

GEOGRAPHICAL ASPECT OF SECOND HOMES IN KUPRES MUNICIPALITY

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Development of tourism and emergence of second homes along with it started in Kupres municipality in the 1980s. Rebuilding of the SRC "Čajuga" at the beginning of the 21st century brings intensive development of tourism and emergence of second homes can be noticed at four locations. Tourism is seasonal and emergence of second homes is present near winter sport and recreational centres and naturally attractive landscapes. Structural characteristics of holiday house/flat owners have been analysed based on collected and processed minimum relevant data. Structural characteristics of 282 holiday houses/flats owners who are not residents of Kupres municipality have been analysed and analysis is done for three locations where data were available. Largest number of holiday houses/flats owners comes to Kupres during winter season for sport and recreation activities from Herzegovina area (West Herzegovina and Herzegovina-Neretva counties) and from southern Adriatic coastal area. Influence of second homes on area should be observed from geographical and other relevant aspects connected to the process. It is necessary to give guidelines for further direction of second homes development in sensitive karstic mountainous area with the aim of protecting attraction basis of the area, revival of rural settlements and sustainable development of tourism with preserved natural and cultural-historic heritage.

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