



THE PILE - DWELLERS

LIVED IN THE NATURE AND WITH THE NATURE
THEIR MESSAGE FOR US NOWADAYS

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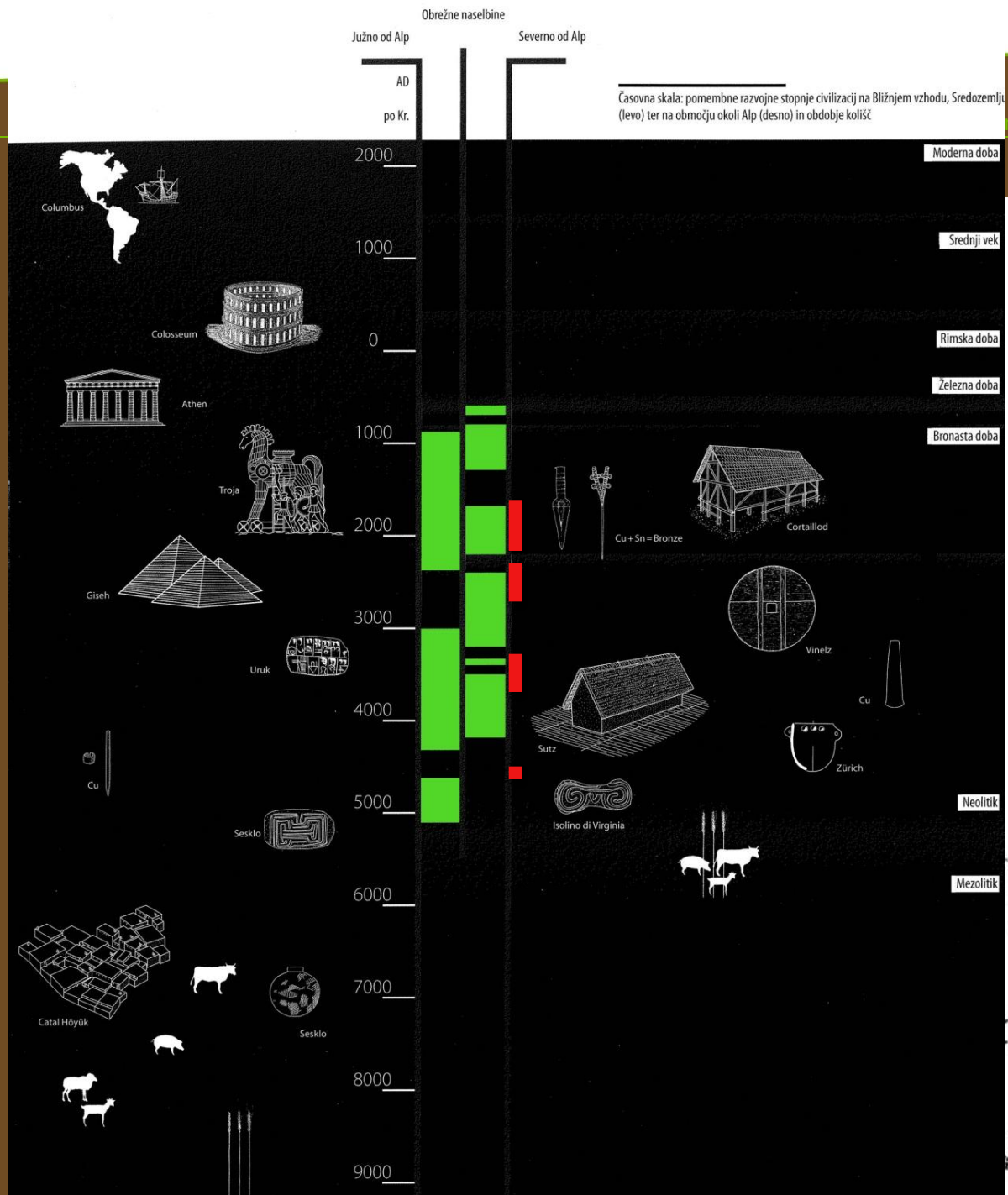
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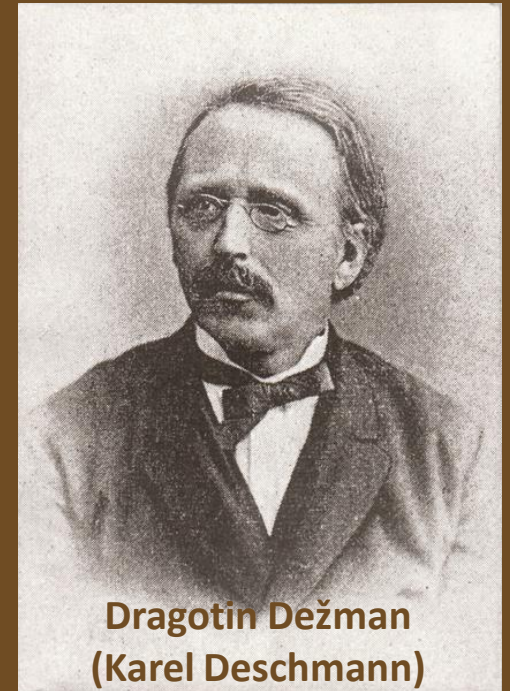
na moor



