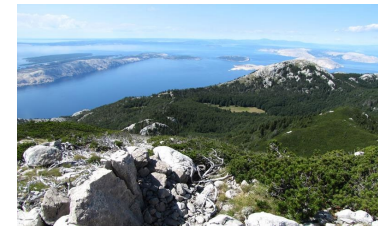


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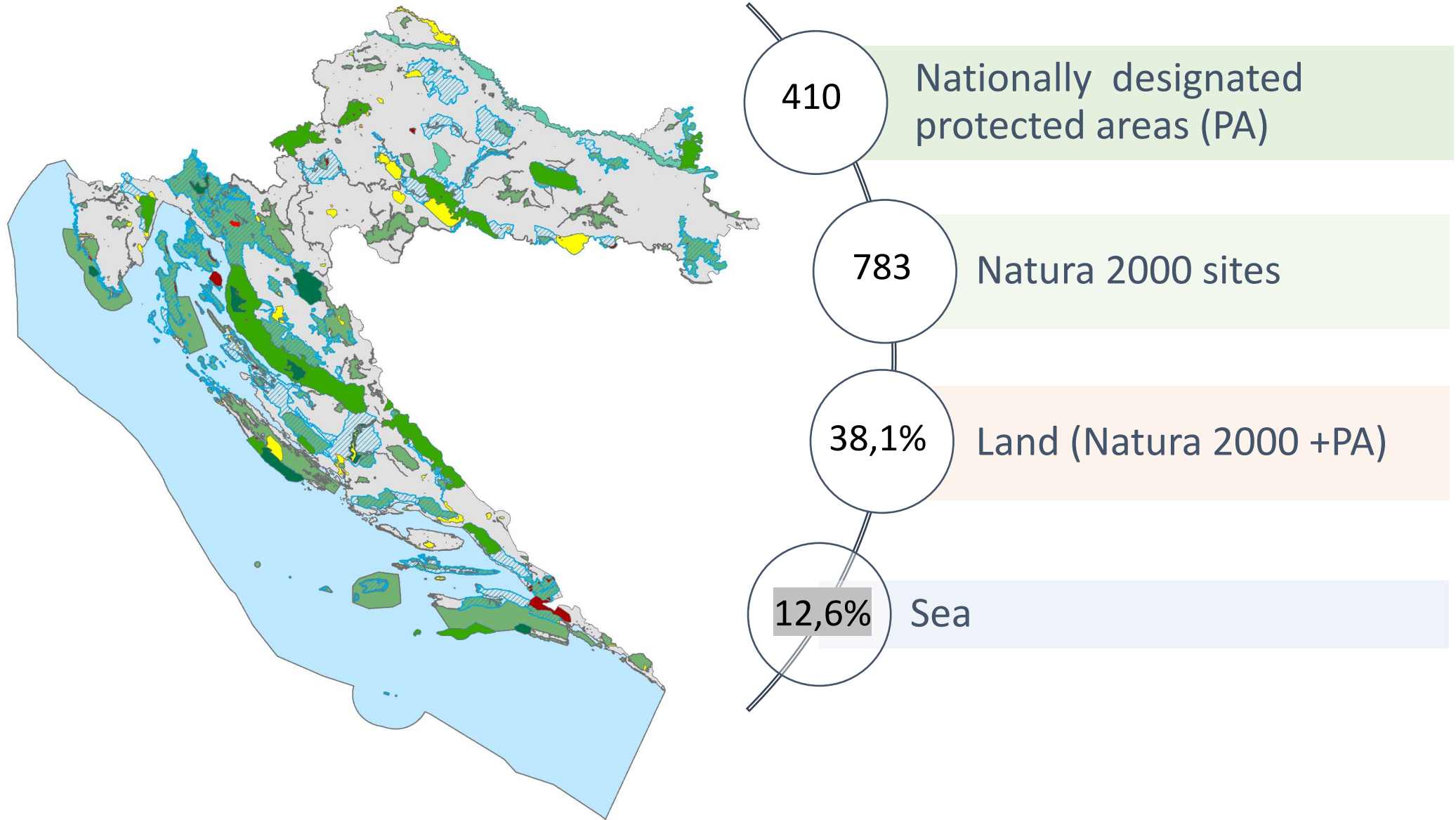
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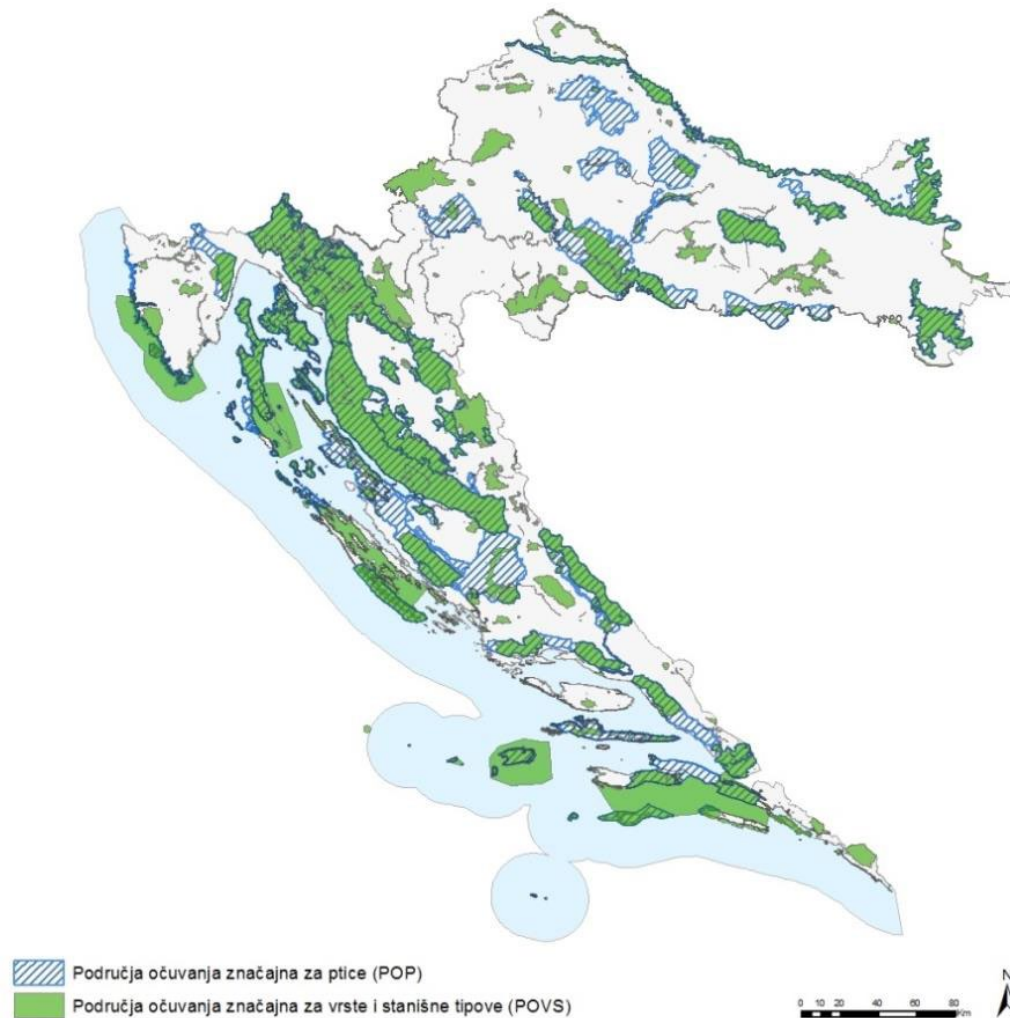
