

Geographic Names Standardization Policy for Slovakia

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1. Introduction

This geographic names standardization policy has been prepared as an aid to those geographic names experts who are the working staff for the United States Board on Geographic Names (BGN) in the standardization of the geographic names of **Slovakia** for United States Government use. The BGN and its staff work to effect consistent treatment of geographic name spellings in U.S. Government databases, publications, maps, and charts. The country policies are intended to satisfy, in part, the statutory requirements levied upon the BGN in Public Law USC 80-242 to develop principles, policies, and procedures for geographic names standardization, and to promulgate decisions with respect to the principles of geographic nomenclature and orthography.

2. Languages and Language Policy

a. Demographics

There are approximately **5.46 million** people living in Slovakia (December 31, 2019).¹ The distribution of major ethnicities in the country is the following:²

Ethnicity / Nationality	Approximate Population	% of Population
Slovak	4.35 million	80.7%
Hungarian	458,500	8.5%
Roma	105,740	2.0%
Ruthenian (Rusyn)	33,480	0.6%
Czech	30,370	0.6%
Ukrainian	7,430	0.1%
German	4,690	0.1%
Pole	3,080	0.1%
Moravian	3,290	0.1%

The population of Slovakia has been steady, with a decrease in fertility and increase in immigration.

¹ *Slovak Republic in Figures 2020*, Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic: www.slovak.statistics.sk

² Based on 2011 census data, Minority Rights Group International: minorityrights.org/country/slovakia

b. Languages

Slovakia has one nationwide official language.

Slovak ISO 639-3, code "slk"

Minority languages are co-official in municipalities where at least 15% of the population speak it:³ Geographic names in these municipalities, however, are in Slovak. The most common minority languages are the following:

Language	ISO 639-3
Hungarian	hun
Rusyn, Rutherian	rue
Romani, Romany	rom

c. Geographic Names Standardization

The **Institute of Geodesy and Cartography Bratislava** is an organization within the competence of the Geodesy, Cartography, and Cadastre Authority of the Slovak Republic (Slovakia) that is responsible for the standardization of geographic names. The Institute was established on January 1, 1991.⁴

Their Database of Geographical Names consists of approximately 100,000 features and is available in various files from Geoportál at www.geoportal.sk.

3. Toponymic Policies

Slovak is the nationwide official language. Approved names will be Slovak. Some names could be of minority-language origin, but are considered Slovak. It would be beneficial to apply a language code ('slk') to any approved name that contains a *true generic term*, which would contribute to the compilation of a Slovak glossary.

a. Script and Orthography

Slovak utilizes all letters of the standard 26-letter Latin alphabet, plus seventeen (17) letters. See also section 'C. Diacritics' for their Unicode values.

³ *Slovakia*, Wikipedia.org

⁴ Institute of Geodesy and Cartography Bratislava (GKÚ): www.gku.sk/gku/

Slovak

A a B b C c D d E e F f G g H h I i J j
K k L l M m N n O o P p Q q R r S s T t
U u V v W w X x Y y Z z Á á Ä ä Č č Ď ě
É é Í í Ĺ ĺ Ľ ľ Ň ň Ó ó Ô ô Ř ř Š š Ť ť
Ú ú Ý ý Ž ž

Following standard English lexical practice and BGN precedent, names and terms appearing in lists and tables, henceforward, are listed in English alphabetical order.

b. Romanization

Romanization is not required.

c. Diacritics

The following diacritics appear in geographic names in **Slovak**:

Character	Unicode Value	Character	Unicode Value
Á	00C1	á	00E1
Ä	00C4	ä	00E4
Č	010C	č	010D
Ď	010E	ď	010F
É	00C9	é	00E9
Í	00CD	í	00ED
Ĺ	0139	ĺ	013A
Ľ	013D	ľ	013E
Ň	0147	ň	0148
Ó	00D3	ó	00F3
Ô	00D4	ô	00F4
Ř	0158	ř	0159
Š	0160	š	0161
Ť	0164	ť	0165
Ú	00DA	ú	00FA
Ý	00DD	ý	00FD
Ž	017D	ž	017E

d. Generic Terms

A **generic term** is a term in a geographic name that describes a feature. A generic term embedded in a name of a physical feature, such as *vrch* (hill/mountain) in the name *Malinský Vrch*, is a true generic term. A generic term embedded in a name of a populated place, however, such as *vrch* (hill/mountain) in the populated-place name *Teplý Vrch*, is a false generic term, since it does not refer to a hill or mountain, and must not be identified as a generic term. A few common generic terms are below:

Slovak	English
<i>Potok</i>	stream
<i>Rybník</i>	lake, pond
<i>Vrch</i>	hill, mountain

To comply with BGN spelling rules, a generic term that is written separately from the proper name, and written on the source with an initial small letter, is to be written with an initial capital letter in the BGN-approved name:

Generic Term on Source	Generic Term in BGN Name
Baskova <i>dolina</i> (VAL)	Baskova <i>Dolina</i> (VAL)
Prešovský <i>kraj</i> (ADM1)	Prešovský <i>Kraj</i> (ADM1)

A comprehensive list of generic terms is shown in Appendix A.

e. Hyphenation, Capitalization, and Spelling

When spelling geographic names, extract names as they are shown on current, authoritative maps and gazetteers. An exception applies to generic terms as explained below and in section 3d.

Some guidelines, particularly applicable to understanding geographic names, include the following:

Capitalization. Names begin with a capital letter.

Names with a generic term. A generic term in a geographic name will be written separately from the specific. According to BGN principles, the separated generic is to begin with an upper-case letter, although sources show it to begin with a small letter.

