

Technical specifications – Pšata

- water abstraction: 70 l/s,
- california hatcheries and Zuger jars,
- small rotary pools,
- concrete pools for breeding flocks,
- the sink pools.

Production of roes

- 2020: 5.672.000
- 2021: 11.422.000
- 2022: 8.919.000
- 2023: 4.101.000
- JVP. 20-23: 7.528.500

source: Central register of aquaculture facilities and commercial ponds, MKGP



EU funds

• **II.2-13 – Purchase of equipment for dissolution, oxygen injection and degassing of water – 50 % EMFF funding** (EUR 26.400.00 (EU + SI) – Productive investments in classical aquaculture

• **III.3-36 - GORENJS RIBE** (LAS GORENJSKA KOŠARICA) – Approved value according to the decision of EUR 4.714.53 – Vodomec, (approved amount of funds – Decision: EUR 199.569,22) – CLLD; further information: <https://www.las-gorenjskakosarica.si/gorenjske-ribe/>

• **III.3-76 – Sustainable aquaculture centre** (LAS GORENJSKA KOŠARICA) – approved value according to the decision EUR 60.228.69 – Vodomec, (approved amount of funds – Decision: EUR 93.709,76) – CLLD; further information: <https://www.las-gorenjskakosarica.si/trajnostni-ribogojnski-center/>

Other sources:

- Water fountain – fish farm with tradition: <https://www.vodomec.si/ribogojnice/ribogojnica-psata>

- Institute for Tourism Cerklje – Ribogojnica Pšata: <https://www.visitcerklje.si/sl/kam-v-cerkljah/ribogojnica-psata>

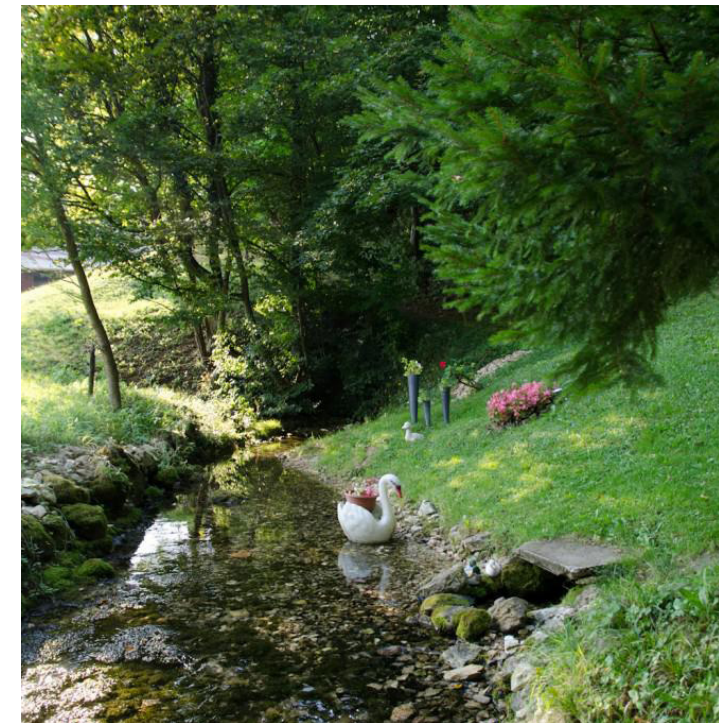
- List of farms free of VHS/IHN: https://www.gov.si/assets/organi-v-sestavil/UVHVVR/Bolezni-zivali/Seznam-obratov_akvakultura/10-9-21/SEZNAM-RIBOGOJNIC_prostih-VHS-IHN-080921.pdf

- EU funding: EMFAF: <https://evropskasredstva.si/>

Pšata

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The Pšata aquaculture farm got its present image in 1988, when the Biotechnical Faculty, Ljubljana, set up a modern selection plant for trout farming. The Biotechnical Faculty is part of the University of Ljubljana.

The Pšata fish farm is located on the spring of the Pšata stream at the foot of a mountain Kravavec. Due to the constant temperature of the water, which is about 10°C, it offers favourable conditions for the successful cultivation of roes and juveniles of trout species. Water quality changes only in the event of major storms and heavy precipitation, since at that time the water becomes cloudy and brings smaller particles from the riverbed.

Since 2000 fish farm has been managed by a private company Vodomec d.o.o. The company specialises in rainbow trout farming, based on



the scientific bases of the Biotechnical Faculty in Ljubljana, which have been upgraded with years of practical experience. The company strives to meet the highest standards in the process of farming and also fish nutrition. The highest quality food from the Danish manufacturer Biomar is used.

In 2008, the Pšata farm was the first in Slovenia to obtain the disease-free status of VHS (Viral haemorrhagic septicaemia)/IHN (Infectious haematopoietic necrosis) in accordance with the provisions of Council Directive 2006/88/EC. Today, the Pšata fish farm has the largest selected breeding flock of rainbow trout in Slovenia, making it the largest producer of roes and gilts in Slovenia. Since the Pšata farm is intended only for the breeding of rainbow trout in the early stages, farming to the size of the farm (suitable for human consumption) is carried

out at other smaller establishments (Zalog pri Cerklje, Nova Štifta, Ilirska Bistrica, Okroglo and Bočna/Kropa) where the company Vodomec has also their processing facilities. The company is also active in other areas, the aquaculture farm is still undergoing pedagogical research activities in cooperation with the Biotechnical Faculty, the company has also been successful in absorbing EU funds through the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund in the period 2014-2020. Recently it has supplemented its offer in addition to eggs, juveniles, fish suitable for human consumption, including various culinary products (e.g. caviar, various spreads, cold/warm smoked fillets). They have gained two golden medals for their products.