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ALL ABOARD!

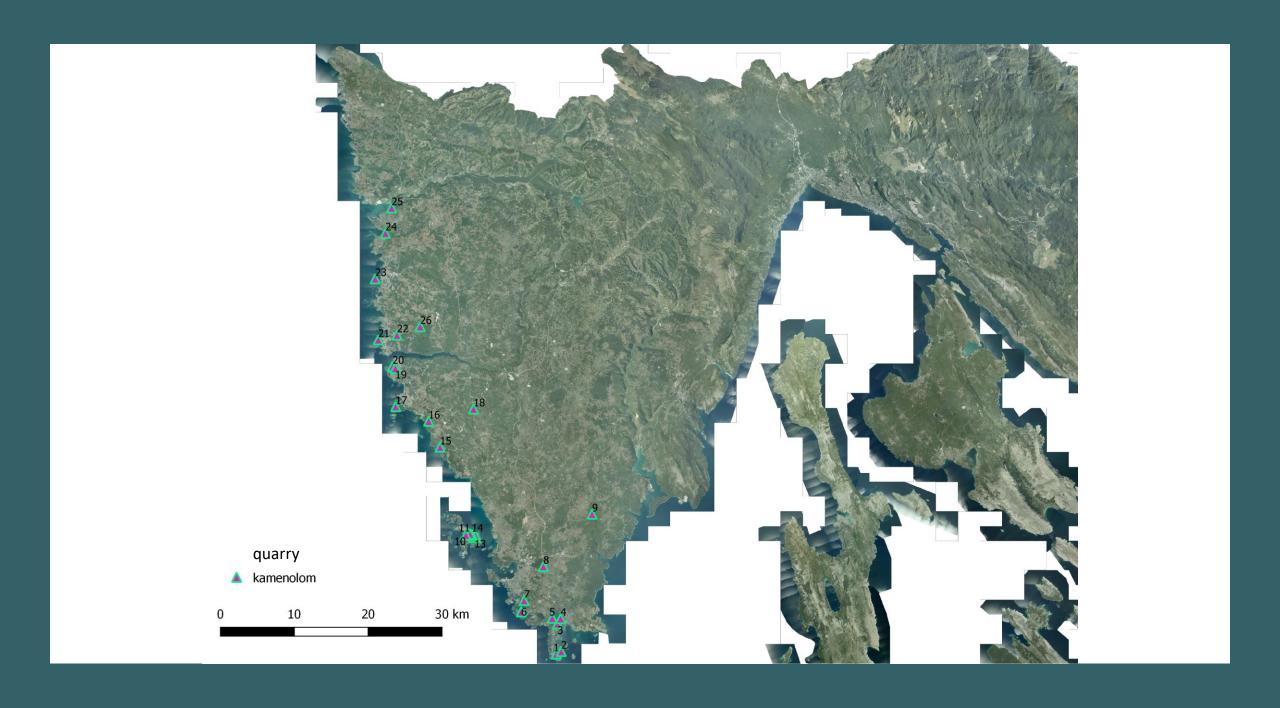
Quarries and transport in Roman Istria

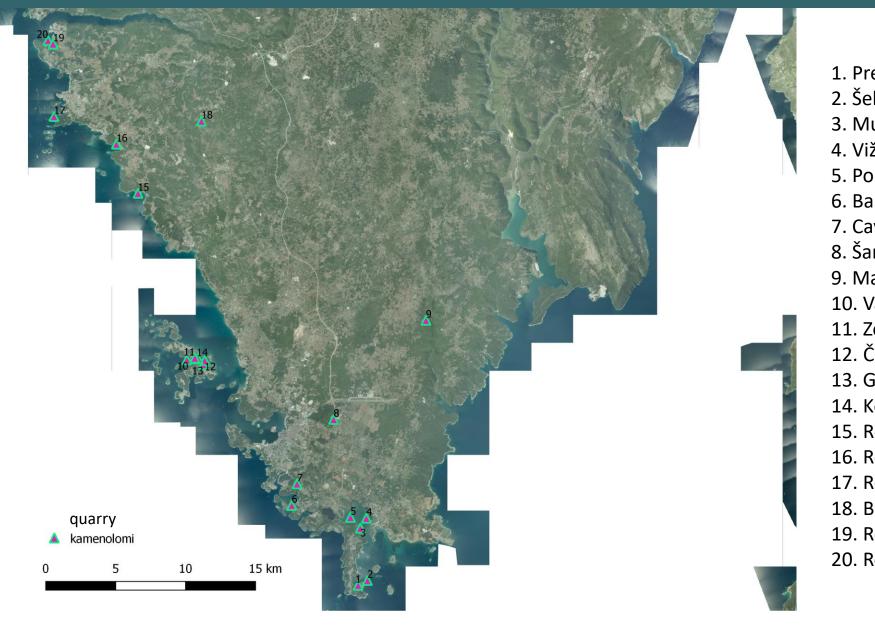












- 1. Premantura Porto Rosso
- 2. Šekovac island
- 3. Mugli cape
- 4. Vižula
- 5. Pomer Premanturski školjic
- 6. Banjole
- 7. Cave Romane
- 8. Šandalja San Daniele
- 9. Marčana
- 10. Val Madonna quarry
- 11. Zoo quarry
- 12. Čufar quarry
- 13. Gradina quarry
- 14. Koch quarry
- 15. Rovinj Sv. Damijan
- 16. Rovinj Monte delle Arni
- 17. Rovinj Montauro
- 18. Bale Skačota
- 19. Rovinj Uvala Soline
- 20. Rovinj Sv. Eufemija