Separated Generic Term
<i>Bela Potok</i> (STM)
<i>Údolná Nádrž Orava</i> (RSV)
<i>Prešovský Kraj</i> (ADM1)

Adjectives. A name containing an *adjective* will show the adjective at the beginning and separated from the rest of the name:

Adjective Separated
<i>Nový Vrch</i> (MT)
<i>Malý Sulín</i> (PPL)
<i>Starý Potok</i> (STM)

A list of adjectives found in geographic names is shown in Appendix D.

Hyphens. A hyphen is used to link two or more proper names to form one name. Hyphens are not common. Districts (ADM2), municipalities (ADM3), merged populated places (PPL), and railroad stations (RSTN) can be named in this way.

Hyphenated Name-Name
<i>Košice-Okolie</i> (ADM2)
<i>Nedožery-Brezany</i> (ADM3)
<i>Šaštín-Stráže</i> (PPL)
<i>Železničná Stanica Sekule-Borský Svätý Jur</i> (RSTN)

Prepositions. Geographic names commonly contain a preposition. They are used with any feature name.

Name with Preposition
<i>Pod</i> Smrečníkom (FRST)
Zlatná <i>na</i> Ostrove (PPL)
<i>Za</i> Váhom (MDW)

A list of common prepositions in geographic names is shown in Appendix B.

f. Long and Short Forms

Long and short forms of geographic names are used with administrative divisions and railroad stations:

Name	Form	Rank
Bratislavský Kraj (ADM1)	Slovak long form	2
Bratislava (ADM1)	Slovak short form	1
Okres Trnava (ADM2)	Slovak long form	2
Trnava (ADM2)	Slovak short form	1
Železničná Stanica Horeš (RSTN)	Slovak long form	2
Horeš (RSTN)	Slovak short form	1

Both long and short forms are approved. In most instances, the short form is cartographically preferred and should, therefore, be ranked as the primary name.

Most other features have one approved geographic name form.

g. Numerals

Geographic feature names that contain numerals as integral parts, both cardinal and ordinal, should be treated according to the following explanations:

- An Arabic numeral is to be expanded. Determine if it refers to a cardinal or ordinal numeral. Only the cardinal numerals 1 and 2 are modified, meaning that they identify the gender of the noun with which they are written. All ordinal numerals are modified, too, although differently. See the reference numerals table below. Both the name with the numeral and the name with the expanded numeral are to be identified as approved names. For cartographic purposes, the name containing the numeral is the primary name (rank 1), and the expanded name is the secondary name (rank 2).
- A Roman numeral is to be expanded. Determine if it refers to a cardinal or ordinal numeral. Only the cardinal numerals 1 and 2 are modified, meaning that they identify the gender of the noun with which they are written. All ordinal numerals are modified, too, although differently. See the reference numerals table below. Both the name with the numeral and the name with the expanded numeral are to be identified as approved names. For cartographic purposes, the name consisting of the numeral is the primary name (rank 1), and the expanded name is the secondary name (rank 2).

Numealed Feature	Expanded Name
Jána Pavla II (ST)	Jána Pavla <i>Druhý</i> (ST)
Bratislava I (ADM2)	Bratislava <i>Jedna</i> (ADM2)

Below is a reference for the spelling of cardinal and ordinal numerals. Slovak has numerals in three (3) gender forms, depending on the noun that the numeral modifies: masculine (m.), feminine (f.), and neuter (n.). The forms are mostly identical except for the few numerals with separate forms. Unmodified numerals are in the masculine form.

Cardinal Numeral	Slovak (m., f., n.)	Ordinal Numeral	Slovak (m., f., n.)
1.	jeden, jedna, jedno	1st	prvý, prvá, prvé
2.	dva, dve, dve	2nd	druhý, -á, -é
3.	tri	3rd	tretí, -ia, -ie
4.	štyri	4th	štvrtý, -á, -é
5.	päť	5th	piaty, -a, -e

Cardinal Numeral	Slovak (m., f., n.)	Ordinal Numeral	Slovak (m., f., n.)
6.	šesť	6th	šiesty, -a, -e
7.	sedem	7th	siedmy, -a, -e
8.	osem	8th	ôsmy, -a, -e
9.	deväť	9th	deviaty, -a, -e
10.	desať	10th	desiaty, -a, -e
11.	jedenásť	11th	jedenásty, -a, -e
12.	dvanásť	12th	dvanásty, -a, -e
13.	trinásť	13th	trinásty, -a, -e
14.	štrnásť	14th	štrnásty, -a, -e
15.	pätnásť	15th	pätnásty, -a, -e
16.	šestnásť	16th	šestnásty, -a, -e
17.	sedemnásť	17th	sedemnásty, -a, -e
18.	osemnásť	18th	osemnásty, -a, -e
19.	devätnásť	19th	devätnásty, -a, -e
20.	dvadsať	20th	dvadsiaty, -a, -e
21.	dvadsaťjeden	21st	dvadsiaty prvý dvadsiata prvá dvadsiate prvé
22.	dvadsaťdva	22nd	dvadsiaty druhý dvadsiata druhá dvadsiate druhé
23.	dvadsaťtri	23rd	dvadsiaty tretí dvadsiata tretia dvadsiate tretie
24.	dvadsaťštyri	24th	dvadsiaty štvrtý dvadsiata štvrtá dvadsiate štvrté
25.	dvadsaťpäť	25th	dvadsiaty piaty dvadsiata piata dvadsiate piate
26.	dvadsaťšesť	26th	dvadsiaty šiesty dvadsiata šiesta

