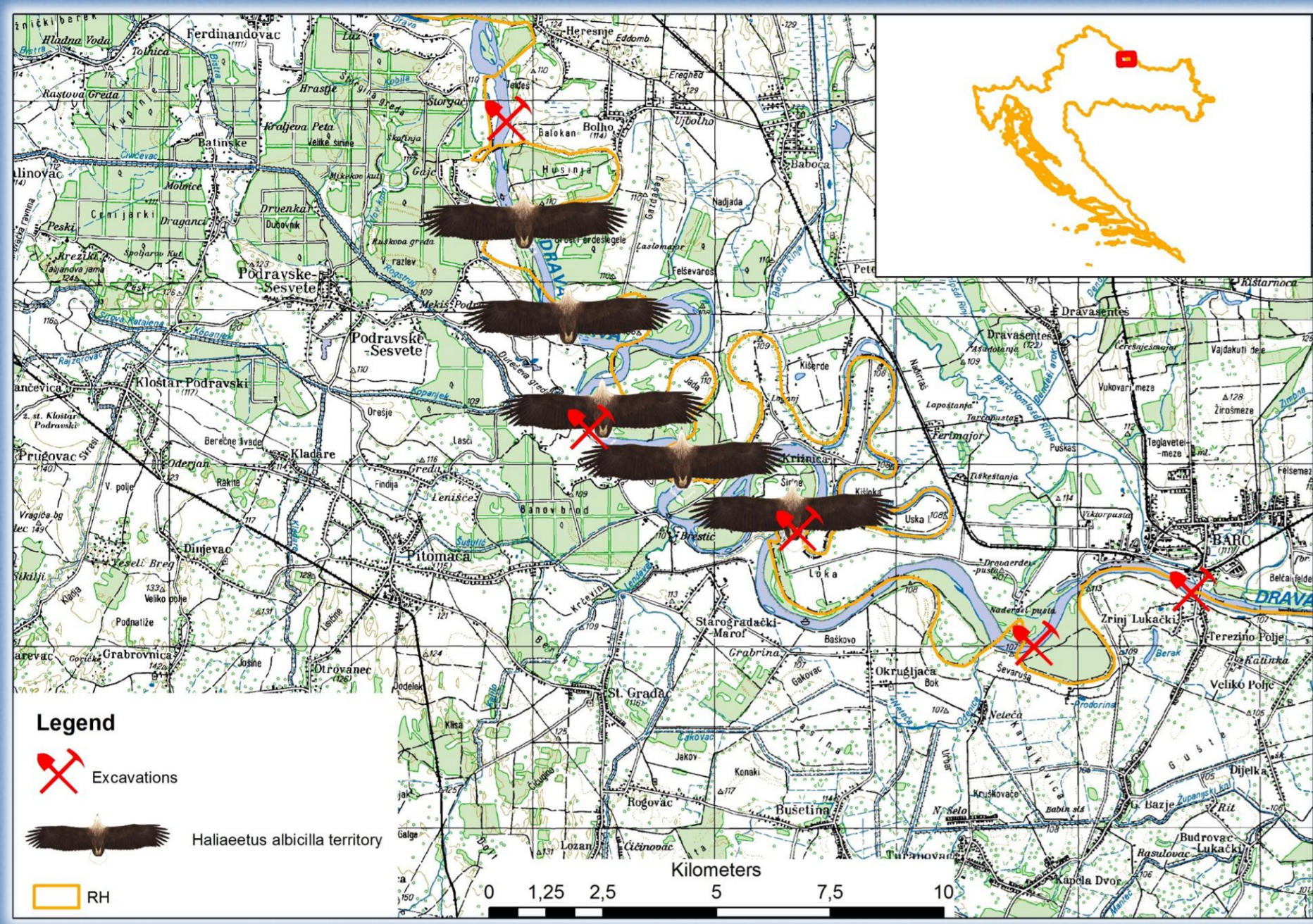


The Return of White tailed eagle



In Croatian Green Belt, from the 2005 to 2012 gravel was excavated on the river Drava between rkm 185 and 161. Before excavation, 5 pairs of White tailed eagle were noted in this area and the territories of the 2 White tailed eagles were in the immediate vicinity of excavation site. After some time eagles have left their territories.



Before accession of Croatia to EU whole area of Drava was included in the ecological network which became Natura 2000.

This area is a part of the central European Green Belt and designated as

Regional Park and UNESCO Biosphere reserve.

The research that Natural History Society Drava performed during Green Belt Interreg project were used in the background studies Natura 2000 and as well as other designations.

Through great effort of our organization and other NGOs as well as media, gravel excavation was stopped on Drava which resulted with return of the White tailed eagle in the abandoned territories.

Today these majestic birds are again nesting in this area and continue to amaze onlookers.



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