21. Vrsar - Sv. Juraj

22. Vrsar - Monte Ricco

23. Poreč - Sv. Nikola

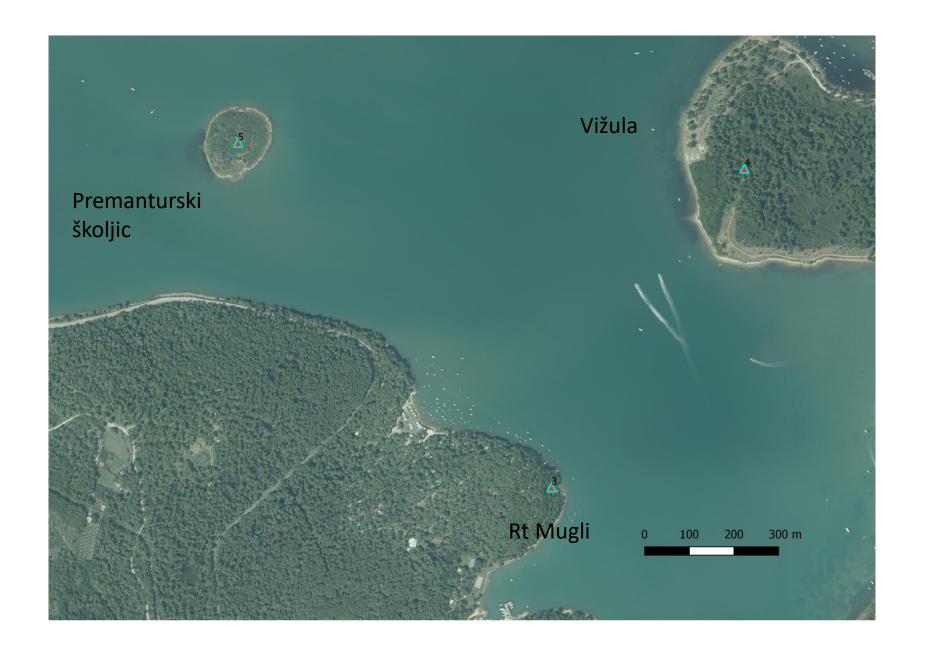
24. Poreč - Vabriga

25. Poreč - Tarska vala

26. Flengi

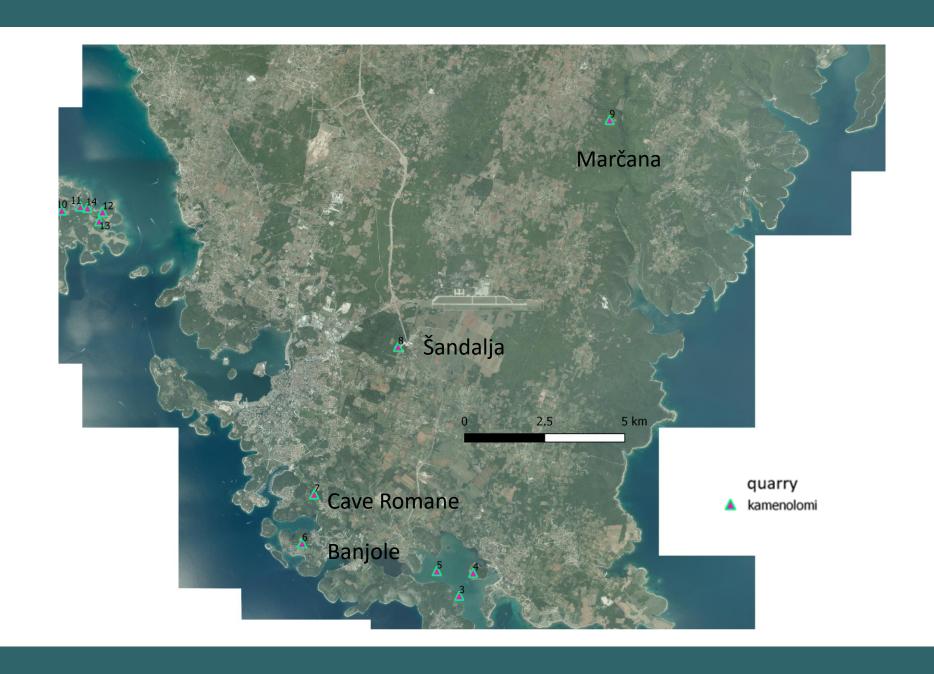




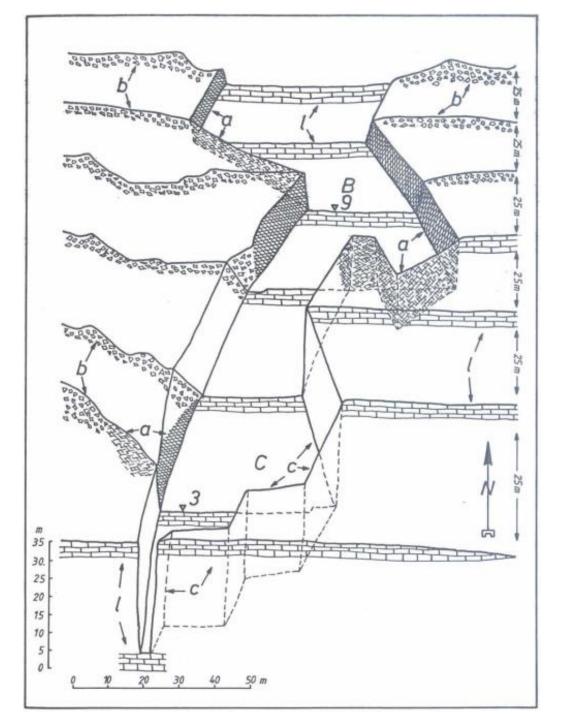












VINKURAN

B – the area of quarrying in antiquity

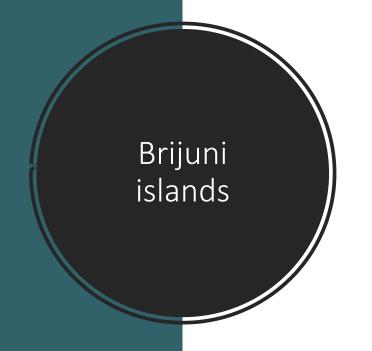
C – the now operating part of the Vinkuran quarry

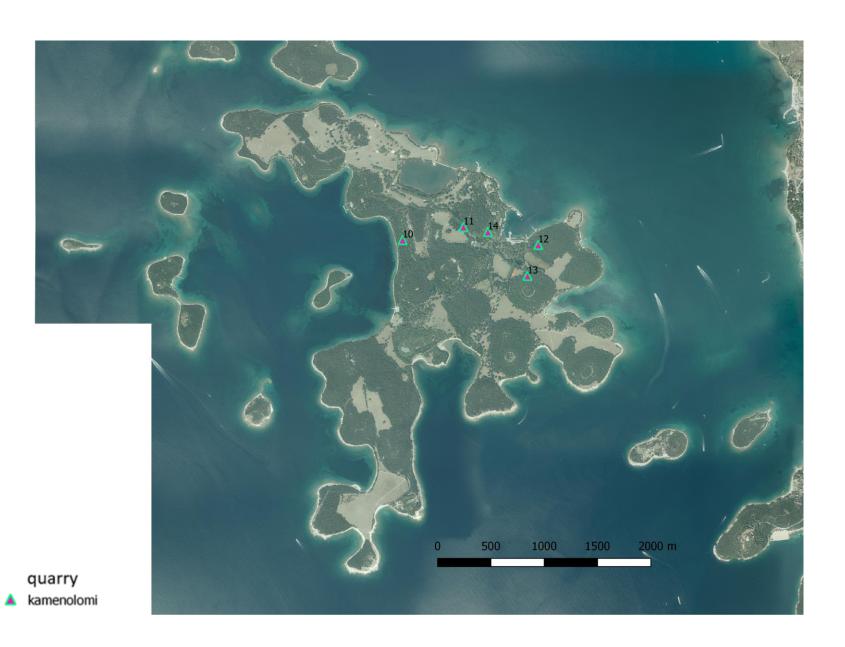
a – traces of the stone blocks quarrying in antiquity

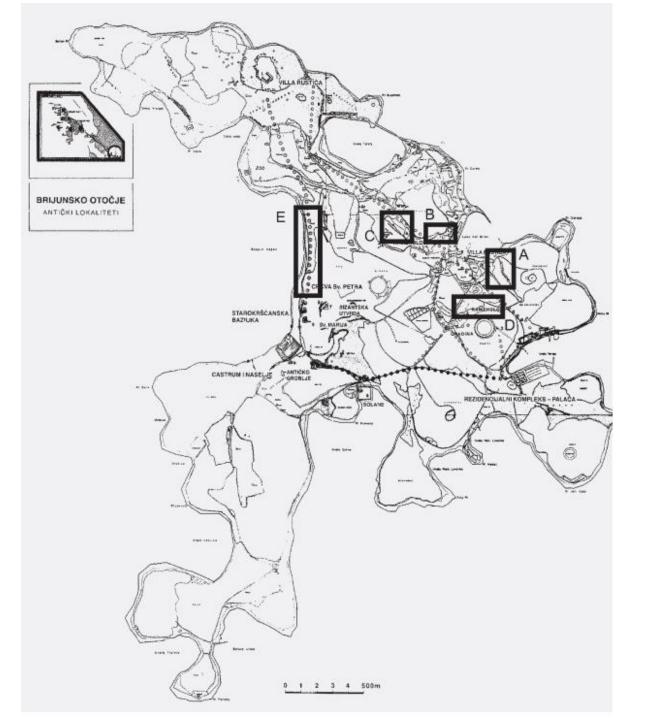
b – the waste remaining from the stone block quarried from antiquity until the present

c – the present quarry front cut by wire saw

I – quarrying potentials of rudist limestone, the spacing between profiles is 25 m







...islands, at the entrance to Pula's harbor, famous for its quarries where stone lesser than marble, but better than usual limestone is quarried..., with which the Venetians erected many buildings...