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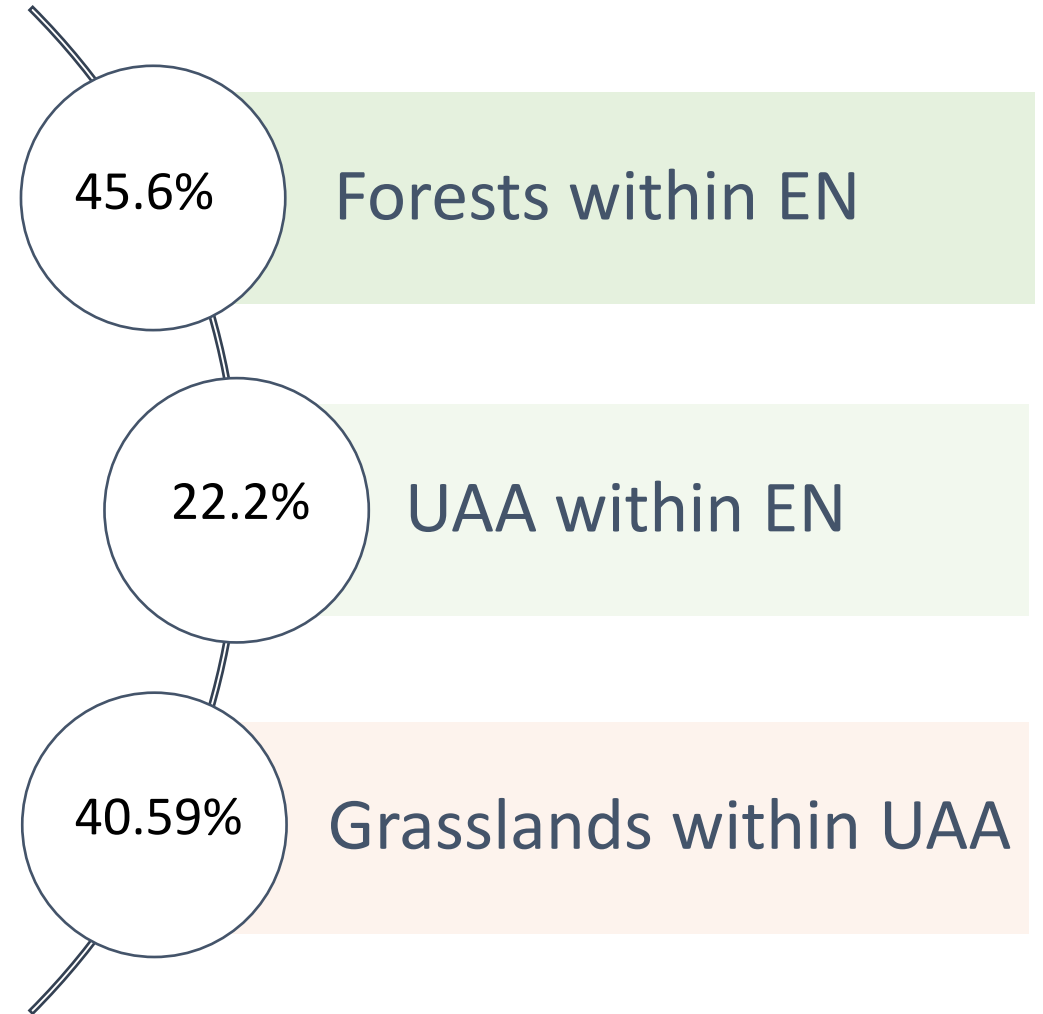
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# Ecological network Natura 2000



