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Rapid diagnostic of the catastrophic event happened on 3rd August in the Polog region

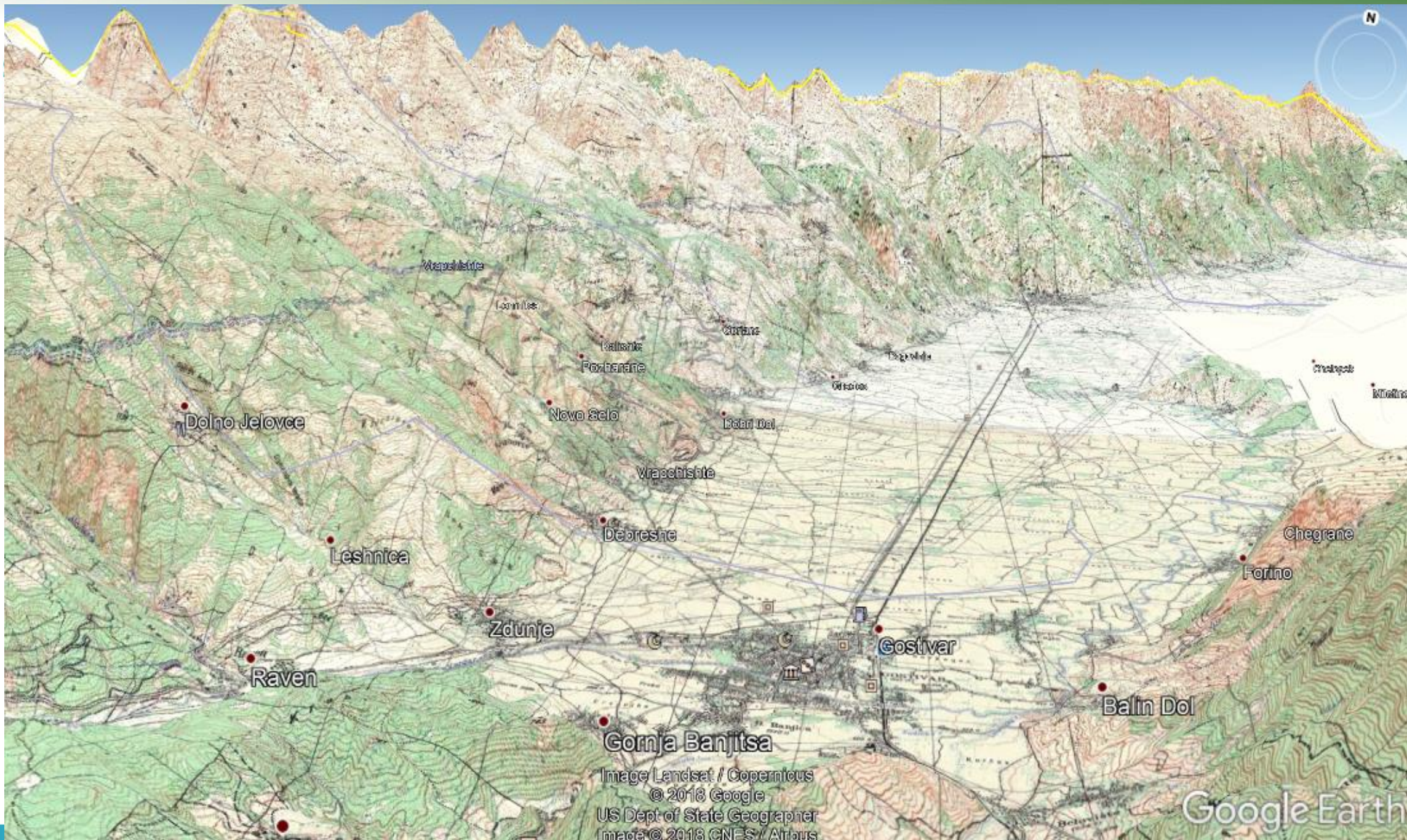
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- Strong winds (especially in Tetovo); - Heavy rainfall on the Shara Mountain including hail
- Results: High discharge, Pluvial and fluvial erosion, landslides, landslides, debris flow, flash flooding

Consequences

- 6 dead
- 11 injured
- 24 families evacuated in Šipkovica
- Power cut off in Šipkovica
- Damaged water supply system (Tetovo, Šipkovica....)
- Damaged houses
- 11 damaged bridges, 17 damaged roads
- Damaged hydraulic structures into the torrents bed
- Cost of losses and damages – 25 million Euros



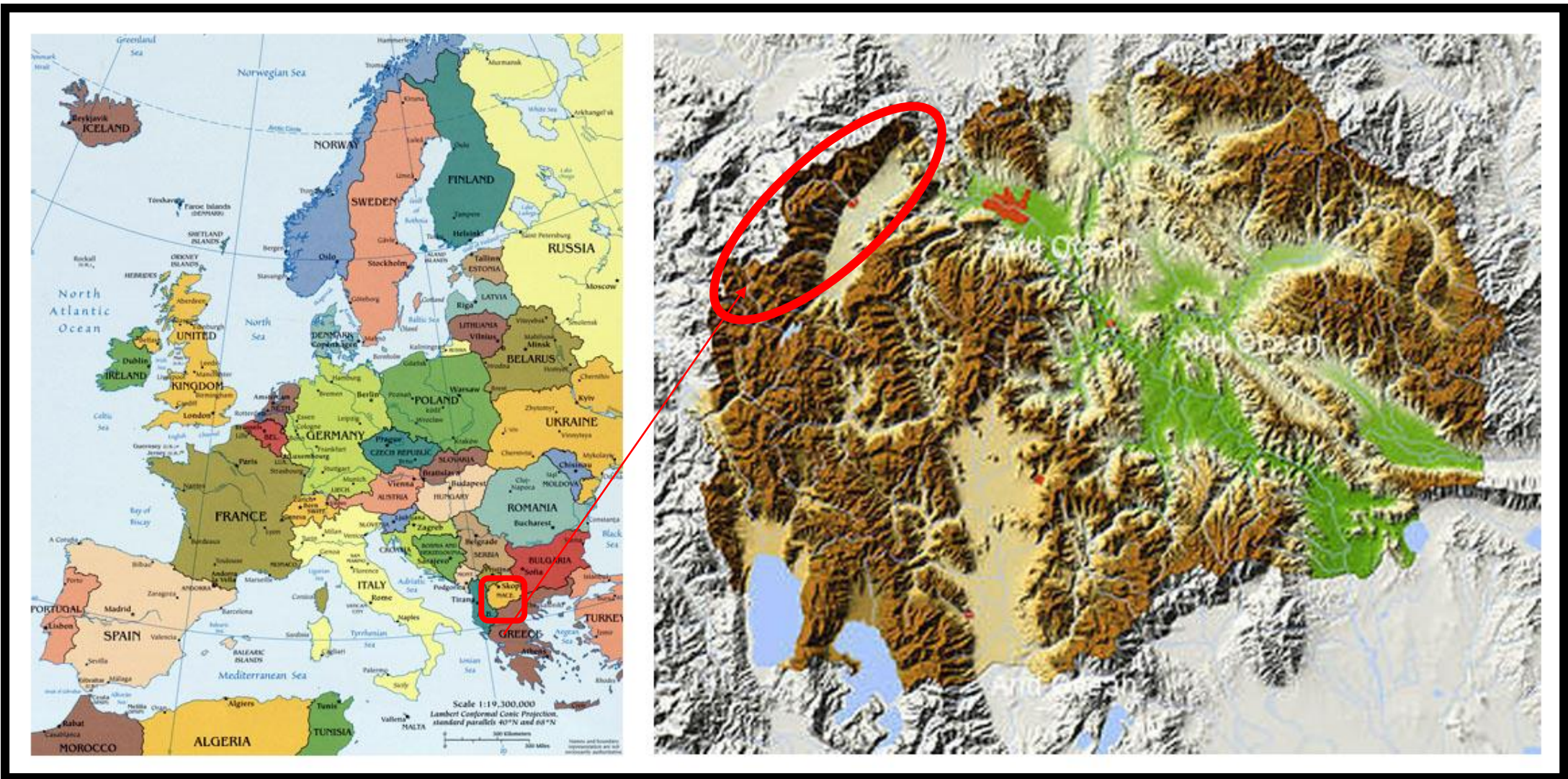


WHY
any small and
apparently harmless stream
suddenly become
wild and dangerous
and
cause huge damages?