Antoine de Ville

A – Čufar quarry

B – Koch quarry

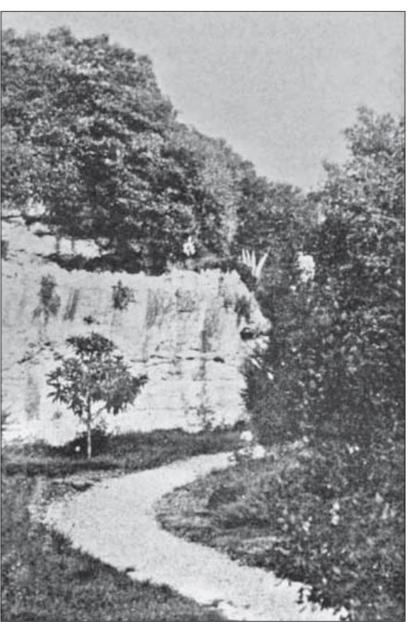
C – ZOO quarry

D – Gradina quarry

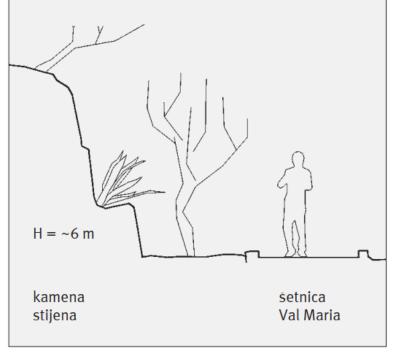
E – Val Madonna quarry

Čufar quarry; around 1910. & 1952.



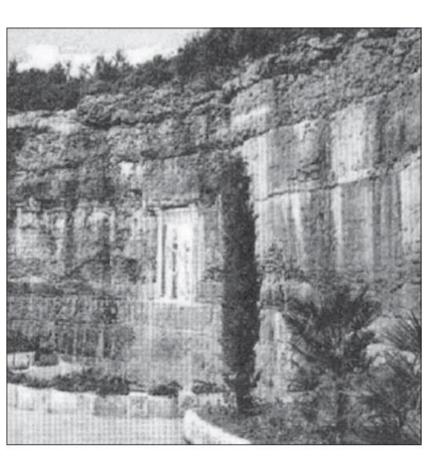


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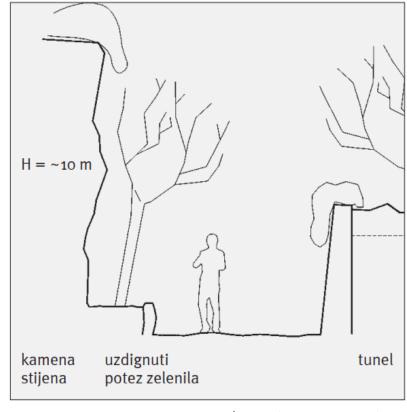


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Koch quarry; unknown; around 1910.



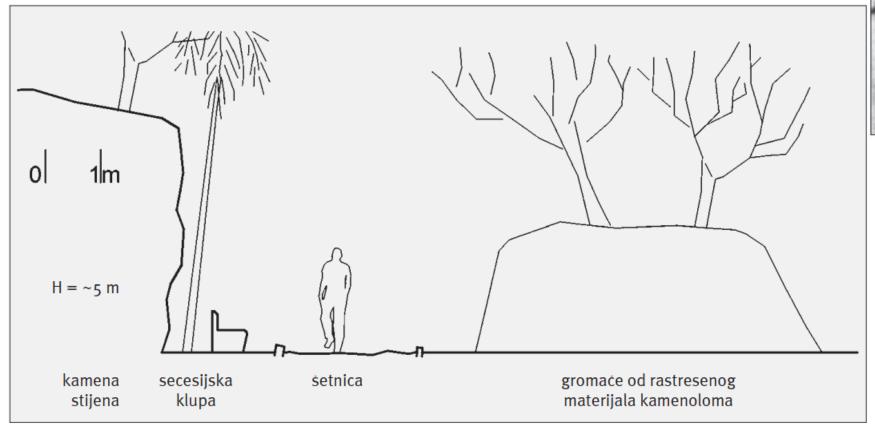




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Gradina quarry; unknown

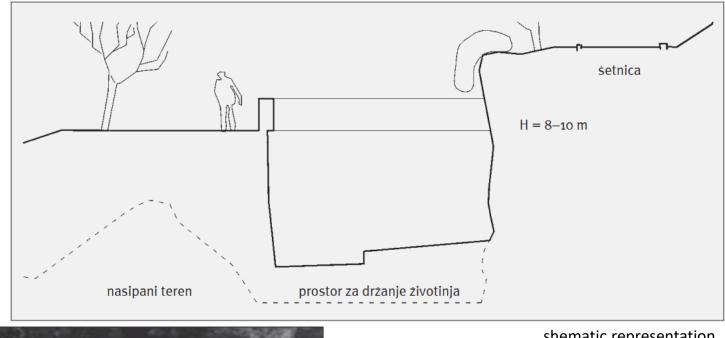
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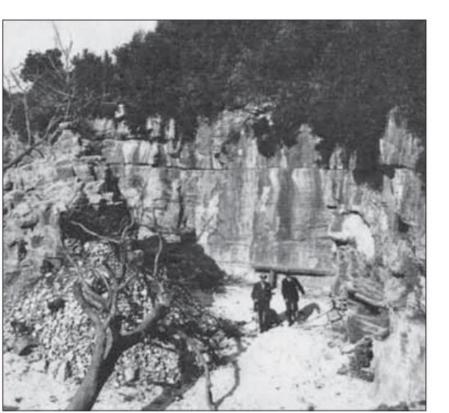




ZOO quarry;