June 17th 1875

DISCOVERY OF PILE-DWELLINGS ON LJUBLJANA MOOR

9 days later



Dragotin Dežman
(Karel Deschmann)

1821-1889

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS

Drainage channels

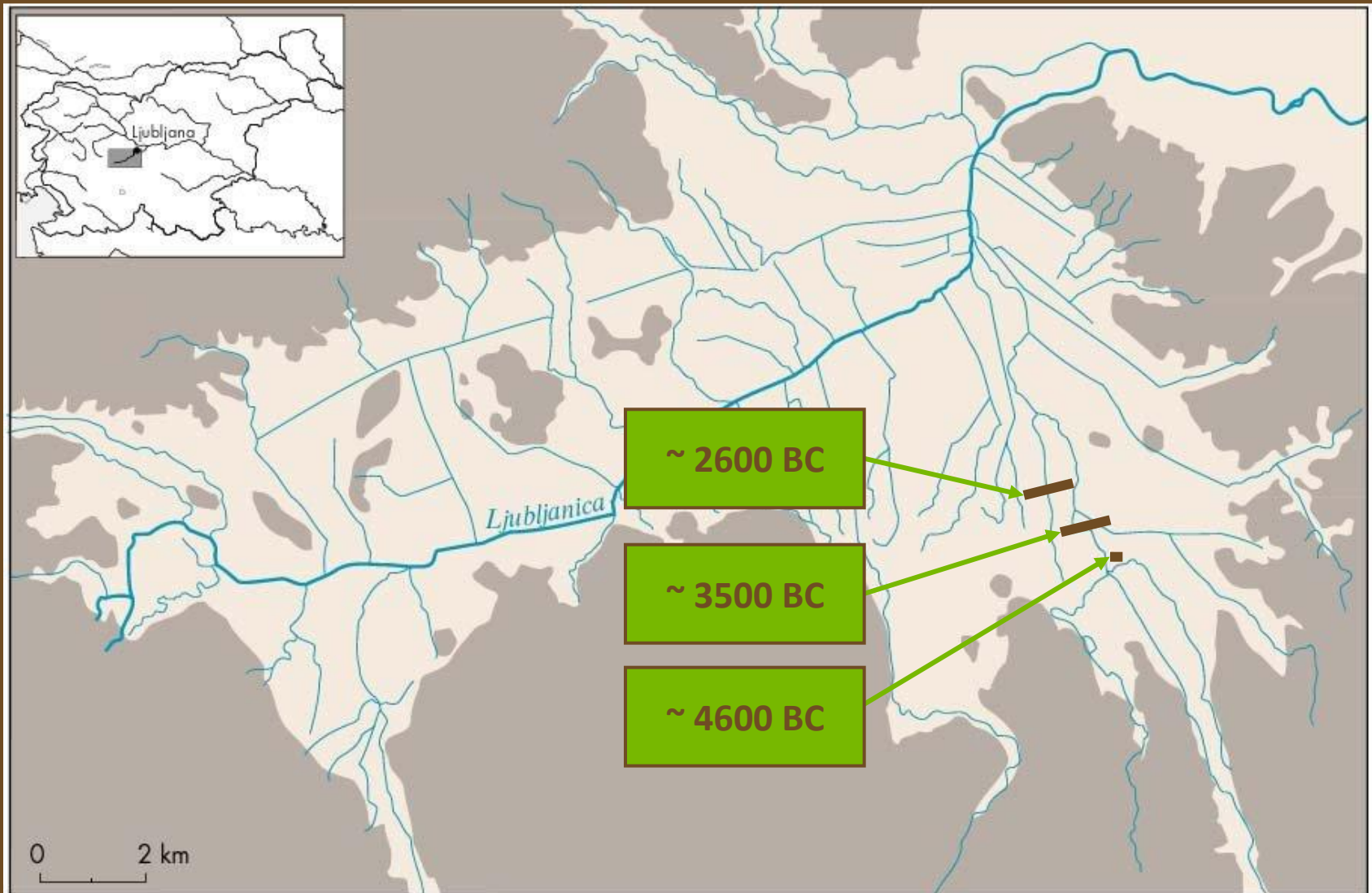




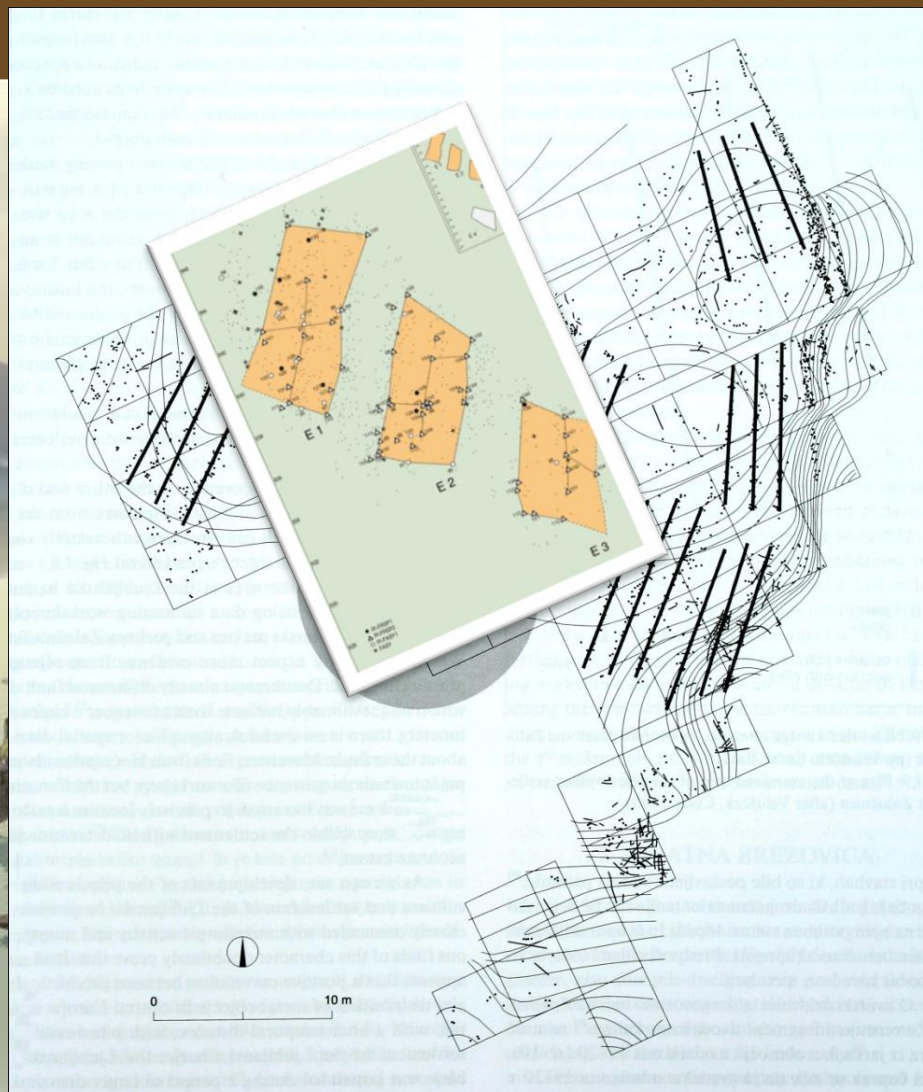
Sl. 2.4: Ljubljansko barje. Označene so samo bolj poznane koliščarske naselbine.

