

SUMMER IN CROATIA

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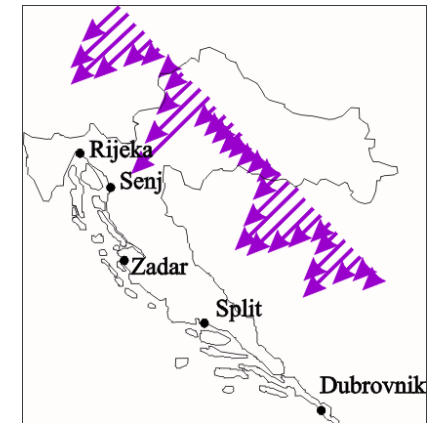
Summer is the warmest season. It lasts from the summer solstice until the next equinox. For this reason, the days at the start of summer are the longest and the nights are the shortest. At the end of summer, thus at the beginning of autumn, day and night are of equal length.

„JUGO“ – „BURA“ – „MAESTRAL“



Summer in Croatia is mainly associated with the appearance of clear and dry weather and fire activities become more common in the south of Croatia.

Onshore in the coastal area the occurrence of the „Jugo“ (warm and moist air blowing from the southeast) which brings rainfall during summer is rare as well as the strong, gale-force coastal wind „Bura“ (dry and cold wind blowing from the northeast). More frequent in the coastal area is the „Maestral“ (blowing from the north-east and west, softening the summer sultriness)



Geomorphological parts of Croatia

- There are **three** geomorphological parts of Croatia:
 1. **the Croatian lowlands**
 2. **the Croatian plains**
 3. **the Adriatic Sea mainland coastal area of Croatia.**



Climate

- **Lowland Croatia** has a predominantly moderate, warm climate with warm summers and the average temperature for July ranging between 20°C and 22°C.
- **The Croatian plains** also have a moderate warm climate with warm and chilly summers, with some elements of continental climate, exhibiting an average temperature for July under 20°C.
- **The Adriatic Sea mainland coastal area** of Croatia has Mediterranean climate, is moderately warm with hot summers and average temperature for July ranging from 22°C to 26°C.