1911; 1984





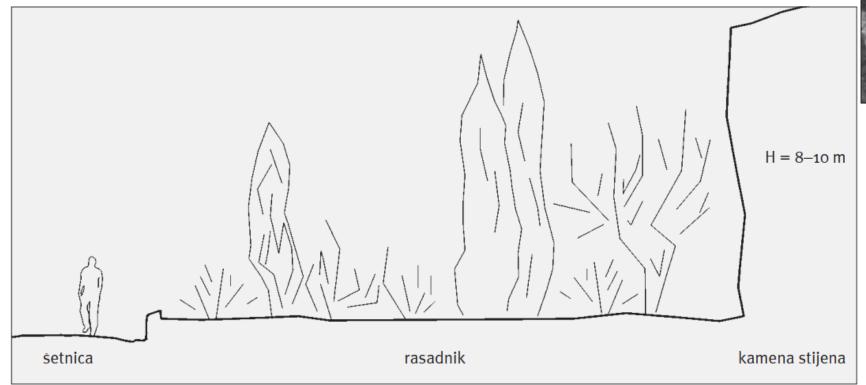


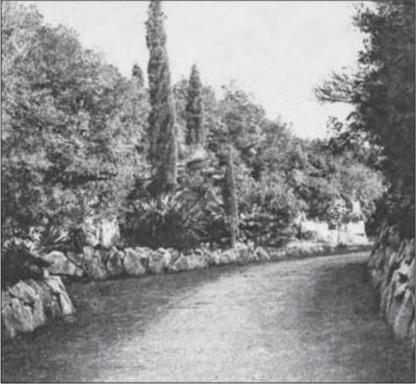
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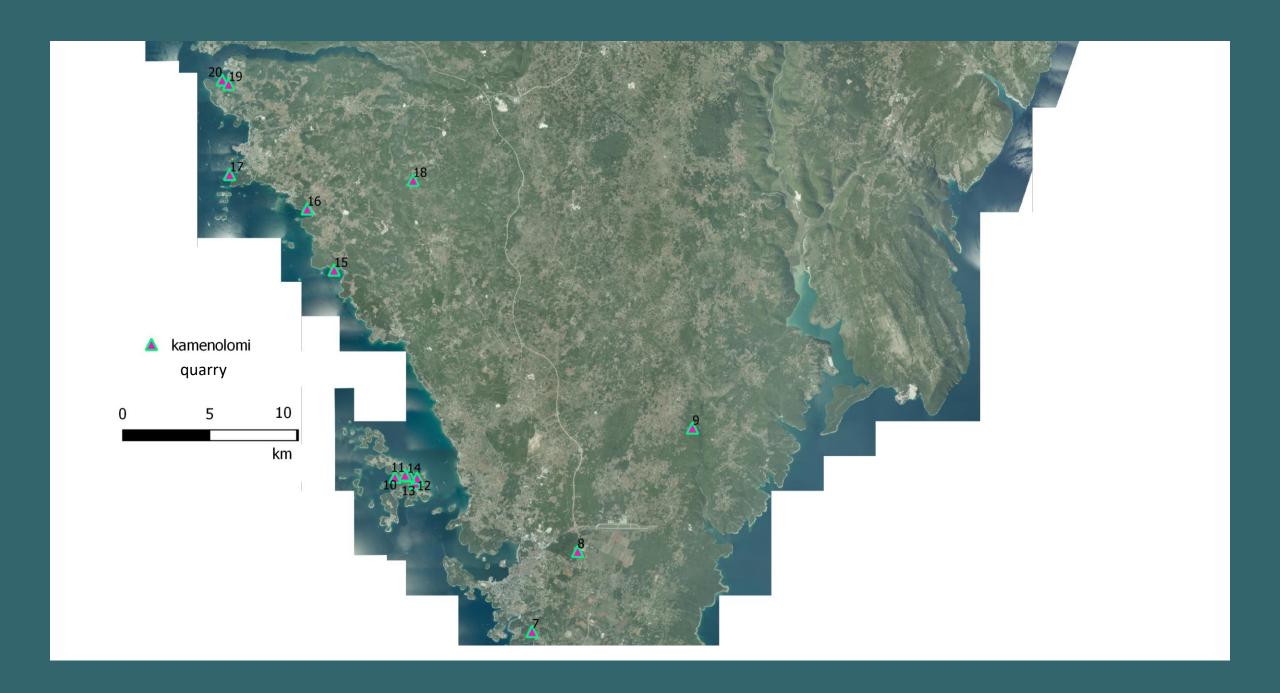
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Val Madonna quarry; 1910.

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Rovinj – Sv. Damijan

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Rovinj – Montauro

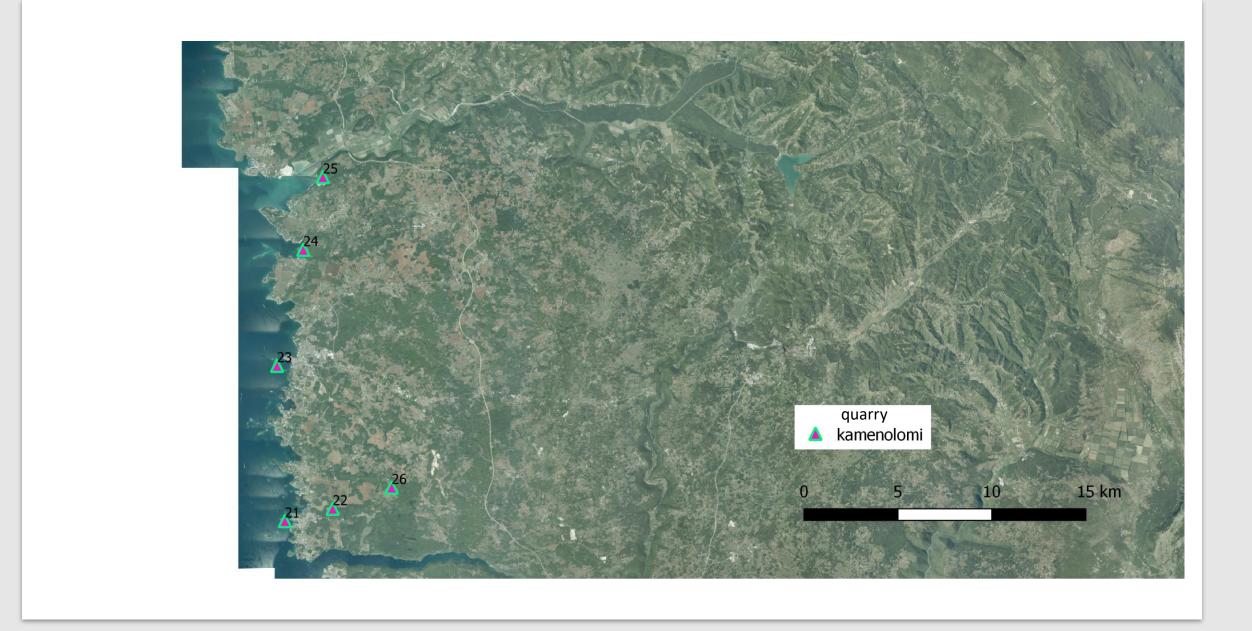
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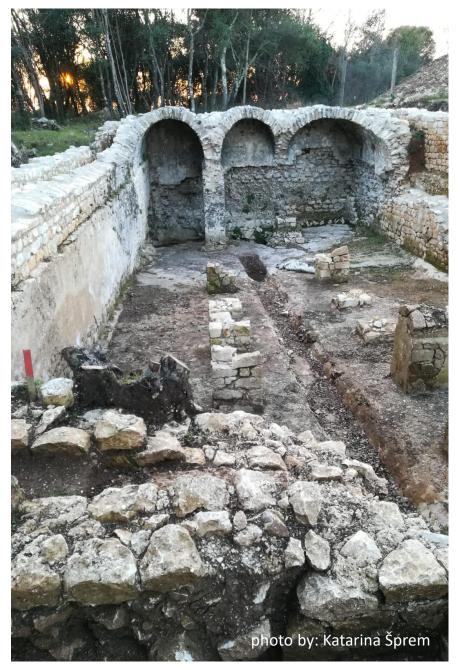


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Rovinj

Križ Bay (St. Eufemija)







