



What is Threatening the Drava River?



Where is the Drava River Located?

The Drava River is located in southern central Europe. With a length of 440 miles, it is the fifth longest tributary of the Danube River. The river flows eastwards through Austria into Slovenia, then turns southeast, passing through Croatia. It forms most of the border between Croatia and Hungary before it joins the Danube near Osijek.

Why is the Drava River Important?

Apart from their rich biodiversity, wetlands mitigate the negative effect of climate change and protect millions worldwide from flooding. They also purify our water, give us food, wood and biomass, and provide recreation and employment. The Danube River basin is home to globally important wetlands, including the so-called “Amazon of Europe” - the Mura-Drava-Danube Biosphere Reserve.

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The Drava River is under threat from construction of two large hydropower plants in Croatia. The proposed location of the two hydropower plant, Molve 1 and Molve 2, projects along the river with a total length of almost 19 miles. Some 80% of the wetlands of the Danube and its tributaries have already been lost over the past 150 years. Construction of the hydropower plants will destroy the most valuable part of the Drava River.

What Can You do to Help?

Support the World Wildlife Fund, as their Croatian branch is fighting the construction of these hydropower plants: www.wwfadria.org/donate/



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