Gravel extraction/regulation on the Drava and Mura in Croatia

NGO report of an observation tour between Murska Središće and Repaš (3 - 4 October 2004) as part of the Dravawatch campaign

I: Gravel extraction in the “Protected Landscape Mura”/Novakovec (Rkm 50-51)
   II: Gravel extraction on the Drava/Botovo (Rkm 230)
   III: Regulation of the Gliboki stream on the Drava/Komatnica

Map: Overview of present gravel exploitation sites in Croatia along the Drava at Botovo and Mura at Novakovec
I: Gravel extraction in the “Protected Landscape Area” of the Mura at Novakovec (Rkm 50-51)

Photo 1-3: Exploitation of a gravel bank of the Croatian Mura (3 October 2004)

Photo 2

Photo 3

Photo 4-5: Removed parts of the gravel bank (3/4 October 2004)

Photo 5

Photo 6-7: Caterpillar of the involved Water Company Vodogradnja Varazdin (4 October 2004)
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Photo 8-10: Access road to the river through the Protected Landscape Mura (4 October 2004)

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Photo 10
II: Gravel extraction on the Drava at Botovo (Rkm 230)

Photo 1-5: Exploitation of a gravel bank. Truck waiting for removing the gravel (4 October 2004)

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Photo 4

Photo 5
Gravel extraction on the Drava at Botovo is happening since several years.
III: Excessive regulation of the Gliboki stream on the Drava at Komatnica

Photo 1-2: Massive bank protection of the Gliboki stream with stones (4 October 2004)

Photo 2