Vrsar – Monte Ricco

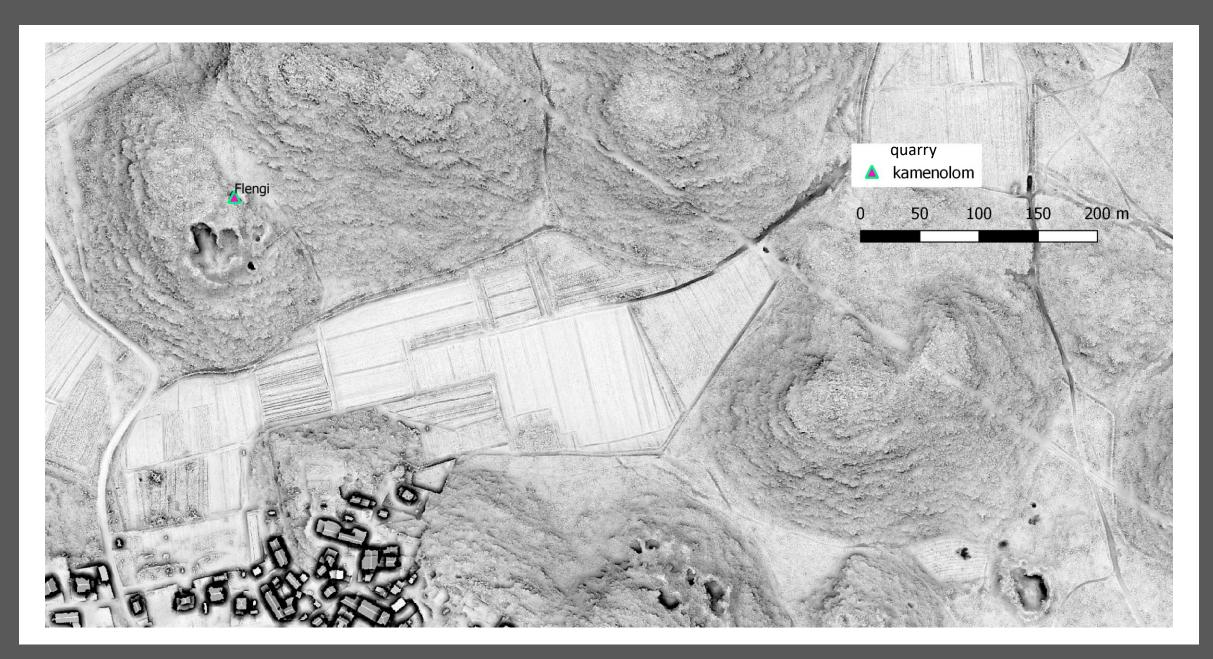




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Vrsar – Flengi





Poreč – Sv. Nikola

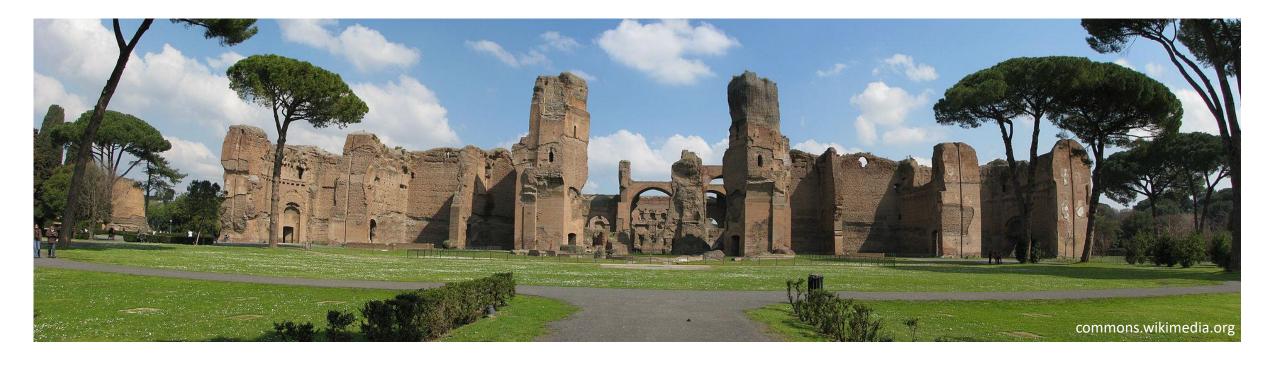
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Poreč – Tarska vala







Baths of Caracalla

- the cost depends on several elements:
 - distance from source
 - geography of the place
 - weight and volume of cargo
 - availability of transportation means



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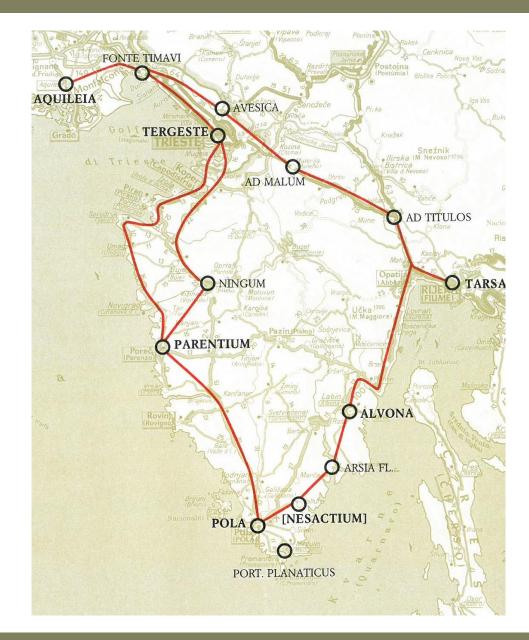
Edict of Diocletian

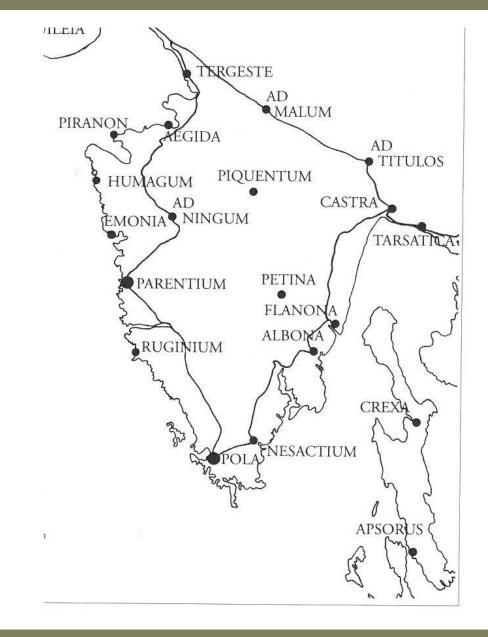
- Edictum De Pretiis Rerum Venalium, 301 AD
- Aphrodisian fragment:

1:3,9:7,7:42

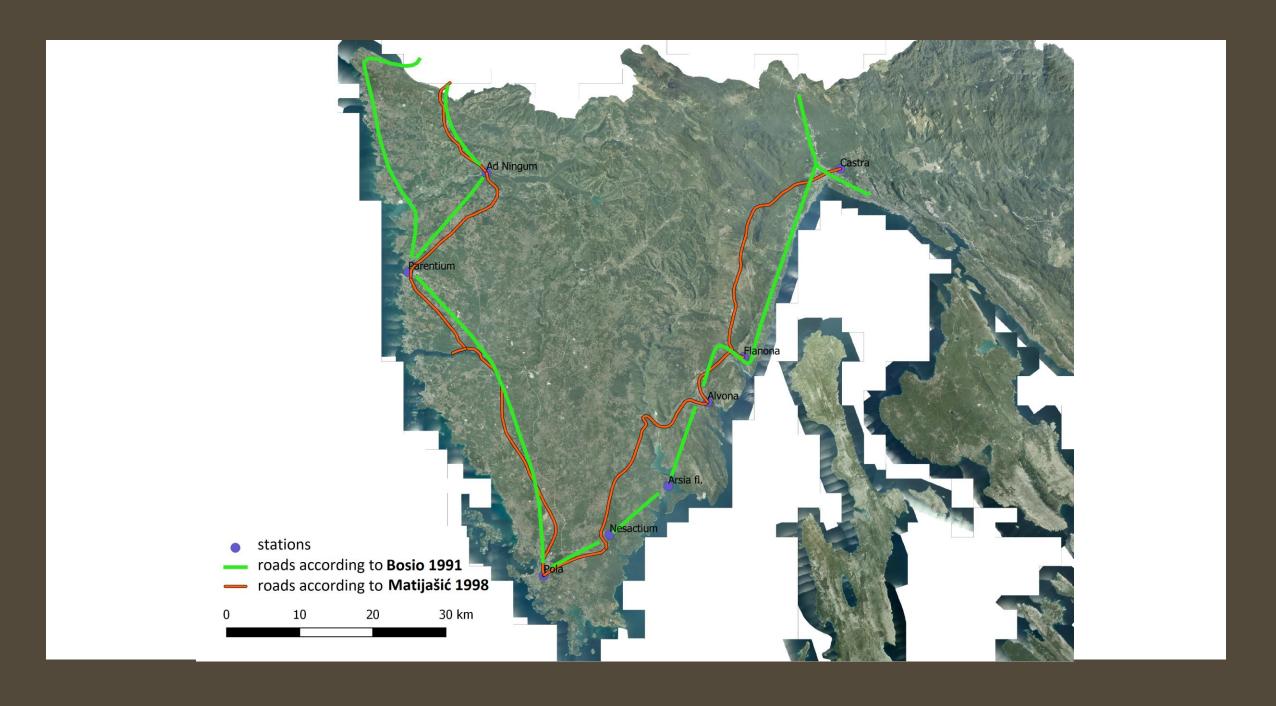
river
downstream
river
upstream
(ox-cart)