Location





AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aim of this study was to be done rapid diagnose of the catastrophic event happened on 3rd August 2015 in Tetovo region

The basic questions were:

- 1- What were the reasons for hazard?
- 2- What was the reason for huge damages?
- 3- What type of torrential event happened?

- *Acknowledgment : Preparation of the part of this study that answer the first and the second question was realized and supported by UNDP in the period of 5 august – 2 September 2015 and was presented to represents of the Government , Governmental institutions, embassies, Tetovo municipality and international organizations.*





METHODOLOGY

- preliminary desktop analysis: collecting all necessary available maps, collection all necessary data, measuring of the basic parameters of the torrent catchments/
- field work – recognition (villages and catchment) measuring, pictures and clips, interviewees with local people
- analysis of all collected data
- reporting

Aulitzky two-fold classification (1980) for defining torrent type





STUDY REGION CHARACTERISTICS

• Factors causing Erosion

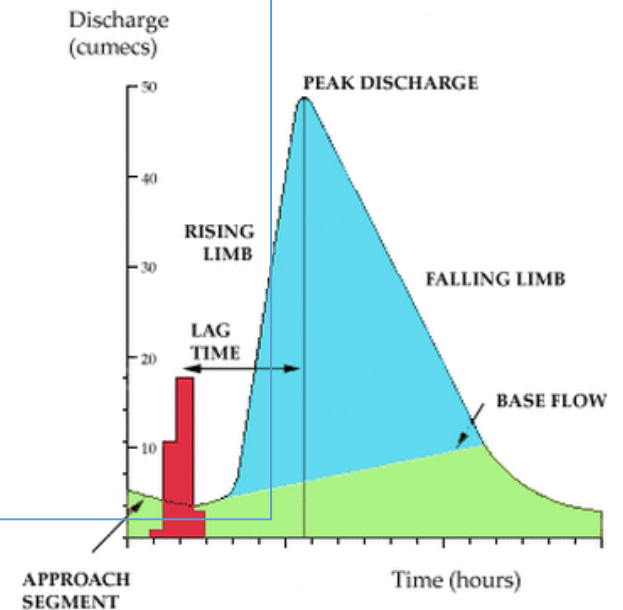
- Climatic factors
- Vegetation
- Soil characteristics
- Relief
- Human activities

• Factors causing Landslides

- Climatic factors
- Geological
- Relief conditions
- Morphological
- Human activities

• Factors affecting a discharge

- Rocks and soil
- Land use
- Relief
- Rainfalls
- Weather conditions





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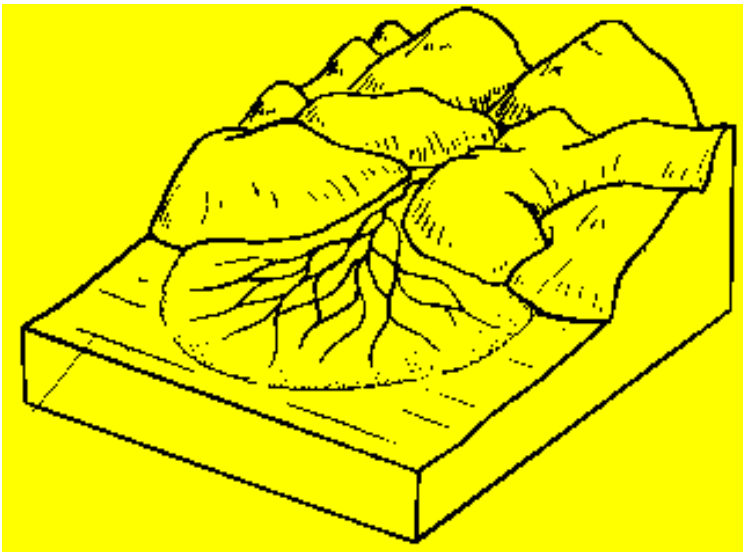
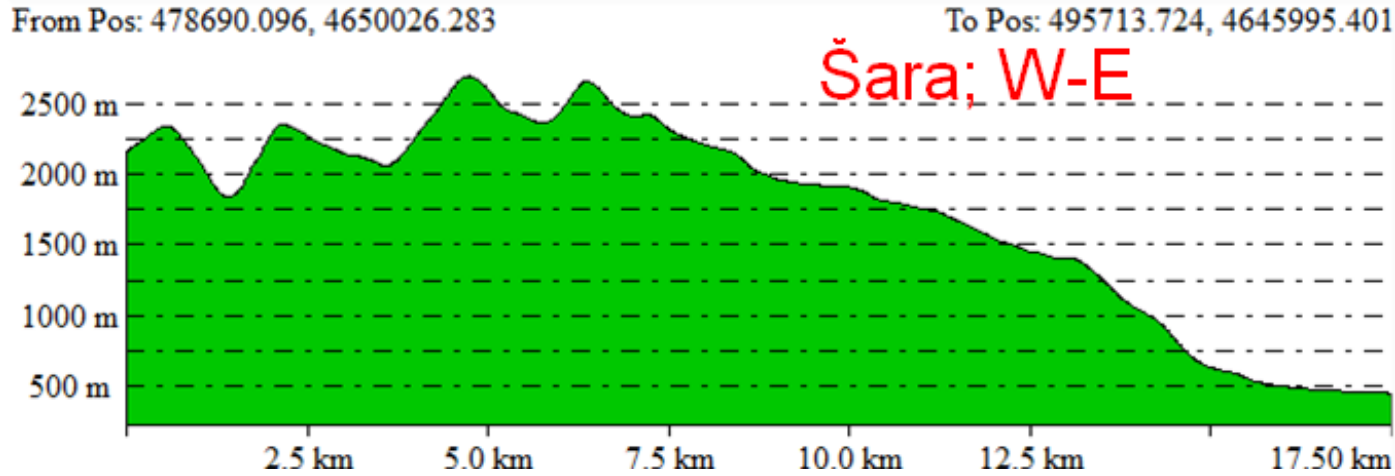
West Macedonian Tectonic zone . A part of the Dinarides “ Young” mountain .(50 Million years).

It is one of the highest in the country (top Turcin, 2.748 m)

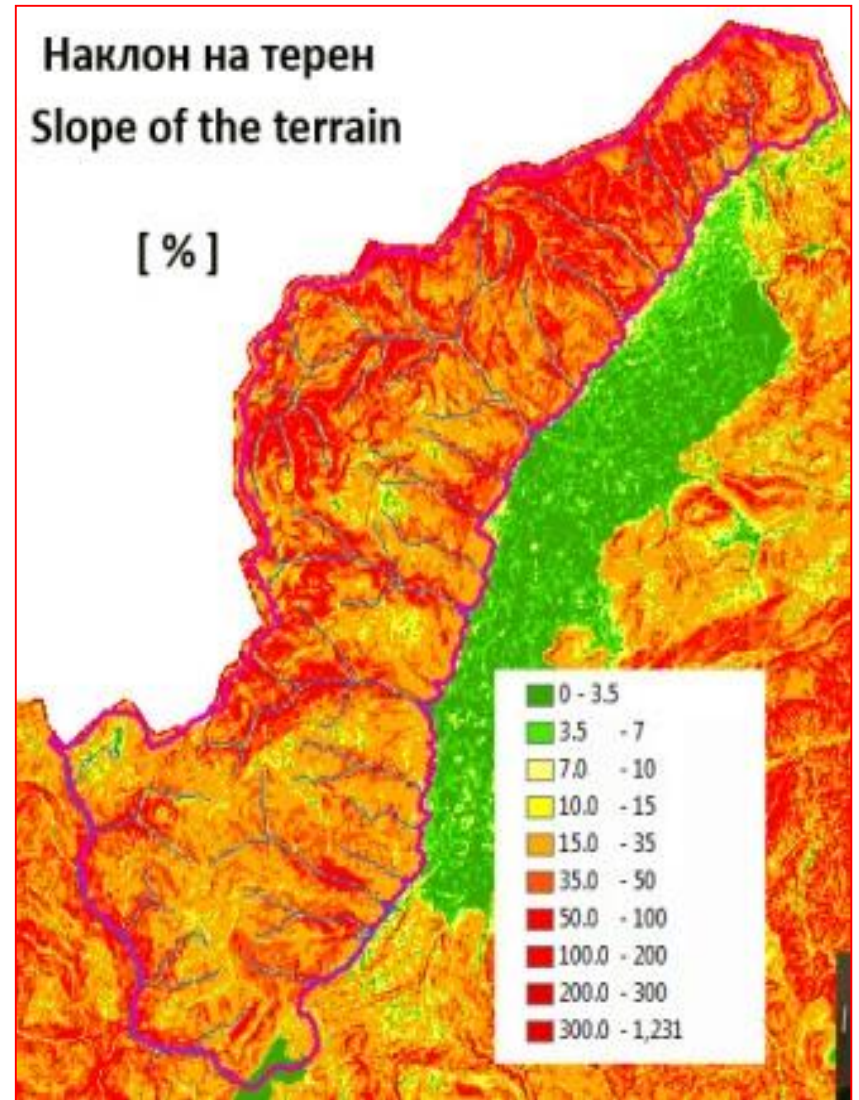
Relief shape - Variscan and Alpine orogeny, Karst relief; Glacial relief ; Periglacial relief, Fluvial ((a lot of small and a few larger mountain streams dominantly with torrential character).