Cardinal Numeral	Slovak (m., f., n.)	Ordinal Numeral	Slovak (m., f., n.)
			dvadsiate šieste
27.	dvadsaťsedem	27th	dvadsiaty siedmy dvadsiata siedma dvadsiate siedme
28.	dvadsaťosem	28th	dvadsiaty ôsmy dvadsiata ôsma dvadsiate ôsme
29.	dvadsaťdeväť	29th	dvadsiaty deviaty dvadsiata deviata dvadsiate deviate
30.	tridsať	30th	tridsiaty
40.	štyridsať	40th	štyridsiaty
50.	päťdesiat	50th	päťdesiaty
60.	šesťdesiat	60th	šesťdesiaty
70.	sedemdesiat	70th	sedemdesiaty
80.	osemdesiat	80th	osemdesiaty
90.	deväťdesiat	90th	deväťdesiaty
100.	sto	100th	stý

h. Abbreviations

Abbreviations in geographic names must be written out in the GNDB. A list of abbreviations, which are used in mapping, is found in Appendix C.

i. Unique Linguistic Situations

None

4. Political Geography Policy

a. Country Name

Name Type	Name
Conventional Short Form	Slovakia
Conventional Long Form	Slovak Republic
Approved Short Form	Slovensko
Approved Long Form	Slovenská Republika

b. Capital Name

Name Type	Name
Approved Form	Bratislava

c. Administrative Division Structure

Slovakia is divided into three levels of administration: first-order administrative divisions (ADM1), which are the regions, second-order administrative divisions (ADM2), which are the districts – both rural and urban, and municipalities (ADM3). The table below shows the levels and their feature designations:

ADM1	ADM2	ADM3
<i>Kraj</i> (region)	<i>Okres</i> (district)	<i>Obec</i> (municipality)

First-order Administrative Divisions (ADM1s)

The first-order administrative divisions consist of the regions (*kraj*). Slovakia has eight (8) ADM1s. There is an administrative map in Appendix E.

Short-form Name / Long-form Name	GEC	GENC	Seat
Banská Bystrica / Banskobystrický Kraj	LO01	SK-BC	Banská Bystrica
Bratislava / Bratislavský Kraj	LO02	SK-BL	Bratislava
Košice / Košický Kraj	LO03	SK-KI	Košice
Nitra / Nitriansky Kraj	LO04	SK-NI	Nitra
Prešov / Prešovský Kraj	LO05	SK-PV	Prešov
Trenčín / Trenčiansky Kraj	LO06	SK-TC	Trenčín

Short-form Name / Long-form Name	GEC	GENC	Seat
Trnava / Trnavský Kraj	LO07	SK-TA	Trnava
Žilina / Žilinský Kraj	LO08	SK-ZI	Žilina

d. Conventional Names

The Slovakia country file in the Geographic Names Database (GNDB) contains conventional names. Conventional names are usually preferred over native names for small-scale purposes. Any additional or modified conventional name requires BGN's Foreign Names Committee (FNC) approval.

Conventional Name	UFI	UNI	Designation
Beskids	-840815	-1252981	MTS
Carpathian Mountains	-1154783	-1702875	MTS
Carpathians	-1154783	-1702876	MTS
Slovak Republic	-845931	-1260186	PCLI
Slovakia	-845931	14063840	PCLI
Dukla Pass	-841899	-1254439	PASS
Danube	-78134	-1267701	STM
Danube River	-78134	-114451	STM
Great Alfold	-842100	-1254970	PLN
Little Alfold	-843753	-1257289	PLN

e. Unique Geopolitical Situations

For the latest country-specific boundary dispute information, consult the U.S. Department of State Office of the Geographer and Global Issues.

Exclaves

None

Enclaves

None

Disputed Territories and Names

None

5. Source Material

The following sources are recommended. They are found online, as digitized and hardcopy maps, and as reference texts:

a. Online

The **Geodetický a Kartografický Ústav Bratislava (GKU) (Institute of Geodesy and Cartography Bratislava)** is the national GIS organization of Slovakia. It maintains all GIS data of the country, including standardized geographic names. Language: Czech and English.

gku.sk/gku/

ZBGIS. This is the official basic database for the geographical information system that includes the online map browser of **Geodesy Slovakia, S.R.O.** The online map browser shows map layers at several scales, displays decimal coordinates in WGS84, and enables the search for geographic names. The geographic names that are provided in the search results come from the authoritative database of geographical names. Language: Slovak and English.

zbgis.skgeodesy.sk

Geoportál. This website provides links to GIS data over Slovakia, including downloadable geographic names and administrative boundaries. GNDB USID: GEOPORTAL.SK

www.geoportal.sk

Štatistický úrad Slovenskej Republiky (Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic). This official website offers statistical information about Slovakia. Language: Slovak and English.

slovak.statistics.sk/

b. Hardcopy maps

Basic Map Series (1:10,000 and 1:50,000). Standardized geographical names of Slovakia are applied to all **2,820 sheets** of the Basic Map Series at a scale of 1:10,000 produced in the years 1970 - 1986 and all **137 sheets** of the Basic Map Series at a scale of 1:50,000 produced in the years 1970 - 1971 and 1987 - 1992. This series is downloadable from the website of the national GIS agency Geodetický a Kartografický Ústav Bratislava (GKU) (Institute of Geodesy and Cartography Bratislava).

Topographic Map Series by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), its predecessor agencies (Defense Mapping Agency and National Imagery and Mapping Agency) and the Institute of Topography of the Ministry of Defense of the Slovak Republic (Ministerstvo Obrany Slovenskej Republiky). The map series consists of hardcopy maps at a scale of 1:50,000. Below is a list of the map series and dates of production:

Map Series	Scale	Number of Maps	Production Years
M774	1:50,000	54	1950-2000
M779	1:50,000	152	1996-2020

c. Reference texts

Toponymic Guidelines for Maps and Other Editors, prepared by Mária Kováčová of the Geodetic and Cartographic Institute Bratislava, and Milan Majtán and Matej Považaj of the Institute of Linguistics, Slovak Academy of Sciences. Bratislava, 1999.