Roman quarry in Carrara, Italy (photo by: Katarina Šprem).





Bosio 1991 Matijašić 1998





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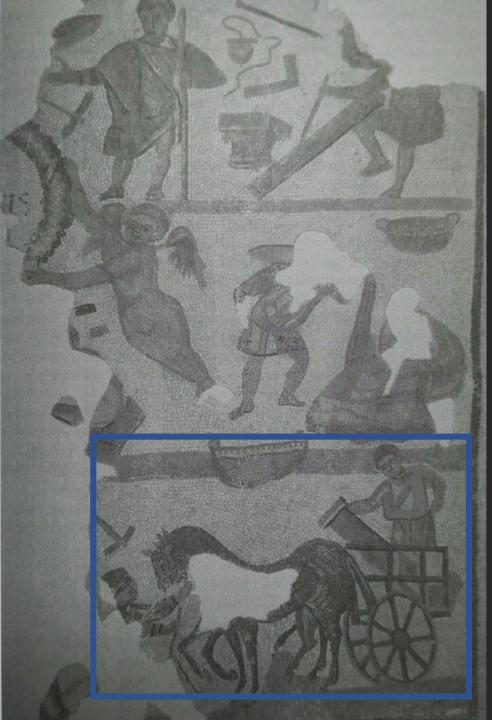
TRANSPORTATION MEANS





- human porters
- pack animals
- draught animals

up to 180/800 kg





Late Antique mosaic from Oued R'mel, Tunisia

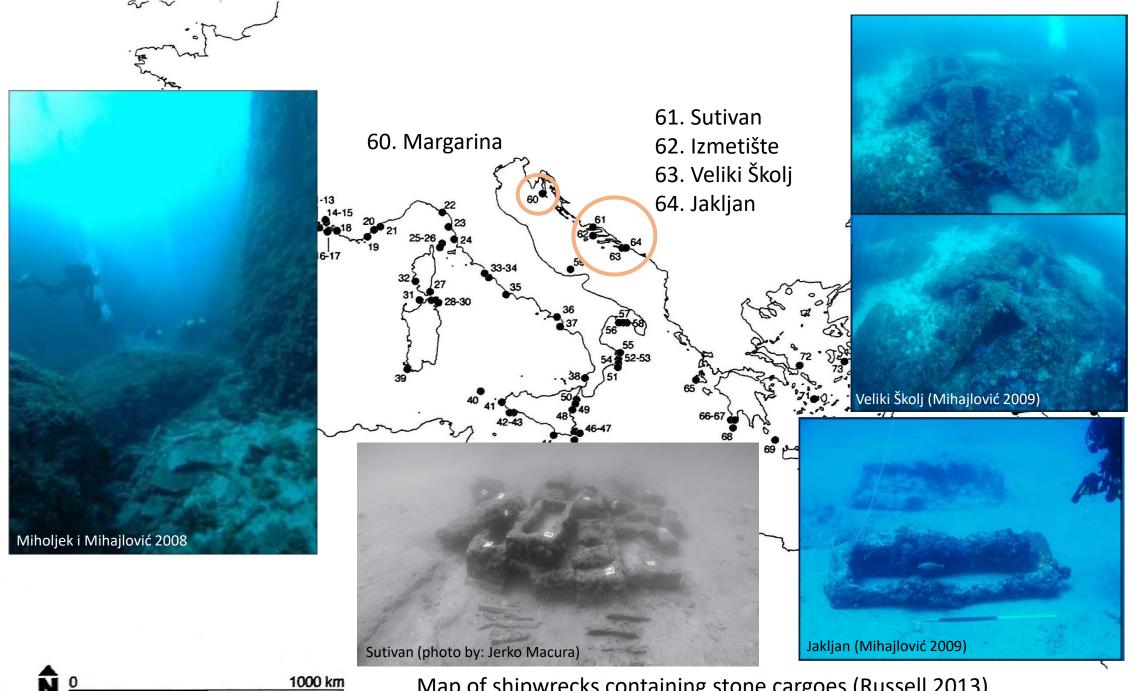
(Russell 2013)



A port (lat. portus)

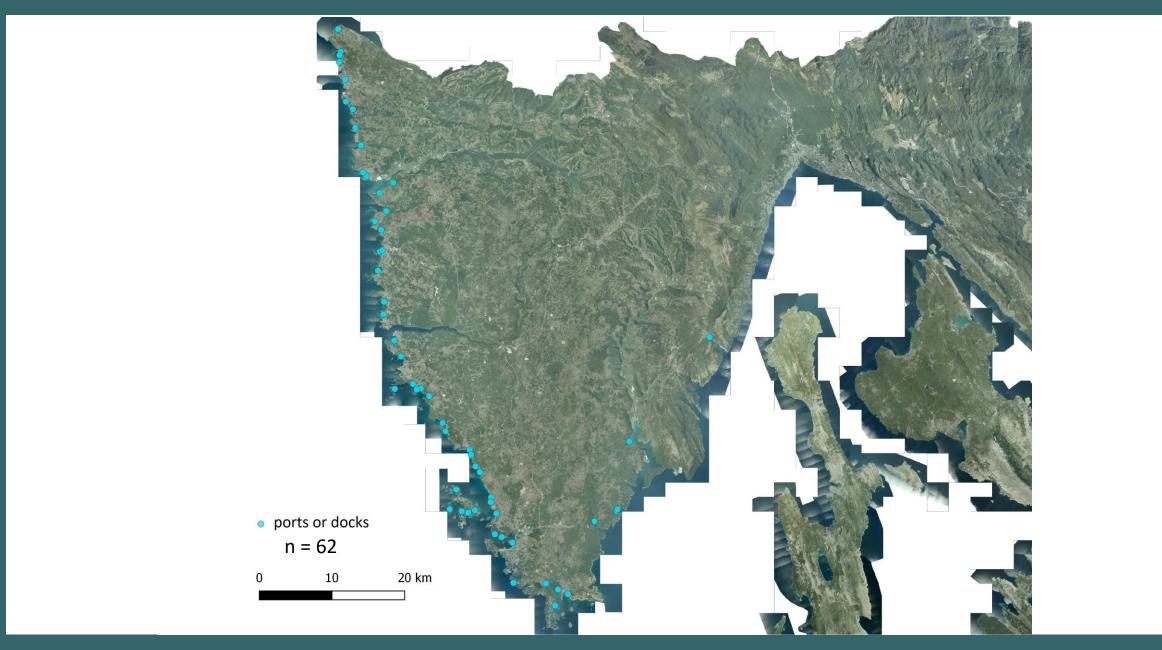
- natural or artificial sea, lake or river basins
- bays could have been used without the need for port facilities
- ships can find refuge from waves, currents, ice etc
- can load, unload or reload cargo or make repairs
- positio, statio, emporium...

