

LASTOVO ISLANDS NATURE PARK**NARAVNI PARK LASTOVSKO OTOČJE**

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ABSTRACT

On September 29, 2006, Croatian Parliament proclaimed "Lastovo Islands" Nature Park a protected area, which makes it eleventh Nature Park in Croatia. The Nature Park embraces 44 islands, islets and rocks (the biggest among them being Lastovo and Sušac), covering a total land area of 53 km² and a total sea area of 143 km², with the lighthouses Sušac, Tajan, Glavat and Struga located on its borders. The WWF has declared this territory one of the last ten biodiversity treasures of the Mediterranean Sea.

The Lastovo Islands were declared a Nature Park due to their mystic beauty, immense landscape value, thick forests and fertile fields rich with ponds, high coastal cliffs, land and sea caves, numerous rare sea and land species and habitats.

The article also refers to the activities that this MPA is currently undertaking in order to better conserve the biological and cultural heritage of the archipelago.

IZVLEČEK

Dne 29. septembra 2006 je hrvaški parlament razglasil Naravni park Lastovsko otočje zavarovano območje. Ta naravni park, ki je enajsti na Hrvaškem, obsega 44 otokov, otočkov in čeri (največja med otoki sta Lastovo in Sušac) s skupno kopensko površino 53 km² in skupno morsko površino 143 km². Na park mejijo svetilniki Sušac, Tajan, Glavat in Struga. Svetovni sklad za varstvo narave (WWF) je razglasil to območje eno od zadnjih desetih biodiverzitetnih zakladov Sredozemskega morja.

Lastovsko otočje je bilo razglašeno za naravni park zaradi njegovih skrivnostnih lepote, izjemne krajinske vrednosti, gostih gozdov in rodovitnih polj, bogatih z ribniki, visokih obalnih klifov, kopenskih in morskih jam ter številnih redkih morskih in kopenskih vrst in habitatov.

V članku so omenjene tudi dejavnosti, ki z namenom, da se bolje zaščitijo njegova biološka in kulturna dediščina, potekajo v tem morskem zavarovanem območju.

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