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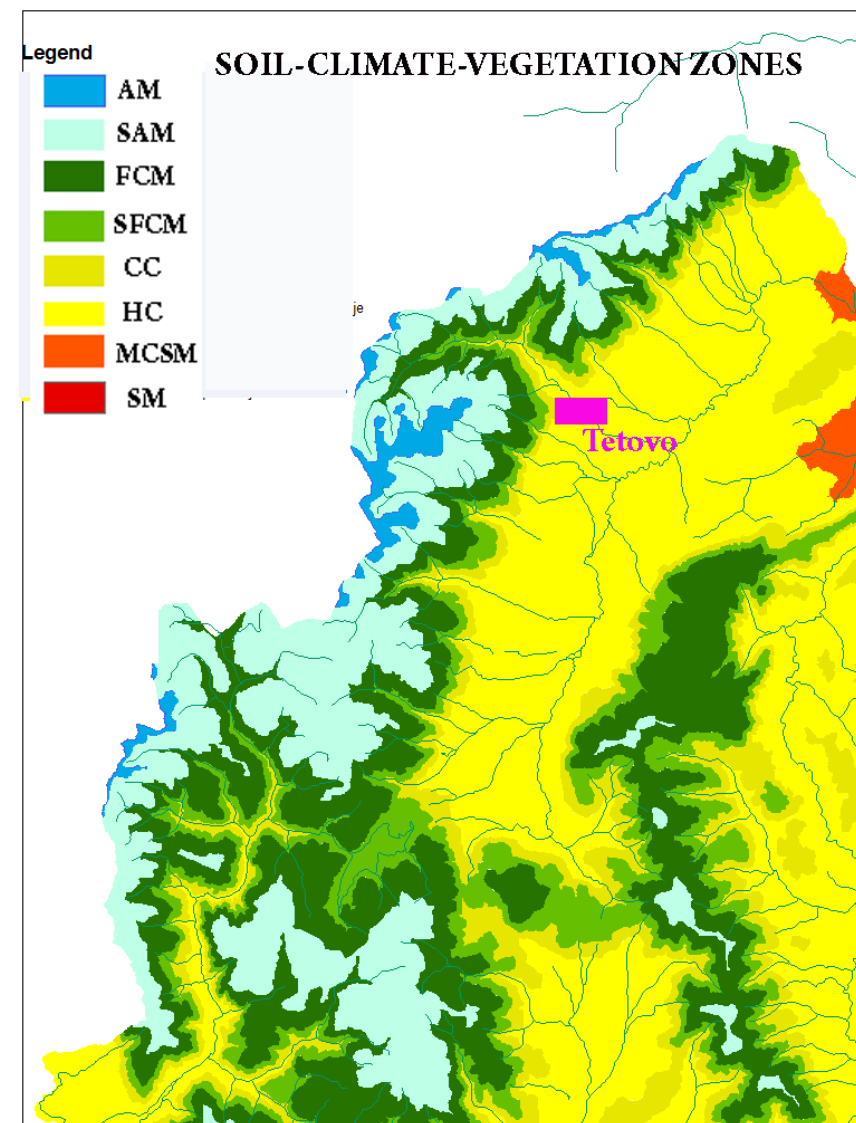


- Slopes of the Stream bed – over 30% in the mountain part,
- Partially over 50% (Poroj – Brza Voda)



Climate in Tetovo is assigned as sub-humid Climate on Popova Shapka is per-humid and the total annual sum of precipitations is slight below 1000 mm. Maximal daily precipitations in Popova Shapka were registered in November 1979 {188 mm) and few-days precipitations caused huge flooding of Tetovo (by river Pena) as well Skopje (by river Vardar).

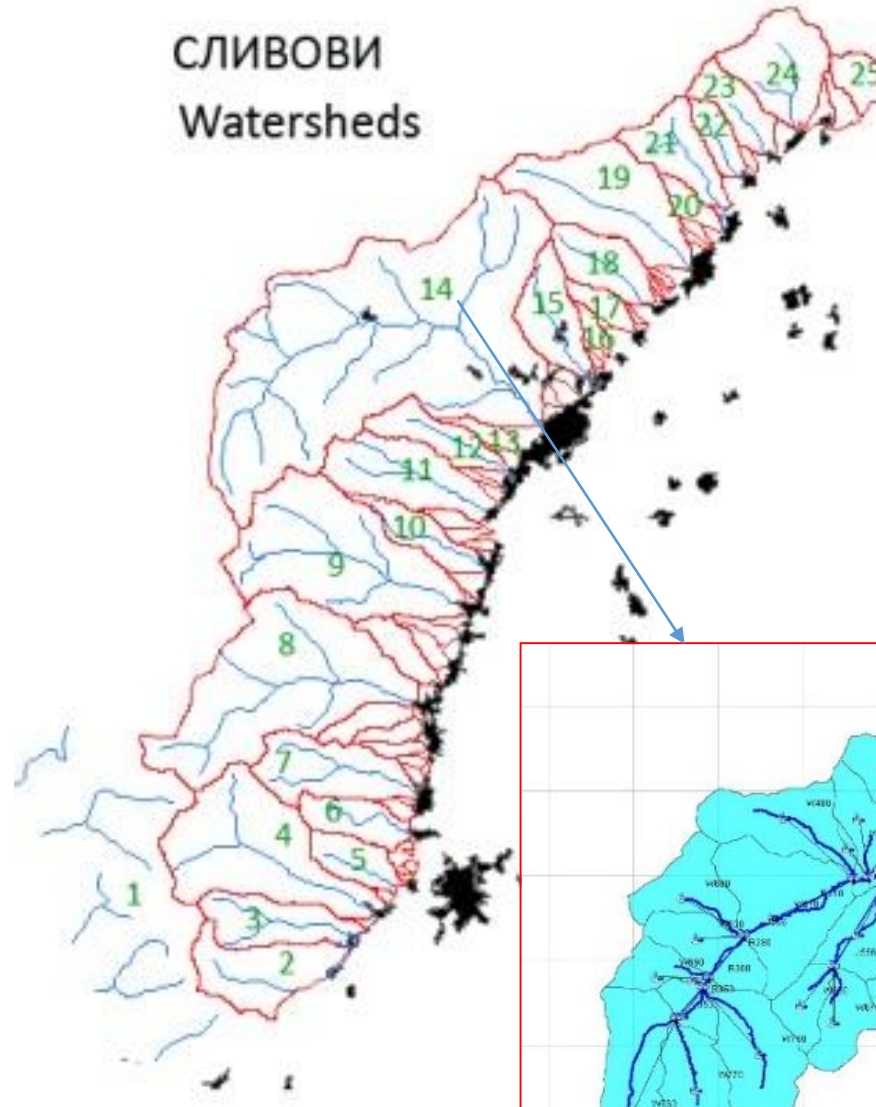
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0,1%	mm/min	3.09	2.28	1.48	1.31	1.07	0.73	0.50	0.24	0.11	0.06	0.10
	l/sec.ha	515.17	379.52	246.95	217.82	177.59	121.02	83.88	40.74	18.13	9.74	16.52
	mm	12.01	17.63	23.31	39.05	47.35	48.71	56.52	56.77	61.27	66.34	109.47
1 %	mm/min	2.40	1.76	1.17	0.98	0.79	0.54	0.38	0.19	0.09	0.05	0.08
	l/sec.ha	400.17	293.80	194.25	162.70	131.52	90.20	62.80	31.54	14.18	7.68	12.67
	mm	10.96	16.07	21.13	35.04	42.33	43.67	50.78	51.76	56.12	60.95	99.39
2 %	mm/min	2.19	1.61	1.06	0.88	0.71	0.49	0.34	0.17	0.08	0.04	0.07
	l/sec.ha	365.37	267.87	176.04	146.02	117.58	80.87	56.42	28.76	12.99	7.05	11.50
	mm	9.91	14.50	19.13	31.01	37.27	38.59	44.99	46.71	50.92	55.53	89.28
4 %	mm/min	1.98	1.45	0.96	0.78	0.62	0.43	0.30	0.16	0.07	0.04	0.06
	l/sec.ha	330.33	241.73	159.44	129.21	103.54	71.47	49.99	25.95	11.79	6.43	10.33
	mm	8.49	12.39	16.45	25.58	30.46	31.75	37.19	39.90	43.91	48.22	75.55
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	l/sec.ha	283.07	206.50	137.07	106.56	84.61	58.80	41.32	22.17	10.16	5.58	8.74
	mm	7.37	10.72	14.32	21.27	25.06	26.34	31.02	34.52	38.38	42.43	64.72
20 %	mm/min	1.47	1.07	0.72	0.53	0.42	0.29	0.21	0.12	0.05	0.03	0.04
	l/sec.ha	245.67	178.62	119.37	88.63	69.62	48.78	34.47	19.18	8.88	4.91	7.49
	mm	5.68	8.19	11.11	14.77	16.92	18.16	21.70	26.38	30.01	33.69	48.36
50 %	mm/min	1.14	0.82	0.56	0.37	0.28	0.20	0.14	0.09	0.04	0.02	0.03
	l/sec.ha	189.17	136.52	92.62	61.56	46.99	33.63	24.11	14.66	6.95	3.90	5.60