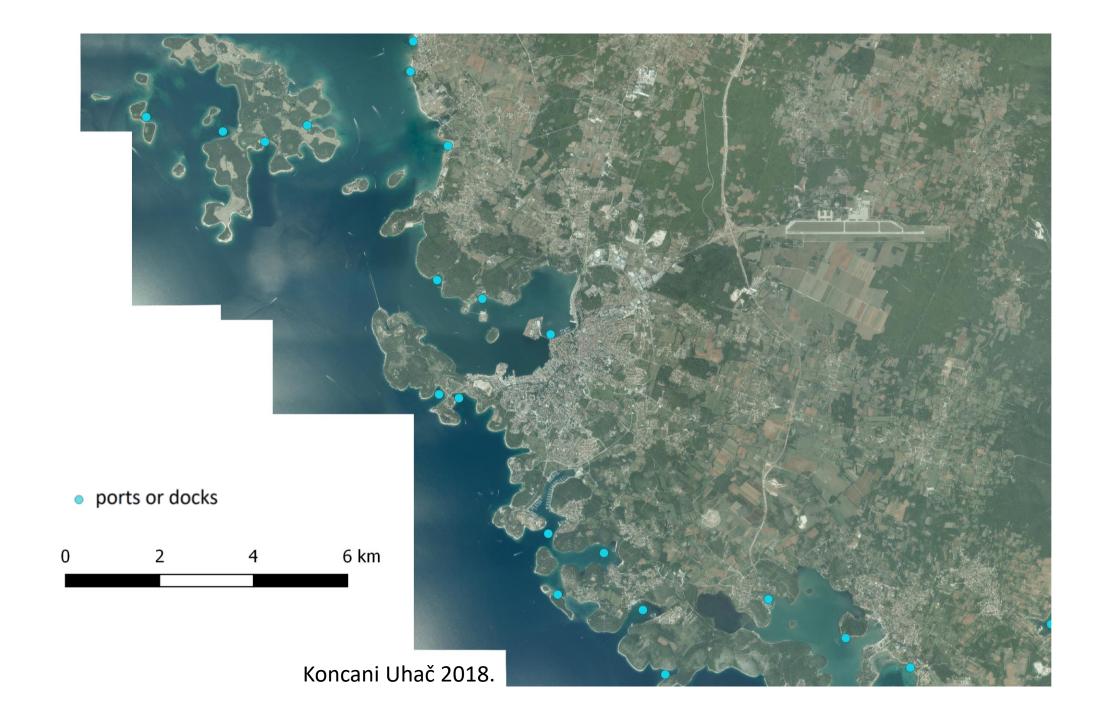
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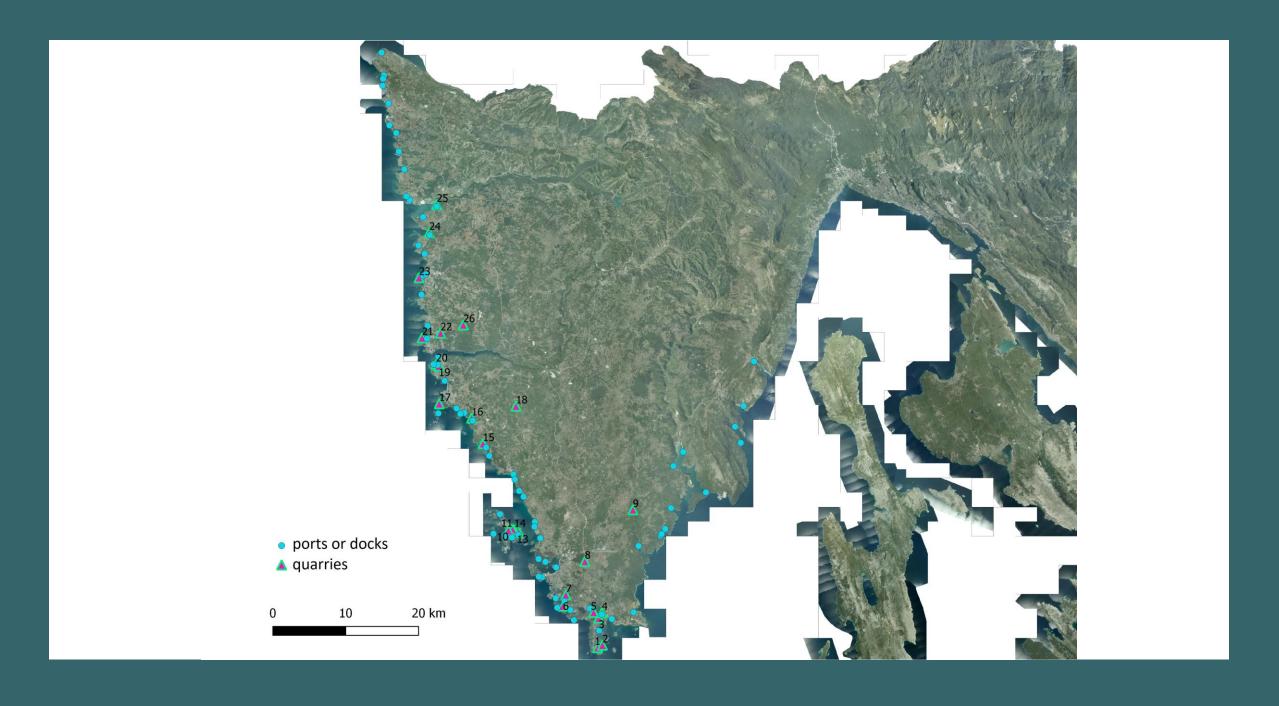


