

SUMMARY

20th c. Kartena landscapes /KARTENA

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The asymmetry of old Kartena *Valsčius* and its coincidence with the Minija River basin show that the natural environmental conditions had great importance for the formation of this subdistrict.

There are almost no forests because of long-duration and intensive farming in the vicinities of the oldest settled Minija–Salantas valleys. Their largest areas have survived on the watersheds of Minija–Akmena and Minija–Alantas.

In the first half of the 20th c. Kartena *Valsčius* was settled unequally: the greatest density was at the approaches to Kartena, about 10–13 farmsteads in 1 km², and the least density was in the south–eastern part with about 5–8 farmsteads in 1 km².

The rise of new for rest assigned farmsteads and the application of those survived for rest show that the environs of Kartena is in the zone of direct influence by Klaipėda.