- From Shar Planina to Polog Valley run down over a hundred, minor or major waterways. Springs of the most rivers are on altitude over 2.400 m. In the most upstream part, they are composed of a network of smaller streams.
- All rivers in the Shar Mountains belong to the catchment area of the river Vardar, and most of them are it's direct tributaries. All of them have torrential character.

СЛИВОВИ Watersheds



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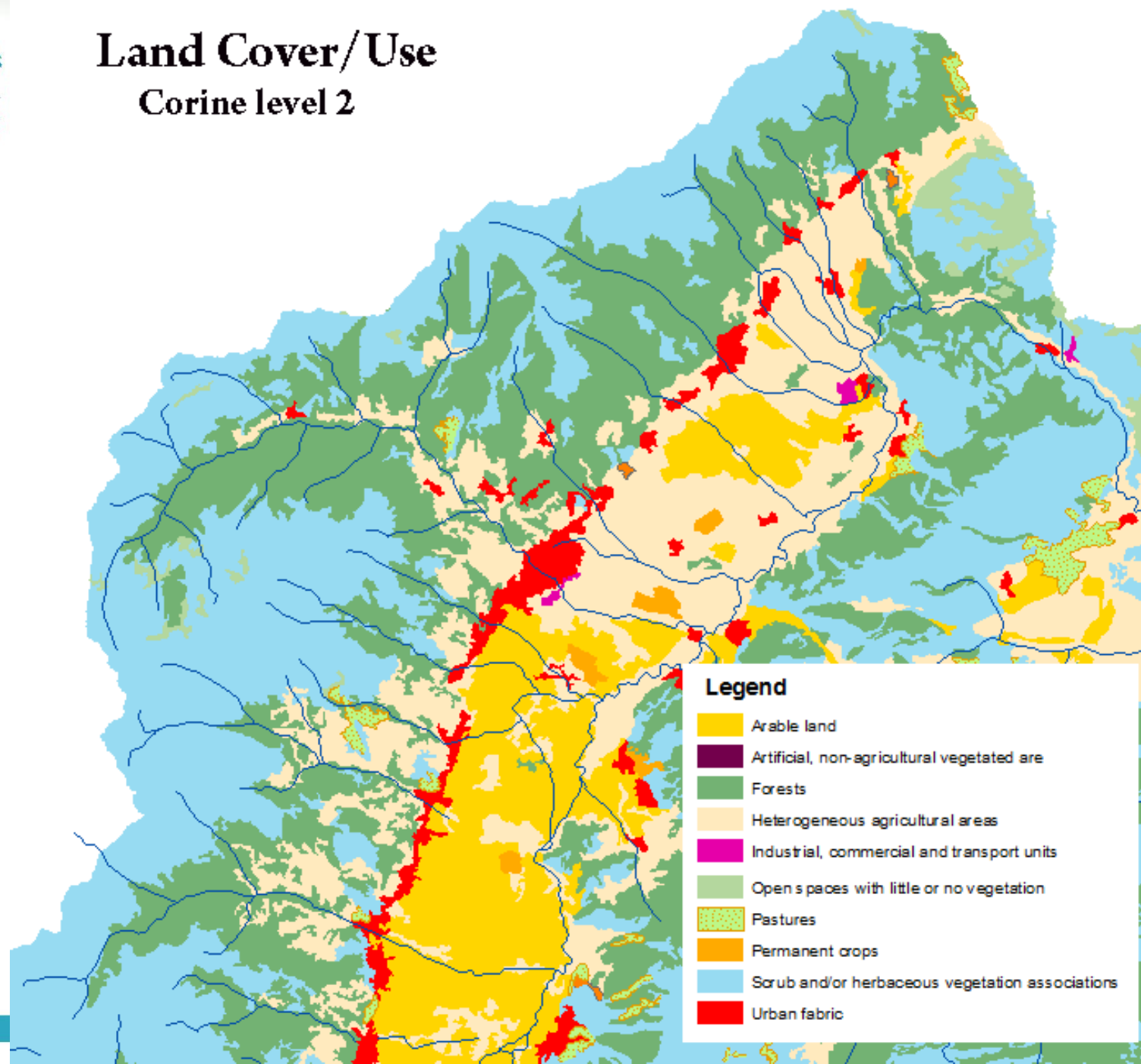
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3	Вруточка
4	Јеловјанска
5	Здуњски порој
5-6	ПС Здуње - Дебреште
6	Дебрешка
6-7	ПС Дебреште-Врашчишта
7	Врапчишки Порој
7-8	ПС Пожаране, Добри дол
8	Маздрача
8-9	ПС Градец, Пирок
9	Боговинска
10	Камењанска
10-11	ПС Камењане-Палчиште
11	Палчишка
12	Голема Речица
13	Мала Речица
14	Пена





Land Cover/Use

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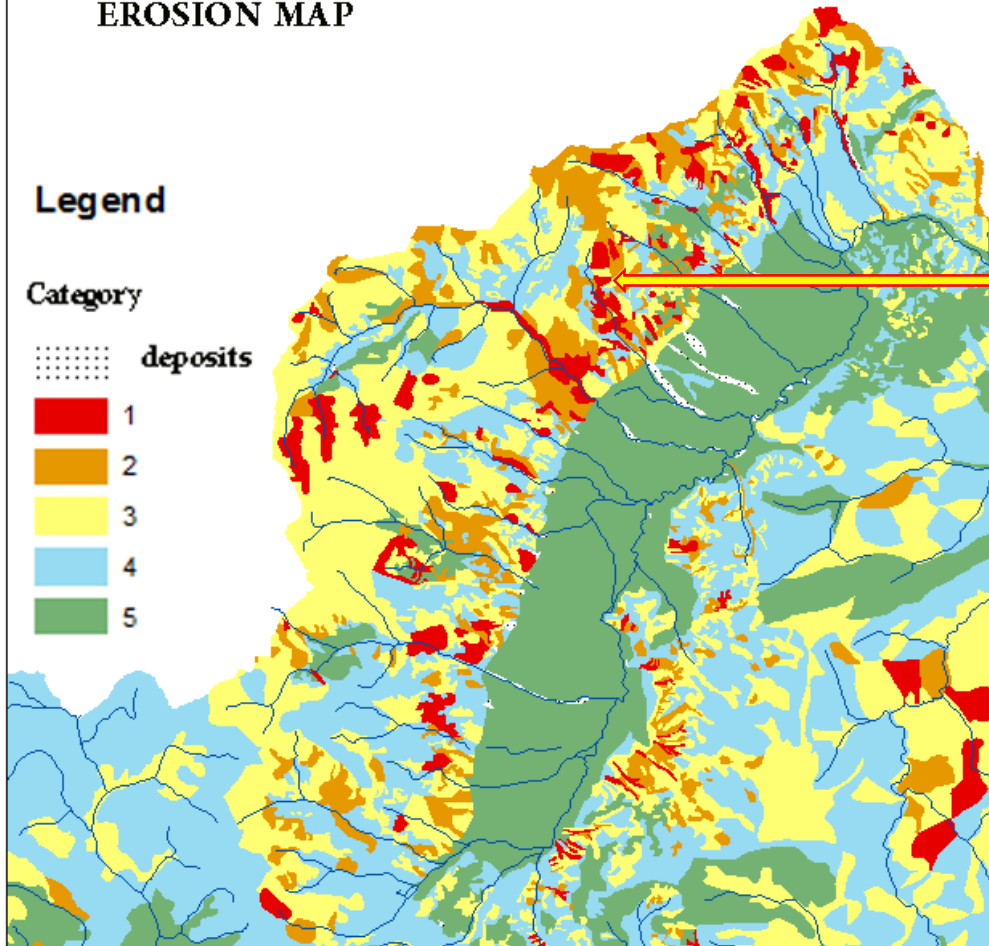
Legend