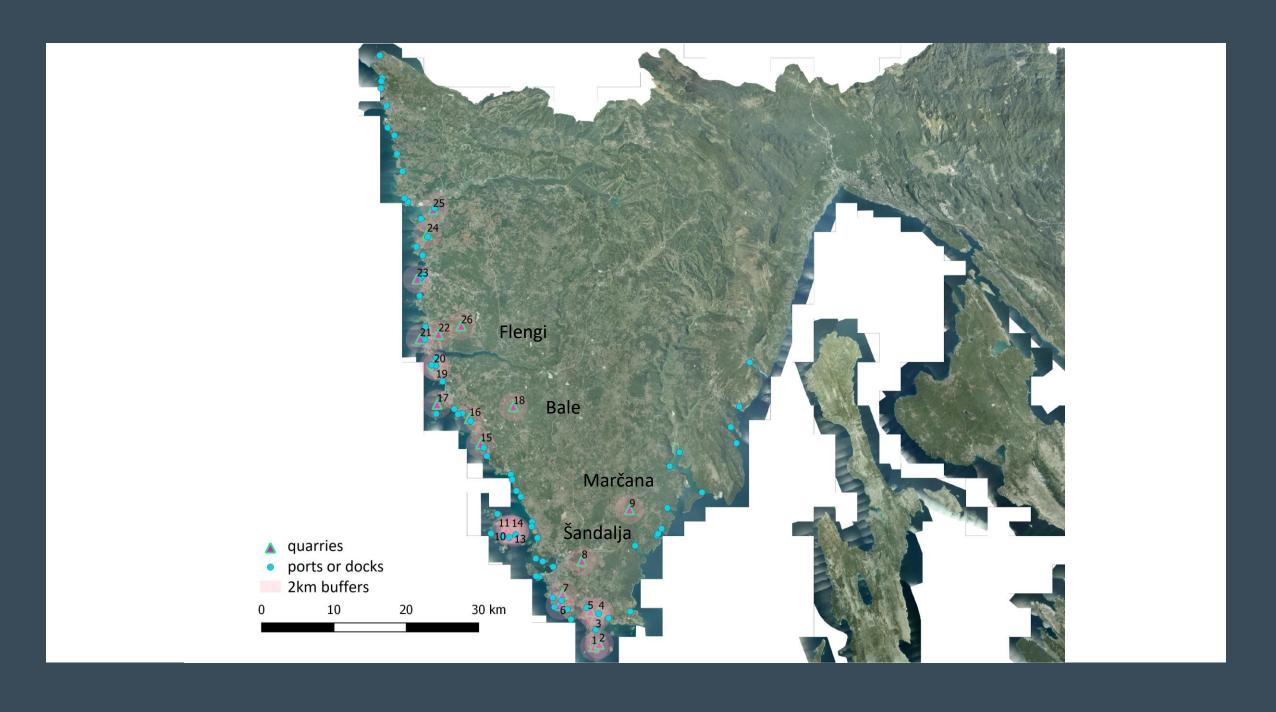


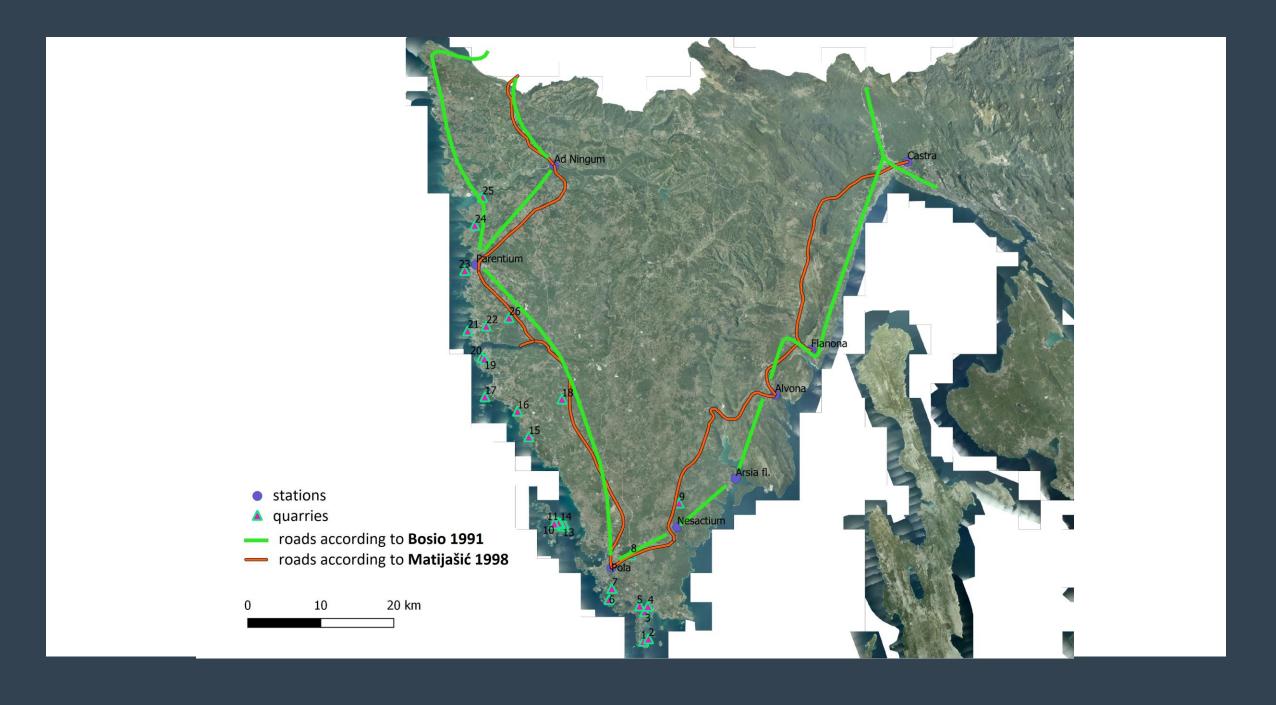
Map of shipwrecks containing stone cargoes (Russell 2013)

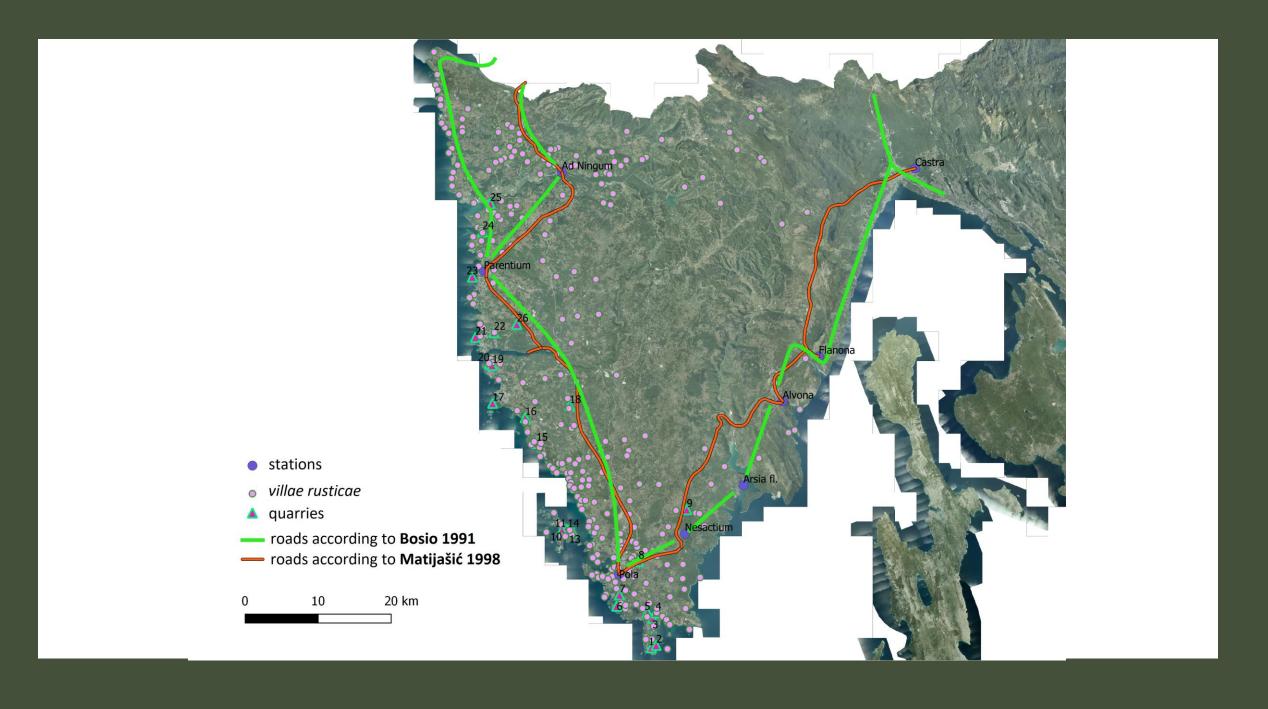












CONCLUSION

- 26 quarries
- 62 bays, ports or docks
- 2 suggested road directions
- What next?
 - petrographic analysis of monuments and quarries
 - geochemical analysis



Thanks for the attention!