<http://www.skgeodesy.sk/files/slovensky/uqkk/geodezia-kartografia/archiv/Toponymicka-Avod-1999.pdf>

Glosbe Dictionary. An online dictionary for many languages. It's Slovak/English – English/Slovak service is very useful.

<https://en.glosbe.com/>

Appendix A. Glossary of Generic Terms

The following list of generic terms is helpful for understanding geographic names:

Slovak Generic Term	Feature Designation Name	Feature Designation Code
<i>alej, aleja</i>	road	RD
<i>arborétum</i>	arboretum	GDN
<i>baňa</i>	mine	MN
<i>borovicový les</i>	forest (pine)	FRST
<i>bralo</i>	cliff, rock	CLF, RK
<i>brána</i>	gate	GATE
<i>brázda</i>	ditch	DTCH
<i>breh</i>	stream bank	BNKR
<i>brod</i>	ford	FORD
<i>búda</i>	hut	HUT
<i>cesta</i>	road, trail	RD, TRL
<i>chalupa</i>	hut	HUT
<i>chata</i>	house, hut	HSE, HUT
<i>chmeľnica</i>	garden (hops)	GDN
<i>chodník</i>	trail	TRL
<i>chránená oblasť</i>	nature reserve	RESN
<i>chránené územie</i>	reserve	RES
<i>chrbát</i>	ridge	RDGE
<i>cintorín</i>	cemetery	CMTY
<i>dedina</i>	populated place (village)	PPL
<i>dedinka</i>	populated place (village)	PPL
<i>diera</i>	depression, gap	DPR, GAP
<i>divadlo</i>	theater	THTR
<i>dolína</i>	valley	VAL
<i>dráha</i>	road, trail	RD, TRL
<i>dubový les</i>	forest (oak)	FRST
<i>dvor</i>	courtyard, estate, farm	CTYD, EST, FRM
<i>elektrárň</i>	power station	PS
<i>garáž</i>	garage	GARG
<i>gejzír</i>	geyser	GYSR
<i>grúň</i>	hill, mountain, slope	HLL, MT, SLP
<i>háj</i>	garden, grove	GDN, GROVE
<i>halda</i>	landfill	LNDF
<i>hlavné mesto</i>	populated place (capital city)	PPLC
<i>hlbočina</i>	gorge, ravine	GRGE, RVN
<i>hliník</i>	aluminum	MN
<i>hol'a</i>	hill, mountain	HLL, MT
<i>hora</i>	forest, hill, mountain	FRST, HLL, MT
<i>hornatina</i>	hills, mountains, uplands	HLLS, MTS, UPLD
<i>hory</i>	hills, mountains, upland	HLLS, MTS, UPLD

Slovak Generic Term	Feature Designation Name	Feature Designation Code
<i>hostinec</i>	hotel, rest house	HTL, RHSE
<i>hotel</i>	hotel	HTL
<i>hrad</i>	castle, country house	CSTL, HSEC
<i>hradisko</i>	populated place (fortified)	PPL
<i>hrádza</i>	dam, weir	DAM, WEIR
<i>hrb</i>	hill, mound, mountain	HLL, MND, MT
<i>hrebeň</i>	ridge, ridges	RDGE
<i>hrob</i>	grave, tomb	GRVE, TMB
<i>huta</i>	ironworks	MFG
<i>hvezdáreň</i>	observatory	OBS
<i>ihrisko</i>	athletic field	ATHF
<i>jama</i>	ditch, well	DTCH, WLL
<i>jadrová elektrárň</i>	power station (nuclear)	PSN
<i>jarok</i>	ditch, stream	DTCH, STM
<i>jaskyňa</i>	cave	CAVE
<i>jazerá, jazero</i>	lake, pond, reservoir	LK, PND, RSV
<i>kameň</i>	mountain, rock	MT, RK
<i>kameňolom</i>	quarry	MNQR
<i>kanál</i>	canal, stream	CNL, STM
<i>kaplnka</i>	chapel	CH
<i>kaštieľ</i>	country house	HSEC
<i>kláštor</i>	monastery	MSTY
<i>knihovňa</i>	library	LIB
<i>kolónia</i>	estate, populated place	EST, PPL
<i>kopanica</i>	hermitage	HERM
<i>kopec</i>	hill, mountain	HLL, MT
<i>košiar</i>	corral (sheep)	CRRL
<i>kostol</i>	church	CH
<i>kotlina</i>	depression	DPR
<i>kraj</i>	first-order administrative division (region)	ADM1
<i>kras</i>	karst area	KRST
<i>križ</i>	monument (cross)	MNMT
<i>kúpalisko</i>	resort (swimming)	RSRT
<i>kúpele</i>	spa	SPA
<i>kyčera</i>	mountain	MT
<i>lán</i>	cultivated area	CULT
<i>lanovka</i>	railroad (cable car)	RR
<i>les</i>	forest	FRST
<i>liečebný ústav</i>	medical center	CTRM
<i>lodenica</i>	boatyard, dockyard	BTYD, DCKY
<i>lom</i>	quarry	MNQR
<i>lúčiny</i>	grassland, meadow	GRSLD, MDW
<i>lúka</i>	meadow	MDW

