

ECOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT OF LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGES IN THE IVANČICE MICROREGION (CZECH REPUBLIC)

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An assessment of the development and changes in the landscape of the Ivančice region over the period 1837-2006 is presented in this article. The monitoring of changes in this landscape was based on old topographic maps, in combination with other historical materials (photographs, chronicles). Analysis of landscape development was based on land use changes in five time periods. The results revealed a distinct simplification of landscape structure and, in particular, a radical shrinkage of permanent grassland stands since the 1950s.