Dežman's Pile-dwellings - Lake

Pile-dwellers of Ljubljana moor



Maharski prekop



Sl. 1.8: Maharski prekop, načrt izkopavanja 1970–1977 je po Bregant 1996. Označeno je območje domnevne livarske delavnice

The lake drains, the moor begins

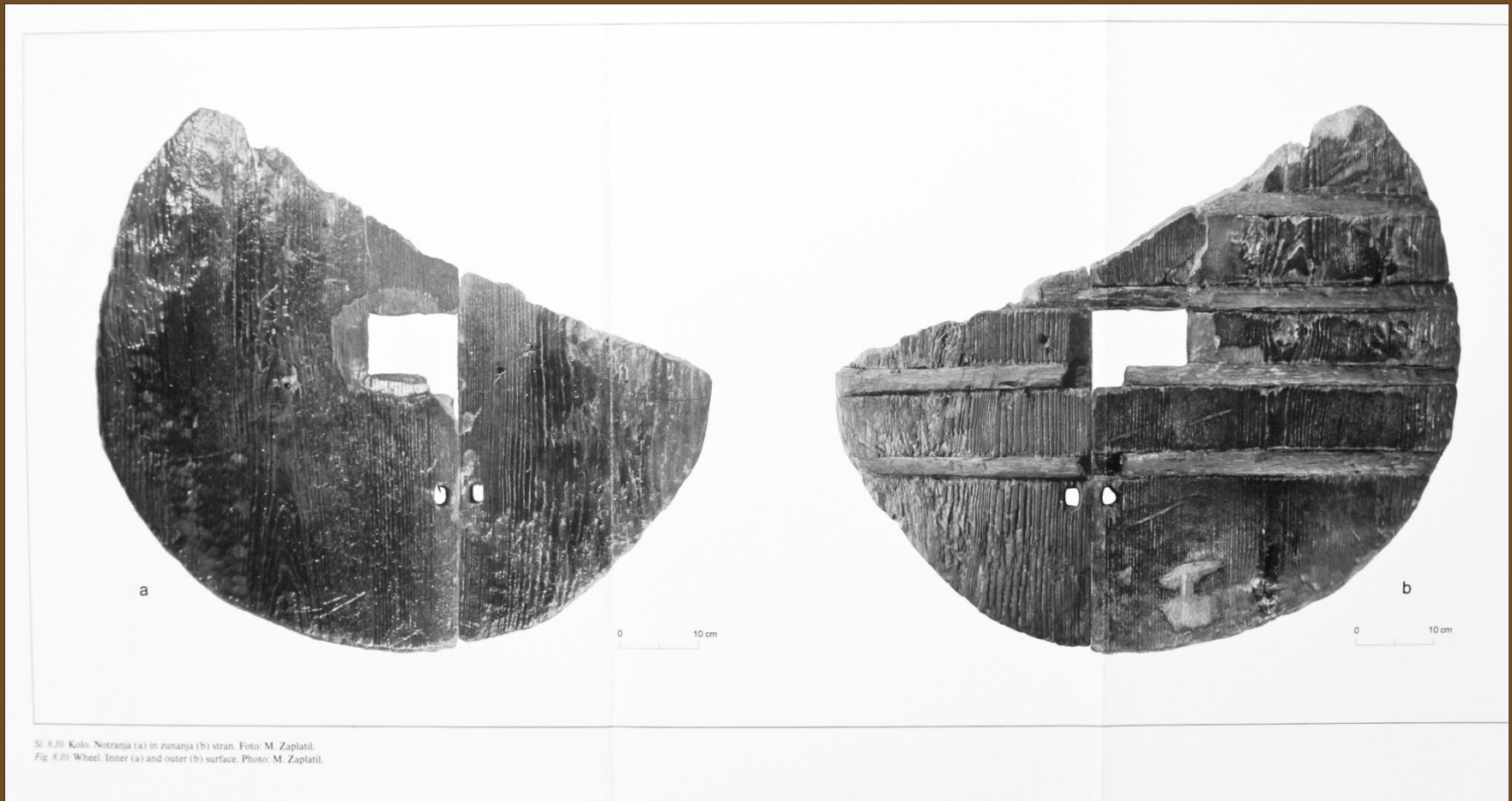
1600 BC

Pile-dwellers of Ljubljana moor



The Pile-dwellers are important:

Pile-dwellers of Ljubljana moor



- Oldest found wheel in the world.
5150 years before present- day

Prehistoric idol

Pile-dwellers of Ljubljana moor



Project – In the Land of Pile-dwellers

Pile-dwellers of Ljubljana moor



**1. Turizmu pomaga lastna glava
(Youth project of the Tourist
Association of Slovenia)**

**2. The Establishment of
touristic- research group in
DFG Ig**



**3. The union of DFG Ig and
Institute of Archaeology ZRC SAZU**

Project – In the Land of Pile-dwellers

Pile-dwellers of Ljubljana moor



8 seasons of lectures
Barje ali te poznam?
(Barje do I know you?)