Slovak Generic Term	Feature Designation Name	Feature Designation Code
<i>mesto</i>	populated place (city, town), section of a populated place	PPL, PPLX
<i>miestna časť</i>	section of populated place	PPLX
<i>minerálny prameň</i>	spring	SPNG
<i>mlyn</i>	mill	ML
<i>močarisko</i>	bog, marsh, swamp	BOG, MRSH, SWMP
<i>močiar</i>	bog, moor, swamp	BOG, MOOR, SWMP
<i>mokrina</i>	swamp, wetland	SWMP, WTLD
<i>most, mostík</i>	bridge	BDG
<i>múzeum</i>	museum	MUS
<i>nábřežie</i>	quay, wharf	QUAY, WHRF
<i>nádražie</i>	railroad station	RSTN
<i>nádrž</i>	reservoir	RSV
<i>námestie</i>	square	SQR
<i>národný park</i>	national park	PRK
<i>nemocnica</i>	hospital	HSP
<i>niva</i>	field	FLD
<i>nížina</i>	plain	PLN
<i>obec</i>	third-order administrative division (municipality)	ADM3
<i>oblasť</i>	area, region	AREA, RGN
<i>okres</i>	second-order administrative division (district)	ADM2
<i>osada</i>	estate, populated place	EST, PPL
<i>ostroha</i>	spur	SPUR
<i>ostrov</i>	island, peninsula	ISL, PEN
<i>pahorie</i>	hill, mountain	HLL, MT
<i>pahorkatina</i>	hills, mountains, upland	HLLS, MTS, UPLD
<i>pahorok</i>	hill, mound	HLL, MND
<i>pamätník</i>	monument	MNMT
<i>panva</i>	depression	DPR
<i>park</i>	park	PRK
<i>paseka</i>	clearing	CLG
<i>pasienok</i>	grazing area	GRAZ
<i>pastvina</i>	grassland, grazing area	GRSLD, GRAZ
<i>pažiť</i>	grassland	GRSLD
<i>pevnosť</i>	fort	FT
<i>piesčina</i>	bar, sand area	BAR, SAND
<i>planina</i>	plain, plateau	PLN, PLAT
<i>plaváreň</i>	resort (swimming)	RSRT
<i>pleso</i>	lake	LK
<i>plošina</i>	plateau	PLAT
<i>podhradie</i>	populated place, section of populated place	PPL, PPLX
<i>pohorie</i>	mountains	MTS
<i>pole</i>	field	FLD

Slovak Generic Term	Feature Designation Name	Feature Designation Code
<i>polesie</i>	forest reserve	RESF
<i>poľovnícka chata</i>	hunting lodge	GHSE
<i>pomník</i>	monument	MNMT
<i>potok</i>	stream	STM
<i>prameň</i>	fountain, spring, well	FNT, SPNG, WLL
<i>predhoria</i>	hills	HLLS
<i>predmestie</i>	locality, section of populated place	LCTY, PPLX
<i>prevoz</i>	ferry	FY
<i>priehrada</i>	dam, reservoir	DAM, RSV
<i>priehyba</i>	gap, pass, saddle	GAP, PASS, SDL
<i>priekopa</i>	ditch, stream	DTCH, STM
<i>prielož</i>	cultivated area, field	CULT, FLD
<i>priemyselná oblasť</i>	industrial area	INDS
<i>priepasť</i>	gorge, ravine	GRGE, RVN
<i>prieplav</i>	canal	CNL
<i>priesmyk</i>	pass	PASS
<i>priestor</i>	area	AREA
<i>prírodná pamiatka</i>	nature monument, nature reserve	MNMT, RESN
<i>prírodná rezervácia</i>	nature reserve	RESN
<i>prístav</i>	dock, harbor, wharf	DCK, HBR, WHRF
<i>prístavisko</i>	landing, quay, wharf	LDNG, QUAY, WHRF
<i>pustatina</i>	scrubland	SCRB
<i>pútnické miesto</i>	religious site	RLG
<i>radnica</i>	city hall, town hall	ADMF
<i>rameno</i>	anabranch	STMA
<i>rameno rieky</i>	anabranch	STMA
<i>rašelinisko</i>	bog, moor	BOG, MOOR
<i>rekreačná oblasť</i>	resort	RSRT
<i>rekreačný objekt</i>	building (recreation)	BLDG
<i>republika</i>	independent political entity (country)	PCLI
<i>revír</i>	hunting reserve	RESH
<i>rezervácia</i>	reserve	RES
<i>rieka</i>	stream	STM
<i>roklina</i>	gorge, ravine	GRGE, RVNE
<i>ropovod</i>	pipeline (oil)	OILP
<i>rovina</i>	plain	PLN
<i>rozvalina</i>	ruin	RUIN
<i>rybník</i>	lake, pond	LK, PND
<i>sad</i>	garden, orchard	GDN, OCH
<i>salaš</i>	hut	HUT
<i>sanatórium</i>	sanatorium	SNTR
<i>sedlo</i>	saddle	SDL
<i>sídliisko</i>	estate, populated place	EST, PPL

