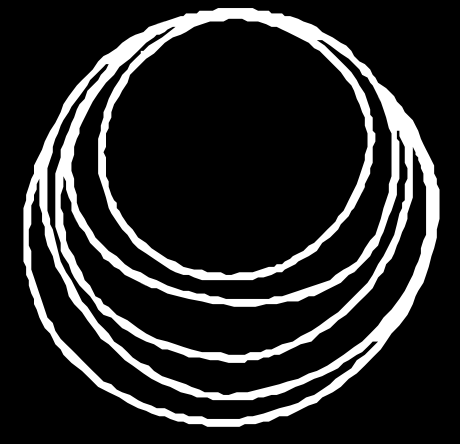




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The hinterland of Boka Kotorska Bay – Lovćen and Orjen mountains

Terraced landscapes of karst mountains



The Bay of Boka Kotorska has been formed between the steep limestone mountains of the Dinaric karst area, Lovćen (1749 m) and Orjen (1895 m) mountains. In the Bay's hinterland, on the slopes of these mountains, villages have been formed whose development was connected with the development of settlements in the Bay. A network of walking paths has been created to connect the villages with each other and with the coastal settlements.

This area is a typical karst region with scarce arable fields and numerous, though in size very small, fertile dales, usually without running water. Villages are situated in a zone between 500 m and 900 m above sea level. Villages have been usually formed around scarce fertile areas, at the edge of rocky terrain, with houses build in rows or groups.

In some zones, due to a suitable configuration of the terrain and type of land, it was possible to form arable terraced fields or dales on the hillside plateaux. Terraced dales have been often formed at the edges of scarce bigger arable fields. Retaining walls of dales in this mountainous area were, like those on the Bay coast, usually built as dry-walls using local stone.

Besides villages, in this area it is possible to find the remains of former *katuni* - temporary summer settlements, where herders used to move their livestock to graze in summer. Sometimes, arable terraced dales were formed around *katuni*, as well.

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1 - *Katun* Dugi do, above Oraovac, at around 900 m above sea level



3 - Cavori, Lovćen Mountain



3 - Krstac, Njegusi field, Lovćen Mountain



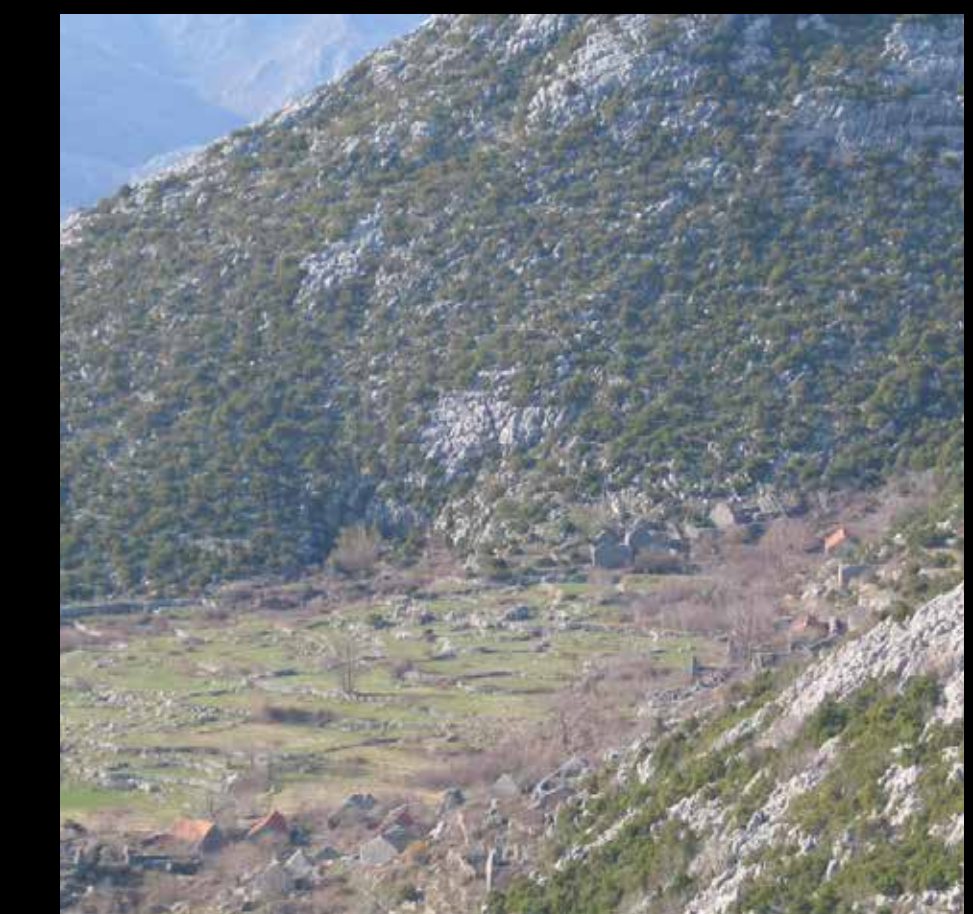
4 - *Katun* Dugi do at Lovćen Mountain



5 - A village at slopes of Orjen Mountain



6 - Terraced dales in the vicinity of Cekanje, Lovćen Mountain



7 - The village of Veliki Zalazi



8 - Krstac, Njegusi field, Lovćen Mountain



8 - Njegusi field, Lovćen Mountain



10 - Lovćen Mountain



11 - Slopes of Orjen Mountain



12 - The village of Mali Zalazi