- Arable land
- Artificial, non-agricultural vegetated area
- Forests
- Heterogeneous agricultural areas
- Industrial, commercial and transport units
- Open spaces with little or no vegetation
- Pastures
- Permanent crops
- Scrub and/or herbaceous vegetation associations
- Urban fabric

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EROSION MAP



- Mean erosion coefficient in the country is $Z = 0,31$ while in Shara region is $Z = 0,54$.
- The most erosive catchment in the region is Poroj ($Z = 0,75$).
- In RM 36,5% of the territory belong to I-III category of erosion, while in the Shara region 77% belong to I-III category of erosion.



Description of processes in the torrent beds

- Taking in consideration catchment areas, length and slopes and land cover especially in the upper parts, time for concentration is so short. IN the upper part of the catchments was created the flood wave. Grassland on very shallow soil couldn't retent the water.
- Excluding river Pena, other scenarioc are very similar.
- Huge water discharge formed in the upper part cause strong fluvial erosion processes, deepening of the beds and lateral erosion. This lateral erosion process cause landfalls, landslides, and together with pluvial erosion on the slopes and rock falling was produced huge quantity of solid material into the beds. All this fluid travel downstream, somewhere the biggest boulders stop, but somewhere boulders achieve even the foot of the slopes.





Weathering and rockfalls



LANDSLIDE





DEEP GULLIES





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Fluvial erosion – Pena river



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All natural factors favorable to appearance of:

- high erosion processes,
- landfalls, rockfalls, landslides,
- Torrential character of the streams
- High peak of discharge in a short time (f.e. Shipkovice 20 minutes)
- Debris flows



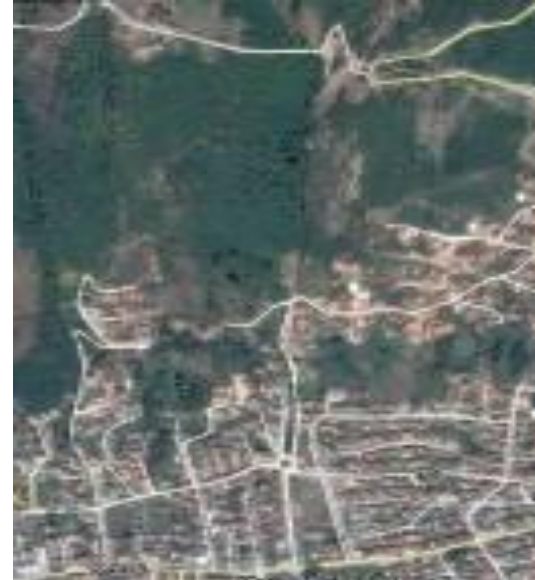
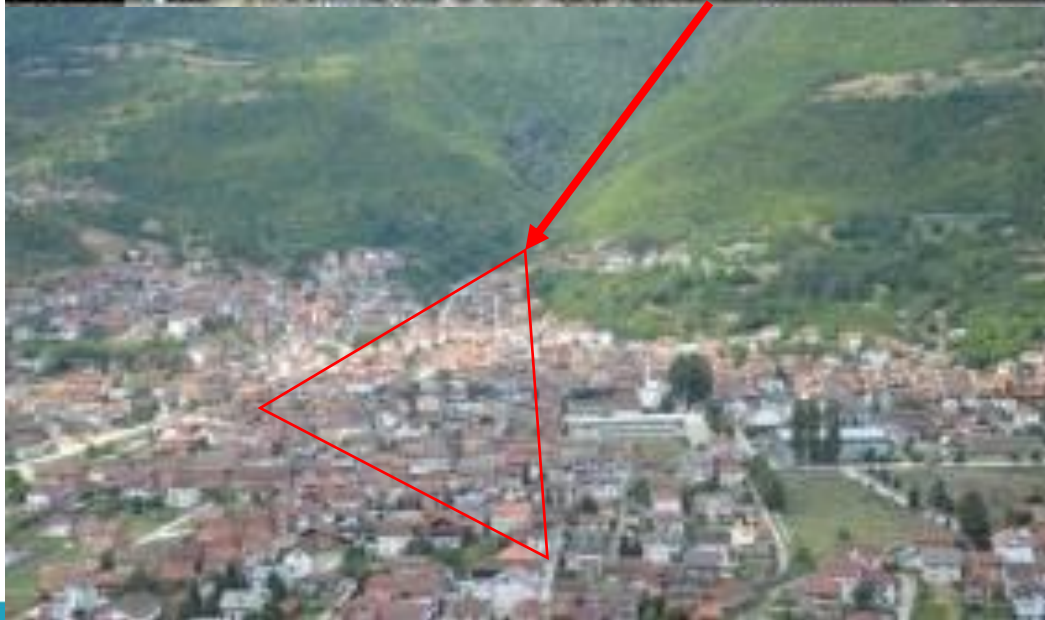


Socioeconomic aspects

- Land management activities (insignificant changes)
- Urbanism (location of the settlements)
- Construction activities (bridges??)
- Urban plans, hazard/risk maps
- WASTE (various types of waste into the torrent bed)
- Torrent control works in past



Location of settlements (on the alluvial fans)





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No Urban Plans for villages
Structures close to the bed
or into the bed and
hazardous area.

No Hazard map
(multy-hazard map is
unknown word in the
institutions).

Absence of knowledge and
No Awareness



BRIDGES

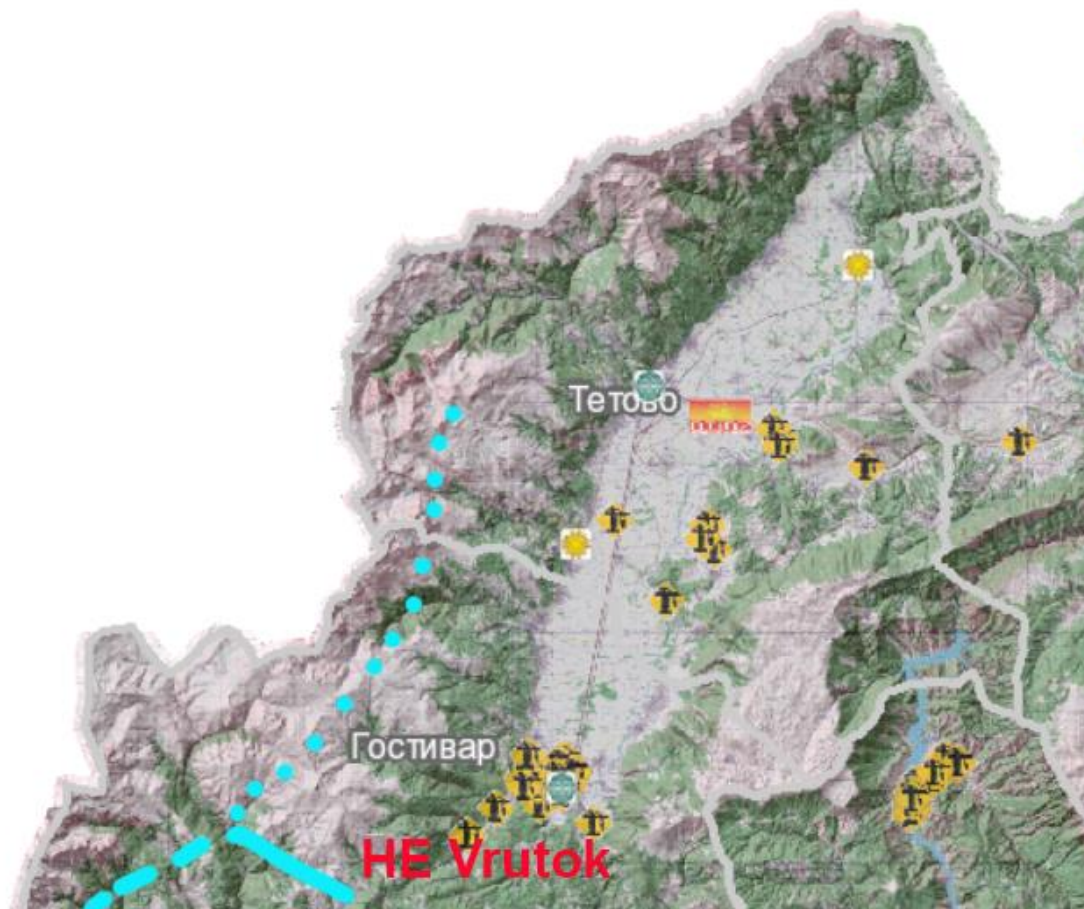
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Channel (Shraski vodi) for HE