Slovak Generic Term	Feature Designation Name	Feature Designation Code
<i>skala</i>	hill, mountain, rock	HLL, MT, RK
<i>sklad</i>	storehouse	SHSE
<i>skládka</i>	landfill	LNDF
<i>škola</i>	school	SCH
<i>skotňa</i>	grazing area	GRAZ
<i>slatina</i>	bog, marsh, moor	BOG, MRSH, MOOR
<i>štadión</i>	stadium	STDM
<i>stanica</i>	railroad station	RSTN
<i>stena</i>	cliff, wall	CLF, WALL
<i>štít</i>	peak	PK
<i>stôl</i>	mountain	MT
<i>štôľňa</i>	tunnel	TNL
<i>štola, štôľňa</i>	gallery	MUS
<i>stráň</i>	slope	SLP
<i>stredohorie</i>	upland	UPLD
<i>strž</i>	gorge, ravine	GRGE, RVN
<i>studňa</i>	well	WLL
<i>studnička</i>	spring	SPNG
<i>svah</i>	slope (steep)	SLP
<i>synagóga</i>	synagogue	SYG
<i>tábor, táborište</i>	camp	CMP
<i>tabuľa</i>	mesa, plain	MESA, PLN
<i>tepelná elektrárň</i>	power station (thermal)	PS
<i>transformovňa</i>	power substation	PSS
<i>trať</i>	road, trail	RD, TRL
<i>trávnik</i>	grassland	GRSLD
<i>trh</i>	market	MKT
<i>traska</i>	ruin	RUIN
<i>tunel</i>	tunnel	TNL
<i>úbočie</i>	slope, spur	SLP, SPUR
<i>učilište</i>	school	SCH
<i>údol</i>	valley	VAL
<i>údolie</i>	valley	VAL
<i>údolná nádrž</i>	reservoir	RSV
<i>údolný</i>	valley	VAL
<i>údolný nádrž</i>	reservoir	RSV
<i>úhor</i>	field	FLD
<i>ulica</i>	street	ST
<i>úplaz</i>	ravine	RVN
<i>ústav</i>	asylum	ASYL
<i>ústie</i>	estuary, streammouth	ESTY, STMM
<i>val</i>	wall	WALL
<i>veterný mlyn</i>	windmill	MLWND

Slovak Generic Term	Feature Designation Name	Feature Designation Code
<i>veža</i>	tower	TOWR
<i>viadukt</i>	bridge	BDG
<i>vila</i>	country house, estate	HSEC, EST
<i>vinica</i>	vineyard	VIN
<i>vinohrad</i>	vineyard	VIN
<i>voda</i>	stream	STM
<i>vodáreň</i>	waterworks	WTRW
<i>vodná elektrárň</i>	power station (hydro)	PSH
<i>vodná nádrž</i>	reservoir	RSV
<i>vodojem</i>	reservoir, water tank	RSV, RSVT
<i>vodopád</i>	waterfall	FLLS
<i>vrch</i>	hill, mountain, slope	HLL, MT, SLP
<i>vrchovina</i>	upland	UPLD
<i>vrchy</i>	hills, mountains, slopes	HLLS, MTS, SLP
<i>vresoviško</i>	heath, moor	HTH, MOOR
<i>vršok</i>	hill, mountain	HLL, MT
<i>vysočina</i>	upland	UPLD
<i>vyvierka</i>	spring	SPNG
<i>vyvýšenina</i>	hill, mound	HLL, MND
<i>záhrada</i>	garden	GDN
<i>záhradka</i>	garden	GDN
<i>zámok</i>	castle	CSTL
<i>zásobník</i>	reservoir, water tank	RSV, RSVT
<i>zastávka</i>	railroad stop	RSTP
<i>závrt</i>	sinkhole	SINK
<i>železničná stanica</i>	railroad station	RSTN
<i>železničná zastávka</i>	railroad stop	RSTP
<i>zjazdovka</i>	resort (ski)	RSRT
<i>žlab</i>	ditch	DTCH
<i>zlieváreň</i>	foundry	FNDY
<i>zoologická záhrada</i>	zoo	ZOO
<i>zráz</i>	cliff, slope	CLF, SLP
<i>žriedlo</i>	fountain, spring	FNT, SPNG
<i>zrúcanina</i>	ruin	RUIN
<i>zvonica</i>	tower (bell)	TOWR

Appendix B. List of Prepositions

The following list of prepositions is useful for understanding geographic names:

Slovak Preposition	English Translation
<i>do</i>	at, by, for, into, to, under
<i>k</i>	by, for, on, to, toward
<i>na</i>	at, for, in, on, to
<i>nad</i>	above, over, upon
<i>o</i>	at, by, on, over
<i>po</i>	at, on, over
<i>pod</i>	below, under
<i>pri</i>	at, beside, on, over, with
<i>u</i>	at, by, on, with
<i>v</i>	at, in, on, under
<i>vedľa</i>	by, to
<i>voe</i>	in
<i>za</i>	at, behind, for, in, under

Appendix C. List of Abbreviations

The following list of abbreviations is useful for recognizing features and understanding names on Slovak maps. Adjectives modify a noun and end with either -ý (masculine), -á (feminine), or -é (neuter).

Slovak Abbreviation	Slovak Expansion	English Translation
<i>akvd.</i>	akvadukt	aqueduct
<i>arch. nalez.</i>	archeologické nálezisko	archeological site
<i>art. st.</i>	artézska studňa	artesian well
<i>astr.</i>	astronomický	astronomical
<i>bot.</i>	botel	hospital boat
<i>č.</i>	čierny	black
<i>červ.</i>	červený	red
<i>ch.</i>	chata	hut, huts
<i>chrán.</i>	chránený	protected
<i>čier.</i>	čierny	black
<i>cint.</i>	cintorin	cemetery
<i>cvič.</i>	cvičisko	training ground
<i>div.</i>	divadlo	theater
<i>dl.</i>	dlhý	long
<i>dol.</i>	dolný	lower
<i>dol.</i>	dolina	valley
<i>drev.</i>	drevený	wooden
<i>dv.</i>	dvor	courtyard, farm

