## 3.2 Adria-Rosolina Mare-Chioggia. Road through the Valleys.

The second leg of this waterside itinerary is a full immersion into the Natural Park of the Po Delta. You can depart from Adria following



the levee of the Canalbianco, a waterway that is still used by commercial and tourist vessels, until you reach Porto Viro. Here, you can get on the levee of the Po (1) near the impressive boat-lift system that provides connections to the main distributary of the river (Po di Venezia) with the Po di Levante.

After passing by the last houses in Adria, an area in which some important paleological dunes can be found, the landscape becomes even more extraordinary: from atop the levee you can follow the water's tranquil flow and to the other side, look out over the endless stretches of farmland and fields of grain dotted with small, humble farmhouses. In Villaregia, the farmland gives way to "fishing valleys" in the Venetian Lagoon. The route continues on down a lovely country bike trail that passes near





some drainage structures, displaying the extensive construction projects begun in the early 1900s. The many drainage structures still ensure secure functioning for the water system, allowing the drainage canals to carry water back to the sea. The route will be interrupted in Porto Levante where the boat + bike service will bring you across to the opposite bank near Albarella. The atmosphere is still unique and isolated here, where noises are hushed, the light is reflected by the water, and the sea breeze carries an intense salty fragrance. This enchanting scenery lingers



as you head down the payed "Via delle Valli" passing through the vallevs of Valle Sagreda and Valle Capitania. Amidst these wetlands, it is common to see colonies of pink flamingos (2). You're almost at the Adige now, but before crossing over it, you can follow its course up to the mouth, reaching the beaches of Rosolina Mare and the impressive botanical garden of Porto Caleri (3). Once you cross the river, you can go into Dogado, or rather, the "land of the doges." The first sign of this change is the Bosco Nordio, a lovely old-growth forest on the plains surrounding fields where radicchio di Chioggia is harvested. The last bridge, passing over the Brenta, will bring you to the city bordering the Lusenzo Lagoon.





