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BOOK REVIEW: SLADKOVODNE RIBE IN PIŠKURJI V SLOVENIJI (FRESHWATER FISHES AND LAMPREYS IN SLOVENIA)

Meta Povž, an acknowledged Slovenian scientist, together with her associates, Andre Gregory and Mary Gregory, has published a book entitled *Freshwater Fish and Lampreys in Slovenia* (Fig. 1). The book is intended for the widest range of readers who are interested in the distribution and importance of fish in Slovenia.

It is a popular scientific book. The author, M. Povž, summarized in the Preface that the guideline for the creation of the book was that it should be of interest to all age and education groups. The primary emphasis is on display of freshwater fishes which live permanently or temporarily in Slovenian fresh waters, no matter whether they are native or non-native species. External characteristics of lampreys and fish

by which they are distinguished and recognized are briefly described in the Introduction. Differences in reproduction and diet are also given. Importance of migration spawning of some species and causes of vulnerability, but also the proposed methods for protection are highlighted.

In the second part of the book, there is an overview of each species with its scientific name and a brief description of the main features: body shape, living area, breeding, nutrition and area of distribution for each family. The description of the factors that affect native vulnerability, forth measures for protection and a list of regulations which protect the most endangered species in Slovenia have been listed.

The book contains sketches and photos of all described species. By description of each species, the map of species distribution in Europe and Slovenia was added.

For the conclusion of the book, summary table of species with their English names and the most important characteristics of the species were given.

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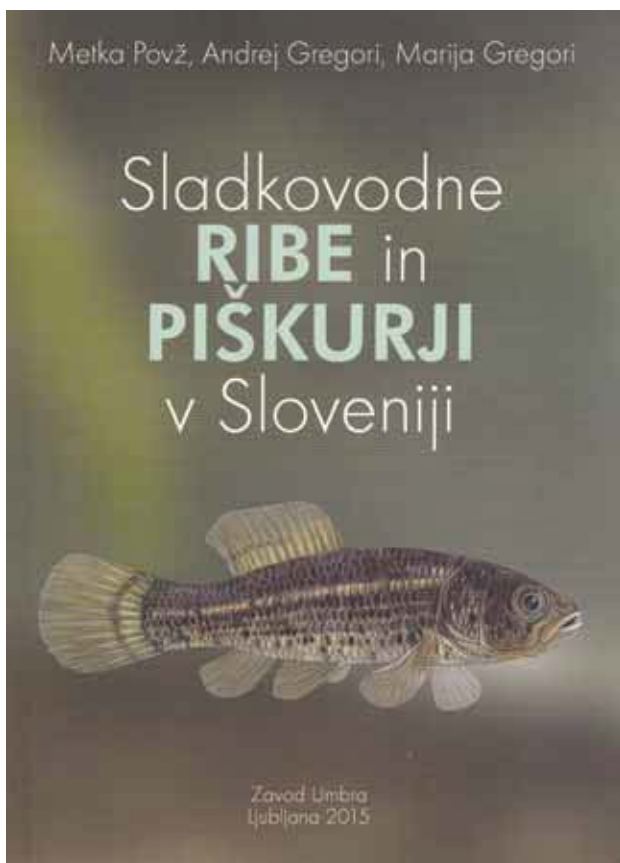


Fig 1. Cover of the book - Freshwater Fish and Lampreys in Slovenia