Slovak Abbreviation	Slovak Expansion	English Translation
<i>g.</i>	gejzír	geyser
<i>gal.</i>	galéria	gallery
<i>gar.</i>	garáž	garage
<i>geol.</i>	geologický	geological
<i>h.</i>	hora	hill, mountain
<i>hal.</i>	halda	landfill
<i>hl.</i>	hlavný	main
<i>hl.</i>	hlboký	deep
<i>hlin.</i>	hlinisko	clay soil
<i>hor.</i>	horný	upper
<i>hor.</i>	horáreň	guest house, hunting lodge
<i>host.</i>	hostinec	guest house
<i>hot.</i>	hotel	hotel
<i>hr.</i>	hrad	castle
<i>hyd.</i>	hydínareň	farm (poultry)
<i>ihr.</i>	ihrisko	field, playground
<i>jask.</i>	jaskyňa	cave, gorge
<i>jaez.</i>	jaezero	lake, pond
<i>jask.</i>	jaskyňa	cave
<i>jaz.</i>	jazerá, jazero	lake, reservoir
<i>juž.</i>	južný	south, southern
<i>kam.</i>	kameňolom, kamenný	quarry, stone
<i>kan.</i>	kanál	canal
<i>kap.</i>	kaplnka	chapel, church
<i>kemp.</i>	kemping	campsite
<i>kl.</i>	kláštor	monastery
<i>knih.</i>	knihovňa	library
<i>kol.</i>	kolónia	estate, populated place
<i>kôl.</i>	kôlňa	hut, shed
<i>komp.</i>	kompa	ferry
<i>kop.</i>	kopec	hill
<i>kor.</i>	koryto	ditch, stream, streambed
<i>kost.</i>	kostol	church
<i>kr.</i>	kraj, krajský	region, regional
<i>krav.</i>	kravín	cowshed
<i>kúp.</i>	kúpele	spa
<i>kúpal.</i>	kúpalisko	swimming pool
<i>kys.</i>	kyselka	mineral water
<i>lan.</i>	lanovkalanová dráha	cable car
<i>lod.</i>	lodenica	boatyard
<i>m.</i>	malý	little
<i>mat.</i>	materiál	goods, material

Slovak Abbreviation	Slovak Expansion	English Translation
<i>mauz.</i>	mauzóleum	mausoleum
<i>ml.</i>	mlyn	mill
<i>moh.</i>	mohyla	mound
<i>mot.</i>	motel	motel
<i>múz.</i>	múzeum	museum
<i>n.</i>	nad	above, over, upon
<i>n.</i>	nový	new
<i>nábr.</i>	nábřeží, nábrežie	quay, wall
<i>nádr.</i>	nádražie	railroad station
<i>nákl. st.</i>	nákladná stanica	freight station
<i>nález.</i>	nálezisko	field
<i>nám.</i>	námestie	square
<i>nem.</i>	nemocnica	hospital
<i>níz.</i>	nízky	low
<i>níž.</i>	nížina	plain, flat
<i>nocl.</i>	nocľaháreň	guest house, rest house
<i>o.</i>	ostrov	island
<i>ob.</i>	obora	reserve (wildlife)
<i>obl.</i>	oblasť	area, region
<i>obraz.</i>	obrazáreň	gallery
<i>odv.</i>	odval	landfill
<i>okr.</i>	okres	second-order administrative division (district)
<i>os.</i>	osobný	individual
<i>ošip.</i>	ošipáreň	farm (pigs)
<i>ostr.</i>	ostrov	island
<i>ovč.</i>	ovčín	corral (sheep)
<i>ozdr.</i>	ozdravovňa	sanatorium
<i>ozub.</i>	Ozubnicová železnica	railroad (cogwheel)
<i>p.</i>	pod	below, under
<i>p.</i>	potok	stream
<i>pah.</i>	pahorek, pahorkatina, pahorkatý, pahorok	hill, hills, upland, hilly
<i>pam.</i>	pamätník	monument
<i>piesk.</i>	pieskovňa	sand pit
<i>pl.</i>	pleso	lake
<i>plan.</i>	planina	plain
<i>plav.</i>	plaváreň	swimming pool
<i>ploš.</i>	plošina	plateau
<i>poh.</i>	pohorie	mountains
<i>poľov. ch.</i>	poľovnícka chata	guest house (hunting)
<i>pom.</i>	pomník	monument
<i>pred.</i>	predný	front
<i>predm.</i>	predmestie	section of populated place

Slovak Abbreviation	Slovak Expansion	English Translation
<i>priehr.</i>	priehrada	dam
<i>priem.</i>	priemyselná oblasť	industrial area
<i>prieost.</i>	prieostor	area
<i>priep.</i>	priepasť	gorge, ravine
<i>priepl.</i>	prieplav	canal
<i>priesm.</i>	priesmyk	pass
<i>priev.</i>	prievoz	ferry
<i>prír.div.</i>	prírodné divadlo	theater (outdoor)
<i>príst.</i>	prístav	harbor, docks, wharf
<i>prm.</i>	prameň	spring, well
<i>prostr.</i>	prostredný	middle
<i>r.</i>	rieka	stream
<i>raš.</i>	rašelina	bog
<i>rekr.</i>	rekreačný	recreation area, recreational
<i>rez.</i>	rezervácia	reserve
<i>rov.</i>	rovina	plain
<i>rozhľ.</i>	rozhľadňa	tower (observation)
<i>rozv.</i>	rozvalina	ruin
<i>rúb.</i>	rúbanisko	clearing
<i>ryb.</i>	rybník	lake, pond
<i>šach.</i>	šachta	pit, shaft, well
<i>san.</i>	sanatórium	sanatorium
<i>sed.</i>	sedlo	pass, saddle
<i>sen.</i>	senník	hut, shed
<i>sev.</i>	severný	north, northern
<i>sídl.</i>	sídlisko	estate, populated place
<i>síl.</i>	silážny	silo
<i>šk.</i>	škola	school
<i>skal.</i>	skalnatý	rocky
<i>skan.</i>	skanzen	museum (outdoor)
<i>soľ.</i>	soľný	saline
<i>šport.</i>	športový	sports area
<i>správ.</i>	správny	administrative
<i>SR</i>	Slovenská Republika	Slovak Republic
<i>st.</i>	starý	old
<i>st.</i>	stanica	railroad station
<i>št.</i>	štôľňa	gallery, tunnel
<i>štab.</i>	štadión	stadium
<i>štát.</i>	štátny	national
<i>staveb.</i>	stavebný	building
<i>std.</i>	studňa	well
<i>str.</i>	stredný	medium, middle