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Torrent control works

- The first works started in the 30's after the big flood in river Pena and torrent Poroj. No exact data for other torrents.
- After the big flood in the region in the 1979 when significant part of the previous structures were destroyed, started new torrent control works.
- Irakli Herheuldize (ex USSR – Georgia) visited the region and recommended screw-dams (наносоуловители).
- In the Pena river bed – system of 6 screw-dams
- In the Poroj torrent bed – system of 4 screw-dam (destroyed later)
- In Neproshtenska torrent bed – 1 screw dam
- Screw-dams in Poroj due to construction direct on field (not enough strength of the construction) were fully destroyed in any previous debris flow.
- Screw-dams in Pena were built with concrete parts produced in factory however due to huge force of the fluid were damaged (the 1 – highest is almost fully destroyed, and nr.3 significantly damaged),





Torrent control in the past





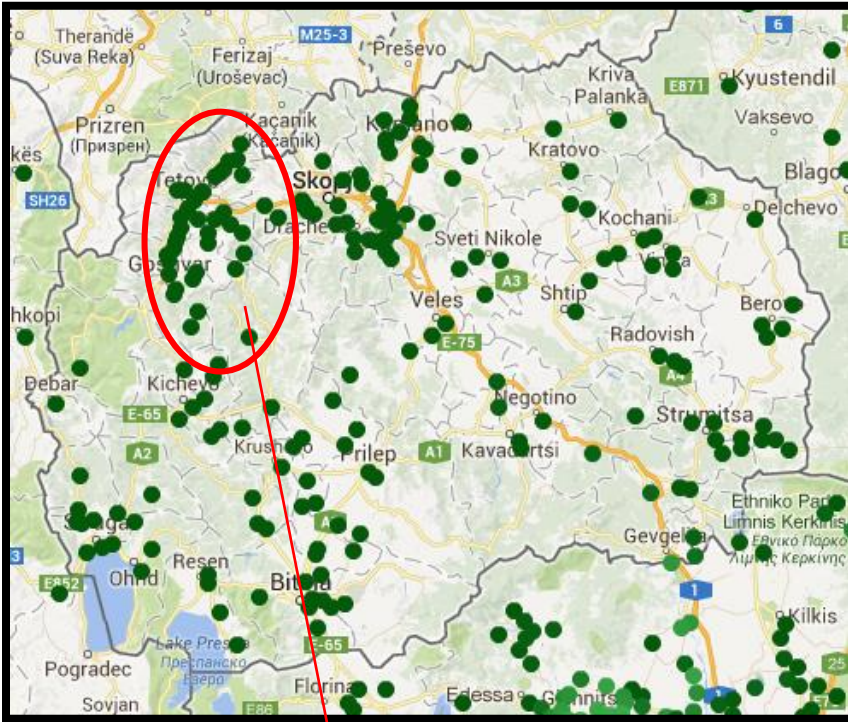
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Past floods in the region



- In November 1979 happened floods in the whole country including in this region. City of Tetovo was significantly affected by river Pena.
- In the chronicles is mentioned big flood in the 30' of the XX century.
- “Poroj” – the most significant torrent in the country – big floods 1932?, 1979, . Various floods – 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2015, 2016,2017.....

Personal memories – floods and huge sediments in the 70's and 80's

All region is permanent affected by various type of floods by torrents or by river Vardar.

Flood control is the biggest challenge of the municipality administration.





Climatologically situation before and during the event

- July 2015 characterize with long dry period without precipitations and very high temperature that in the lower parts achieve over 35°C. This climatic situation influenced the soil structure. Soil was dry, materials that improve soil structures evaporated and soil particles became incoherent. It means that rainfalls easily can displaced soil particles.
- On the critical day 3rd August, happened storm over the highland on the Shara Mountain. Air mass traveled from the Adriatic Sea, cooled and condensed on the mountain and storm event occupied this area.
- Precipitation station in Tetovo in the valley registered only 9 mm. On the other hand station located in Jazince (north from Tetovo) registered 50 mm for 24 hours.
- According to the local people (shepherds) storm duration on the mountain was 2 hours, firstly no intensity rainfalls and then high intensity rainfalls. Probably duration of the high intensity rainfalls was between 60-90 minutes.
- If we accept intensity of 1 mm/min total rainfalls would be between 60-90 mm On the other hand using pluviometric gradient (1mm/30 m) then Jazinnce is located on 900 masl, on the mountatin 2000 masl. Altitude difference is 1100 m or 36 mm. Then $50+36 = 86$ mm rainfalls on the mountain.
- Without exact data because Popova Shapka station was out of use as well as the new automatic stations hasn't operate yet, and the radar was shut of (to avoid electric shocks because of storm event) this is only assumption and is uncertain.