Project In the Land of Pile-dwellers founded with the help of Leader.

Results:

- Koliščarski dan,
(Pile-dwellers day)
- Youth Pile-dwellers Camp
- Permanent archaeological,
exhibition of Pile-dwellers,
- Publication activity.



Koliščarji z Velikega jezera
– Anton Velušček –

ANG The Pile Dwellers from the Big Lake

The Ljubljansko barje is a wetland plain which extends south-west from Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia. It encompasses about 180 square kilometres. Beside the capital there are some other bigger localities on its outskirts: Vrhovka, Breznica, Breznica, Podgorje, Laveš, Skofja and Ig.

Many thousand years ago the Ljubljansko barje area was covered by quite big but shallow lake. More than 1,500 to less than 5,000 years before present the lake surroundings were settled by pile dwellers that lived in rectangular small cottages erected on the piles called pile dwellings. A floor of such a cottage was lifted even to a meter or higher above the ground or water level. It was covered with the clay for isolation. The cottages were positioned one by another. Roofs were thatched, shingled or covered by bark. An average village was composed of a few, approximately not more than ten to twenty cottages on the lake shore which was periodically flooded. Some villages were additionally encircled with wooden fence from the land side.

The knowledge about the pile dwellers who settled the pile dwellings is very modest. The archaeologists even don't know how and where they buried the dead. However milk teeth are found sometimes, other human remains are scarce. The archaeological findings show that pile dwellers had to come on the Ljubljansko barje from the south-east or maybe the east. They didn't stay there for long. The first ones even less than ten years.

The villages from the 4th and the 3rd millennium before Christ are researched the most. The archaeologists also found out that a lot of villages were settled at the same time on the different spots around the lake, as demonstrates an example from the vicinity of villages of Ig, Kamnik pod Krminom and Blizu and the town of Ljubljana.

ESP Los moradores de la pila del Gran Lago

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Future Goals

Pile-dwellers of Ljubljana moor



- 5 man-size sculptures of Pile-dwellers
- International Pile-dwelling day UNESCO

The screenshot shows the UNESCO World Heritage Convention website. The header includes the UNESCO logo and the text 'United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization'. The main navigation bar has links for 'News & Events', 'The List', 'About World Heritage', 'Activities', 'Publications', 'Participate', and 'Res'. The breadcrumb trail reads: 'UNESCO » Culture » World Heritage Centre » The List » Global Strategy » Tentative Lists'. The search bar contains 'Tentative Lists Search'. The main heading is 'Prehistoric Pile Dwellings around the Alps'. Below this, a yellow box states: 'Property names are listed in the language in which they have been submitted by the State Party.' The 'Description' tab is active. The text describes the project involving prehistoric dwellings on lake shores and marshlands in several countries around the Alps (Switzerland, France, Italy, Slovenia, Austria and Germany). It mentions that around 750 sites have been listed throughout the Alpine area, and in Slovenia, two locations of remains of prehistoric pile dwellings have been selected on the Ljubljansko Barje marshlands. The nomination is presented as a transnational serial inscription. The term 'pile dwelling site' is defined as archaeological finds on lake shores, river banks or marshlands, which have benefited from excellent conservation conditions. Most of the time, they are remains of dwellings that date back to the period between 4300 and 800 B. C. They are the relics of old villages which go back to the beginning of rural civilisation. Outside that region, there are very few remains of dwellings in wetlands elsewhere in the world. Therefore, as regards research, these sites can be considered as a typical source from the outskirts of the Alpine area. The remains of dwellings in wetlands provide evidence of major eras of world history. They help us to understand the complex processes which, over a period of 3,500 years, led to the formation of rural societies in central Europe. They are remainders of the development of metallurgy over thousands of years, from copper to bronze to...

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Their message for us nowadays

Pile-dwellers of Ljubljana moor



Pile-dwellers gave a strong identity to this area and are therefore important for our identity on the local, national and worldwide scale (pending UNESCO heritage site).

The pile dwellers lived in the nature and with the nature.