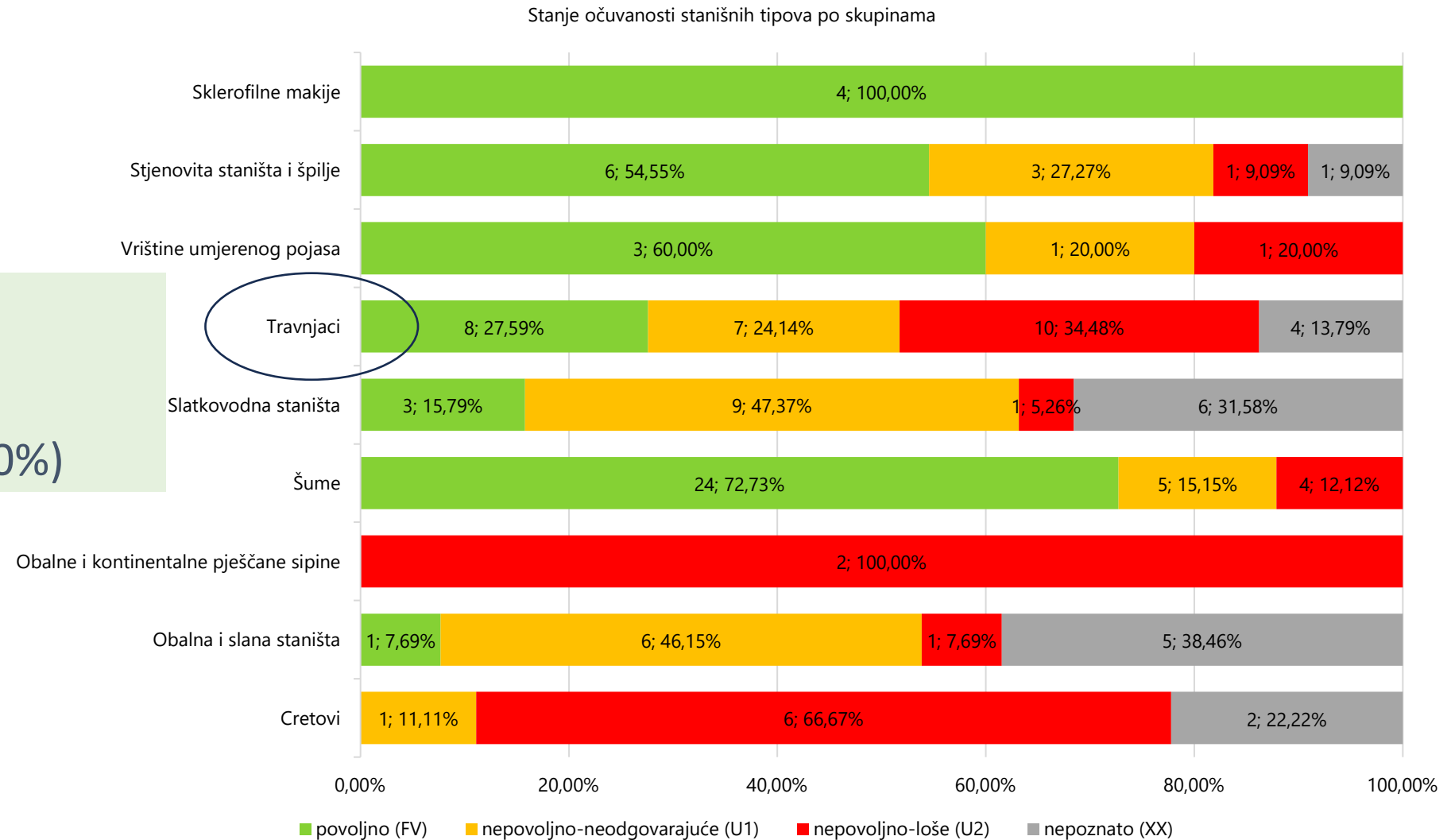
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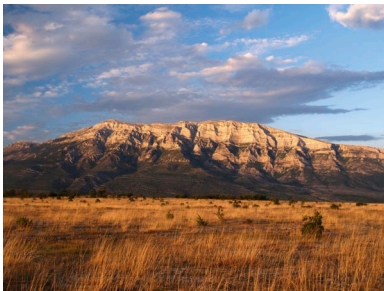
# Conservation status of habitat types, 2013-2018 (% assessments)

