

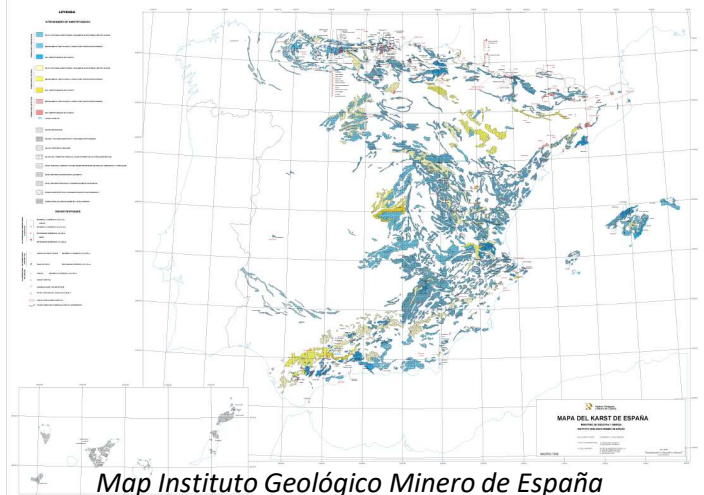


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Spain is one of the countries with the largest karstified area in Europe. The extension of karstifiable carbonate rocks exceeds 100,000 km², almost 30% of the territory. The ages of these rocks range from the Paleozoic (Cantabrian Mountains, Asturias, Picos de Europa and León) to materials in Mesozoic basins such as the Ebro or the Duero. As for coastal cavities, the greatest development is in the Balearic Islands. Also noteworthy is the significant presence of gypsiferous rocks, essentially of Messinian or Triassic age, outcrops mainly in the Betic Cordillera and intramountain depressions. Evaporite outcrops in Spain exceed 35,000 km², around 7% of the surface. It should also be noted the presence of important cavities in salts, conglomerates and volcanic materials. In total, it is estimated that approximately 65,000 cavities are inventoried in Spain



Caves total : 65,000
Marine caves total: ND
Artificial caves total: ND
Number of speleologists: 9400
Speleological groups and organizations: 346

Most important caves	
Name	Length
Sistema del Alto Tejuelo	173,000 m
Sistema del Mortillano	145,000 m
Sistema del Gandara	116,700 m
Ojo Guareña	110,000 m
Sistema del Hayal de Ponata	90,000 m
Name	Depth
Sistema Cuetu'l Cuevón - Saxífragas	- 1589 m
Sistema de la sima de la Cornisa - Torca Magali	- 1507 m
Sistema'l Trave	- 1441 m
Sistema de la Piedra de San Martin - Partages	- 1410 m
Sistema Arañonera	- 1349 m

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