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DESCRIPTION OF THE MOST CATASTROPHIC CASES

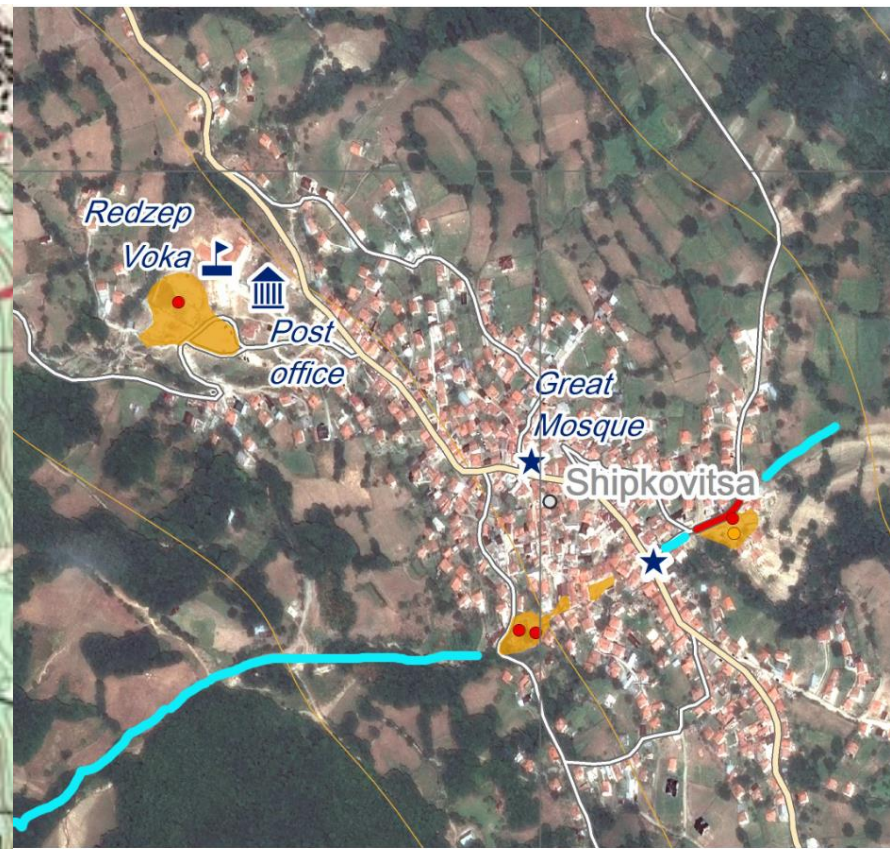
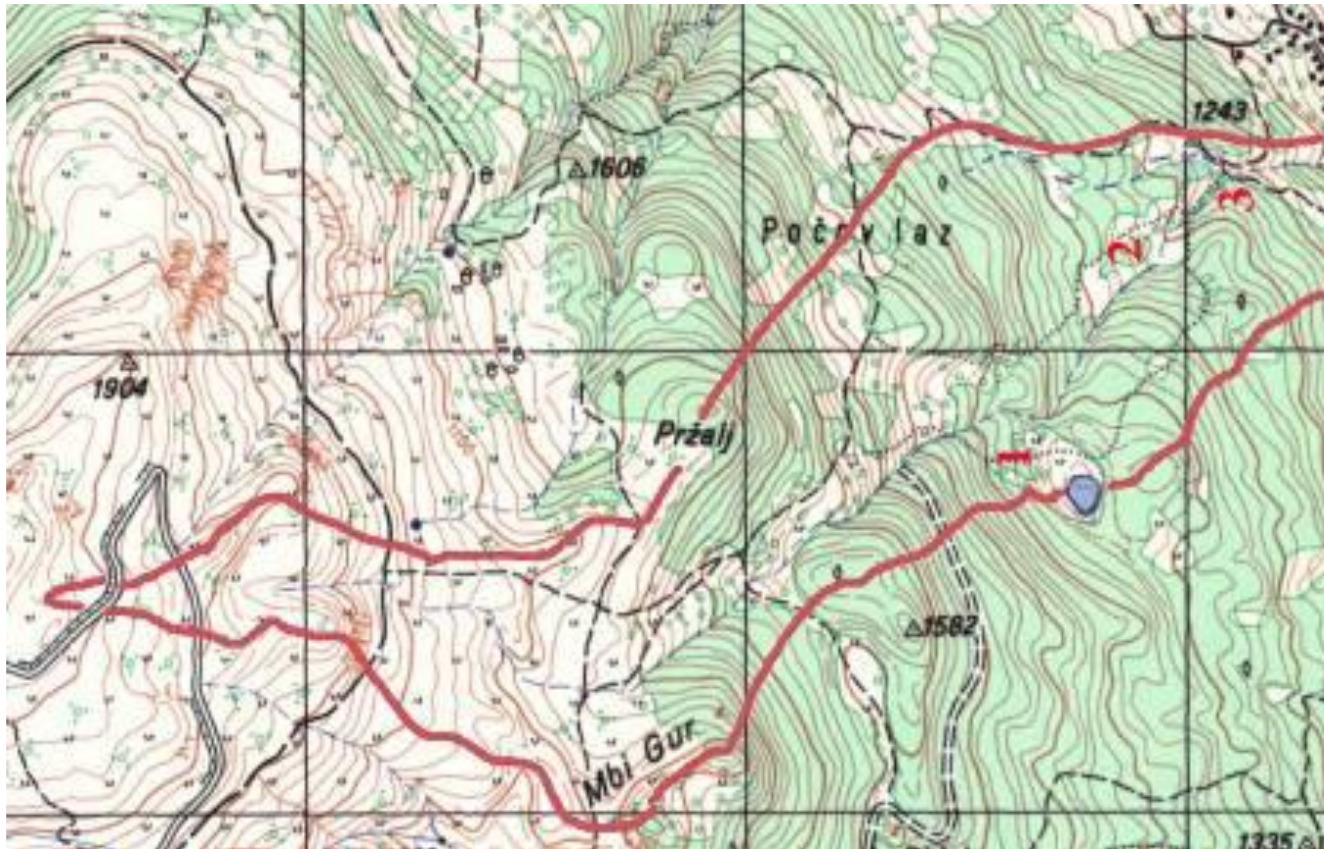
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Shipkovica – 4 fatalities

- Total catchment area – $A = 160 \text{ ha}$ ($1,6 \text{ km}^2$)
- Forest cover - 50 %, dense beech forest, other high mountain grasslands
- Forming flood wave on the upper part of the watershed, then intensive fluvial erosion in the main torrent bed





2 - Comparison of land cover - 2002 vs. 2014 - whole region and Shipkovica r



Figure 45 - Gully into dense forest



Figure 46 - Gully on the grassland (section 1-2)



deep gully (cca 300 m upstream of the village) - (3)



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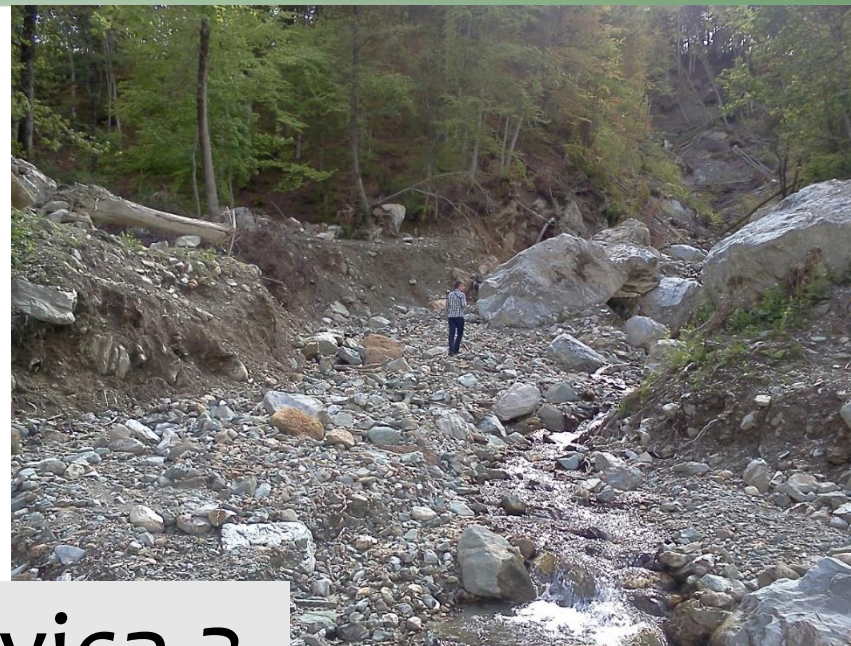
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Shipkovica 3





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Mala Recica 2 fatalities



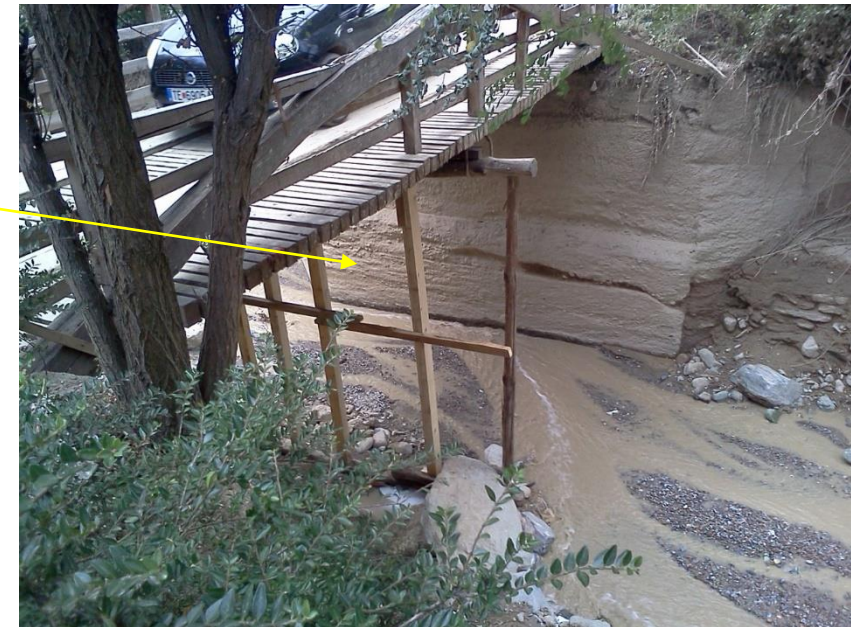


Village Poroj

no one house in hazard area

- Catchment area – 1200 ha, 1b >20%, up to 50% altitude from 480 – 2375 masl
- 50% forest cover
- High mountain grasslands, meadows, agriculture area
- Floods - 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2015, 2017





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZvFwV1msaU>



PENA river





Pena river



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Type of torrents according to Aulitzky classification

	I criteria – hazard along the cone, fan,				II criteria – Generic classification regarding erosion processes		
Name	Bed Slopes %	Debris/ Sediments	Viscosity	Final classification	Surface erosion scour	Surface erosion lateral	Embankment failure
Shipkovic torrents	23	Up to big boulders	Non-Newtonian	Debris flow torrent	yes	yes	yes
Poroj	22	Up to big boulders	Non-Newtonian	Debris flow torrent	yes	yes	yes
Golema Recica	21	Up to big rocks	various	Debris flow/ Debris flood torrent	yes	yes	yes
Mala Recica	22	Up to big rocks	various	Debris flow/ Debris flood torrent	yes	yes	yes
Pena (with barrages)	16	Fine clay to rocks	Newtonian viscous mass	Debris flood/ torrential river	yes	yes	yes