- large proportion of grasslands is in an unfavorable state of conservation (almost 60%)



# Pressures on grasslands

- Changes in the way agricultural land is used (e.g. conversion of grasslands to arable land)
- Increasing the intensity of agricultural production (e.g. cutting hedges and solitary trees)
- Overgrowing of abandoned grasslands
- Overgrowth of grasslands with invasive species
- Changes in the water regime of wet grasslands



# Management requirements on grasslands

## National Parks - Ordinances on protection and conservation

- For plant protection, the **use of plant protection** agents from the list of registered plant protection agents **suitable for ecological use and organic fertilizers and fertilizers used in organic production** with the corresponding certificate is **permitted**.
- Plitvice Lakes, Krka and Risnjak so far, and the others will follow...

# Management requirements on grasslands

## Ecological network Natura 2000 – Nature Protection Act

- Appropriate assessment for Natura 2000 if needed (e.g. drainage and land use change)
  - It shall be forbidden to reduce or destroy habitat of native wild species or aggravate its living conditions to an extent in which the population would become endangered
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- Unlike some other Member States, **no restrictions on agricultural activities in the Natura 2000 area**, but **instead voluntary measures** for farmers located in the Natura 2000 areas and those who decide to apply these measures can obtain additional financial support from the Strategic Plan of the Republic of Croatia.

# Thank you!

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THAT SOMEONE ELSE WILL SAVE IT.

*Robert Swan*