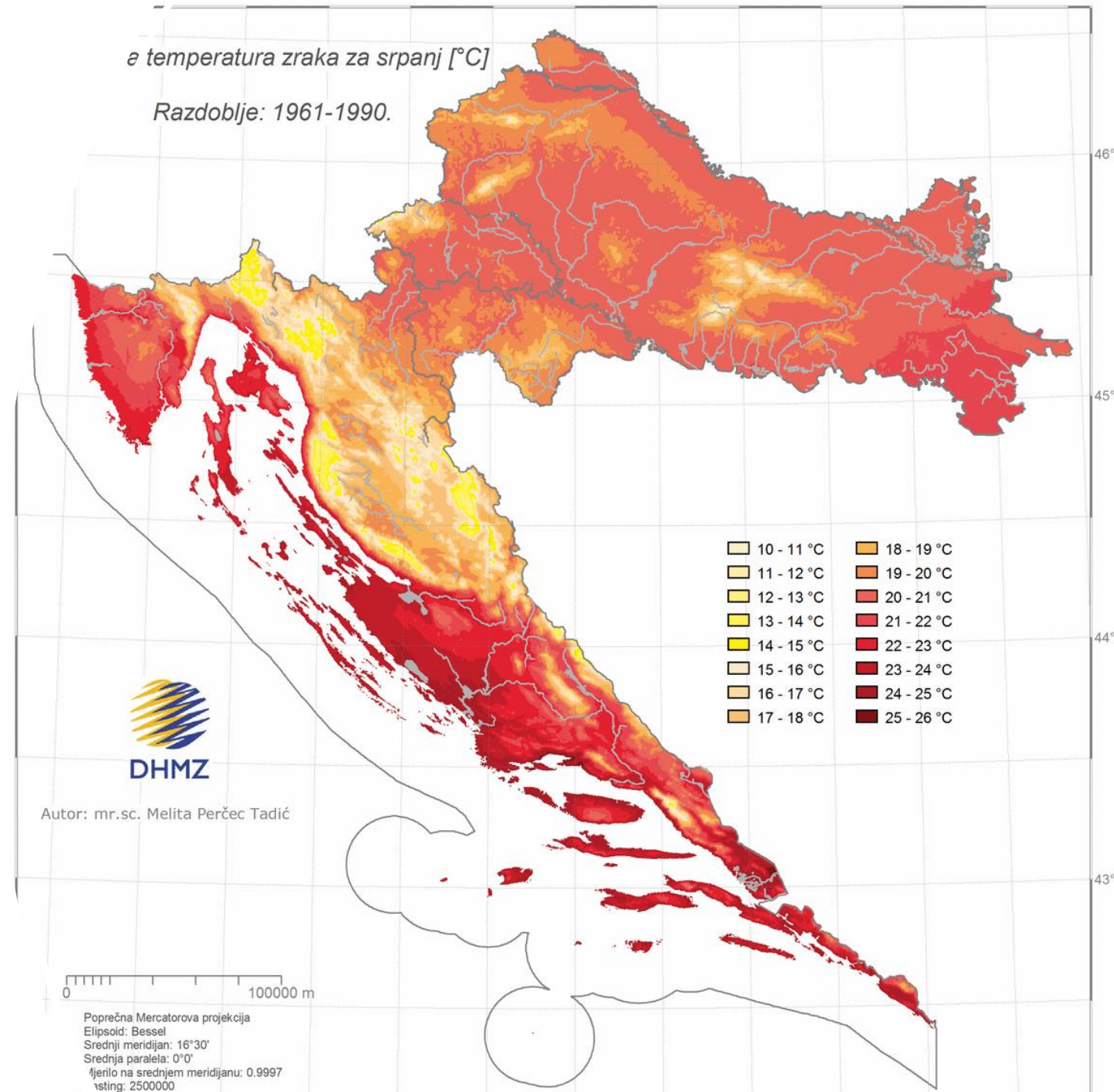
Average temperatures

The coastal area shows average temperatures for July ranging between 22°C and 26°C.

The continental parts of the country exhibit an average ranging between 17°C and 23°C.

On higher sea levels temperatures range between 10°C and 15°C.

Dry days with high temperatures are typical and cause damage to the agricultural sector.

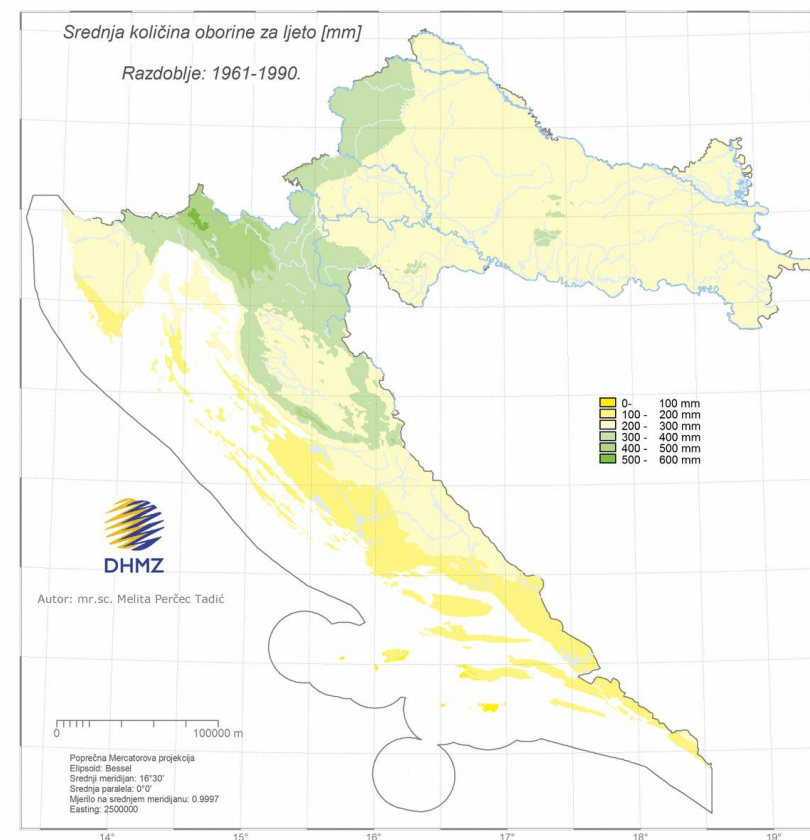


Precipitation during summer...

Precipitation during summer is not equally distributed, depending on the terrain and the distance from the sea.

Those parts of Croatia farthest east, some islands and parts of the coastal area have the lowest precipitation rates while higher positioned terrains show the highest precipitation rates (500 to 600 mm).

The lack of rainfall and great drought cause problems in the agricultural sector in areas where irrigation is not possible. Great droughts typically bring about wildfires which are frequent in the coastal area.





Wildfires during summer

- The lack of rainfall leads to drought.
- High temperatures foster great wildfires which are frequently started on purpose by irresponsible individuals.

Wildfires in 2017

- The coastal area of Croatia was affected by a series of wildfires in 2017.
- The damages were substantial and the second biggest city in Croatia, Split, was under threat.





Traditional occupations and customs during summer

- Field work
- harvesting of early grape varieties and figs



Tourist and holiday season.

Crowded streets and tourist hotspots.

Summer cuisine in Croatia...



Grilled fish



Roasted veal under the bell



Fried vegetables



„Sataras“



„Paradižot“



Cherry cake



Social events

- **Ribarske večeri** („Fishing nights”)
- folk festivals offering seafood specialities



Victory Day

- the Day of Croatian Homeland Gratitude

5th August



„Ladje“ boat marathon

- **Boat marathon (an amateur, sporting competition which involves the racing of „ladje” - vessels native to the Lower Neretva River which flows through the Republic of Croatia).**



The town Urganac on June 29

„S Tinom u Vrgorcu“

- The cultural manifestation „S Tinom u Vrgorcu“ is an international literature and art competition.
- That is when or school awards prizes in literature from the Society of Croatian Writers „**Tin Ujević**“.