TORRENT INDEX (by Aulytzki)

	Shipkovica	Poroj	Golema Recica	Mala Recica	Pena
Maximum grain volume of recent eroded material	>1 m ³ 4 points	>1 m ³ 4 points	>1 m ³ 4 points	>1 m ³ 4 points	0,01-0,2m ³ 2 points
Maximal thickness of the debris layer	>1m 4 p.	>1m 4 p.	0.5-1m 3 p.	0.5-1m 3 p.	0.5-1m 3 p.
Inclination of the debris cone domain	>15% 4 p.	>15% 4 p.	2-7% 2 p.	2-7% 2 p.	<2% 1 p.
Present vegetation cover on the basin	Meadows up, birch bellow 2,5 p	Meadows up, birch bellow 2,5 p	Meadows up, birch bellow 2,5 p	Meadows up, birch bellow 2,5 p	Meadows up, birch bellow 2,5 p
Are the erosional features and surface on the debris cone domain	Debris ridges and features with coarse blocks – 4p.	Debris ridges and features with coarse blocks – 4p.	Poorly defined depositional features 3 p.	Poorly defined depositional features 3 p.	Poorly defined depositional features 3 p.
The discharge situation on debris cone is	Blocking structures that inhibit flow - 4p.	With blocking structures that inhibit flow - 4p.	With blocking structures that inhibit flow - 4p.	With blocking structures that inhibit flow – 4p.	With blocking structures that inhibit flow – 4p.
Total points	22,5	22,5	18.5	18.5	15.5
Torrent index	3.75	3.75	3.09	3.09	2.58
Description	Most endangered	Most endangered	Most endangered	Most endangered	Most endangered





Characterization of the torrent type

	Shipkovic	Poroj	Golema Recica	Mala Recica	Pena
Debris flow and flood have in the past	Caused considerable devastation in the old community – 4p	Caused considerable devastation in the old community – 4p	Cause devastation of newly buildings along the torrent - 2p	Cause devastation of newly buildings along the torrent - 2p	Caused considerable devastation in the old community – 4p
Potential maximum one-day precipitations	100-150 mm 2 p.	100-150 mm 2 p.	100-150 mm 2 p.	100-150 mm 2 p.	100-150 mm 2 p.
Location an potential debris volume in the upper part of the catchment	Large debris source separated by open gorge channel – 3p	Large debris source separated by open gorge channel – 3p	Closes debris source separated by flat torrent reach - 2p.	Closes debris source separated by flat torrent reach - 2p.	Closes debris source separated by flat torrent reach - 2p.
Role of unrooted trees or logs in debris flow/flood	Single trees and swamps reach torrent - 3 p	Single trees and swamps reach torrent - 3 p	Single trees and swamps reach torrent - 3 p	Single trees and swamps reach torrent - 3 p	Only branches can reach torrent bed – 1p
Water storage potential of the bedrock and surficial material	Inclined shale-marl units 2 p.	Inclined shale-marl units 2 p.	Inclined shale-marl units 2 p.	Inclined shale-marl units 2 p.	Inclined shale-marl units 2 p.
Total points	14	14	11	11	11
Torrent index 2	2.8	2.8	2.2	2.2	2.2
Description	Torrent with potential for debris flow	Torrent with potential for debris flow	Potential for bedload transport	Potential for bedload transport	River (Creek) with flood potential





Recent torrent control works

- Only regulation of the torrent in the urban area in the valley
- No upstream measures nor hydraulic nor biotechnical.

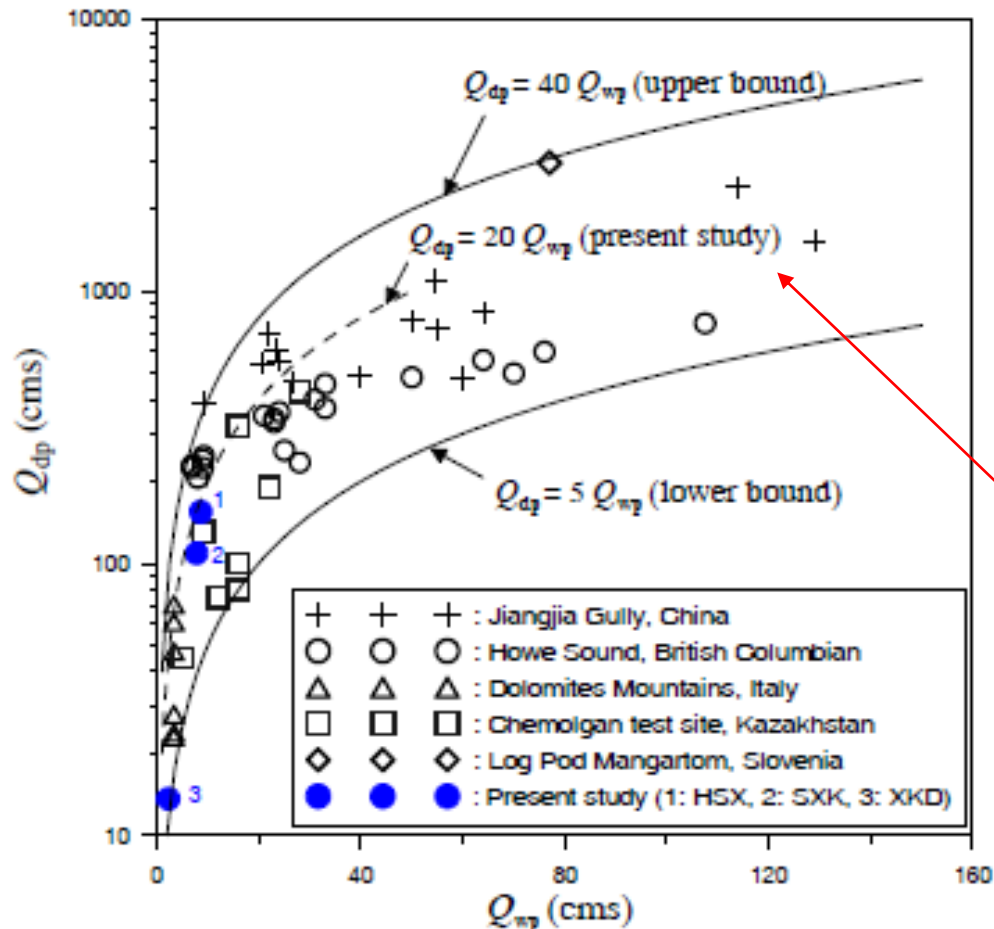


DECEPTION of VOTERS before ELECTIONS
ENGINEERING DOUBT – Absence of knowledge



Debris flow discharge vs Water flow Discharge - Q_{dp} vs Q_{wp}

- Definitely, the debris flow discharge differ from water flow discharge. The debris-flow discharge is an important variable when designing debris-flow mitigation structures such as culverts, flumes, bridges, debris-flow barriers, and check dams.



- It is very complicate to define the debris flow discharge. There are various methods.
- The relationship between Q_{dp} and Q_{wp} was widely used in engineering planning because Q_{wp} , which is related to the return period, can be easily determined by hydrologic analysis. The assumed Q_{dp} is proportional to Q_{wp} and is expressed as $Q_{dp} = cbQ_{wp}$, where cb is the discharge coefficient of the debris flow.

(J.-C. Chen and M.-R. Chuang, 2014)

$$Q_{dp} = (5 - 40) Q_{wp}$$





CONCLUSIONS

- On the critical day huge quantity of precipitations on the mountain and unfavorable natural factors of the area result in huge runoff, high peak of discharge containing a lot of debris results of erosion processes including material from landslides, weathering and non-natural debris. On the transition from mountain to the valley where are located settlements, these torrents deposited sediments and caused flooding of the area.
- Damages were increased because of inappropriate human activities too (illegal ban, throwing garbage in the bed, absence of hazard plans etc.)
- Using Aulitzky classification, these torrents are classified as debris flow or debris flood torrents. Torrent index is high and areas near then are assigned as most endangered. According to the torrent character these torrents except river Pena are assigned as torrents with potential for debris flow/ flood.
- Lack of knowledge especially difference between river and torrent hydrology in the recent period cause designing of not appropriate structures, absence of upstream measures and channel dimensions that cannot accept the flood wave.





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