Slovak Abbreviation	Slovak Expansion	English Translation
<i>strel.</i>	strelnica	firing range
<i>sút.</i>	súteska	pass
<i>sv.</i>	svätý	Saint
<i>táb.</i>	tábor	camp
<i>telocvël.</i>	telocvičňa	facility (sports), gymnasium
<i>tr.</i>	trieda	road, street
<i>trf.</i>	transformovňa	power substation
<i>uč.</i>	učilište	school
<i>úd.</i>	údolie	valley
<i>ul.</i>	ulica	street
<i>úst.</i>	ústav	institute
<i>v.</i>	vrch, vrchy	hill, hills, mountain, mountains
<i>vdp.</i>	vodopád	waterfall
<i>vel'.</i>	vel'ký	big
<i>vod.n.</i>	vodná nádrž	reservoir
<i>vrch.</i>	vrchovina	uplands
<i>vres.</i>	vresovisko	heath
<i>vých.</i>	východný	east, eastern
<i>vys.</i>	vysoký	high, tall
<i>vyš.</i>	vyšší	higher, taller, upper
<i>výsk.</i>	výskumný	research
<i>výst.</i>	výstavisko	fairgrounds
<i>výt.</i>	výtah sedačkový	ski lift (chair)
<i>z.</i>	zastávka	railroad stop
<i>zad.</i>	za dný	behind, rear
<i>záhr.</i>	záhrada	garden
<i>zám.</i>	záмок	lock, castle
<i>záp.</i>	západný	west, western
<i>zásob.</i>	zásobník	reservoir
<i>zast.</i>	zastávka	railroad stop
<i>záv.</i>	závodisko	racetrack
<i>zel.</i>	zelený	green
<i>zim.</i>	zimný	winter
<i>zoo</i>	zoologická záhrada	zoo
<i>zot.</i>	zotavovňa	facility (convalescent home)
<i>žried.</i>	žriedlo	fountain, spring
<i>zruc.</i>	zrucanina	ruin
<i>žst.</i>	železničná stanica	railroad station
<i>zver.</i>	zvernica	reserve (wildlife)

Appendix D. List of Common Adjectives

The following list of adjectives is useful for understanding geographic names on Slovak maps. Adjectives modify a noun and end with either -ý (masculine), -á (feminine), or -é (neuter). Many adjectives in the table below appear with the -ý (masculine) ending.

Slovak Adjective	English Translation
<i>biely</i>	white
<i>červený</i>	red
<i>čierny</i>	black
<i>čistý</i>	clear
<i>dlhý</i>	long
<i>dolný</i>	lower
<i>hladký</i>	smooth
<i>hlavný</i>	capital, main
<i>hlboký</i>	deep
<i>holý</i>	bare
<i>horný</i>	upper
<i>hrubý</i>	big, rough, thick
<i>istý</i>	firm, stout, sturdy
<i>jama</i>	hollow
<i>južný</i>	south, southern
<i>kalný</i>	muddy
<i>krásny</i>	beautiful
<i>krátky</i>	short
<i>krivý</i>	crooked
<i>krvavý</i>	blood red
<i>lysý</i>	bare
<i>malý</i>	little
<i>mladý</i>	new, young
<i>modrý</i>	blue
<i>mokrý</i>	wet
<i>nízky</i>	low
<i>nižný</i>	lower
<i>nový</i>	new
<i>ostrý</i>	pointy, sharp
<i>panenský</i>	pure, unspoiled
<i>piesočnatý</i>	sandy
<i>planý</i>	barren, empty
<i>predný</i>	fore, front
<i>prírodný</i>	natural
<i>prostredný</i>	middle
<i>pustý</i>	desolate
<i>raný</i>	early

Slovak Adjective	English Translation
<i>rovný</i>	straight
<i>severný</i>	north, northern
<i>široký</i>	broad, wide
<i>skalka</i>	rocky
<i>skalnatý</i>	rocky
<i>slaný</i>	salty
<i>spálený</i>	charred
<i>starý</i>	old
<i>stredný</i>	central, middle
<i>striebrišty</i>	silver
<i>studený</i>	cold
<i>suchý</i>	dry
<i>svätý</i>	holy, saint, saintly
<i>svetlý</i>	light
<i>slobodný</i>	free, unrestricted
<i>teplý</i>	warm
<i>tichý</i>	calm, silent
<i>tmavý</i>	dark
<i>úzky</i>	narrow
<i>veľký</i>	big
<i>veterný</i>	windy
<i>východný</i>	east, eastern
<i>vysoký</i>	high, tall
<i>vyšný</i>	upper
<i>vyšší</i>	higher, taller
<i>zadný</i>	back, behind, rear
<i>západný</i>	west, western
<i>zelený</i>	green
<i>židovský</i>	Jewish
<i>zlatý</i>	golden

Appendix E. Map of First-order Administrative Divisions (ADM1s)⁵



⁵ Source: www.nouahsark.com