



#SpeleoMedit



## pocket card Italy

In Italy, areas of speleological interest, characterized by types of rocks that favour the formation of natural cavities, make up about one-sixth of the entire surface of the territory. All Italian regions have such areas in their territory, although with significant differences in extension and type of caves. These areas in Emilia Romagna are about one percent compared to the total area of the territory, while Puglia, thanks to the extensive outcrops of limestone rocks, reaches 48%. This feature has spurred speleological explorations of the territory for over a century.

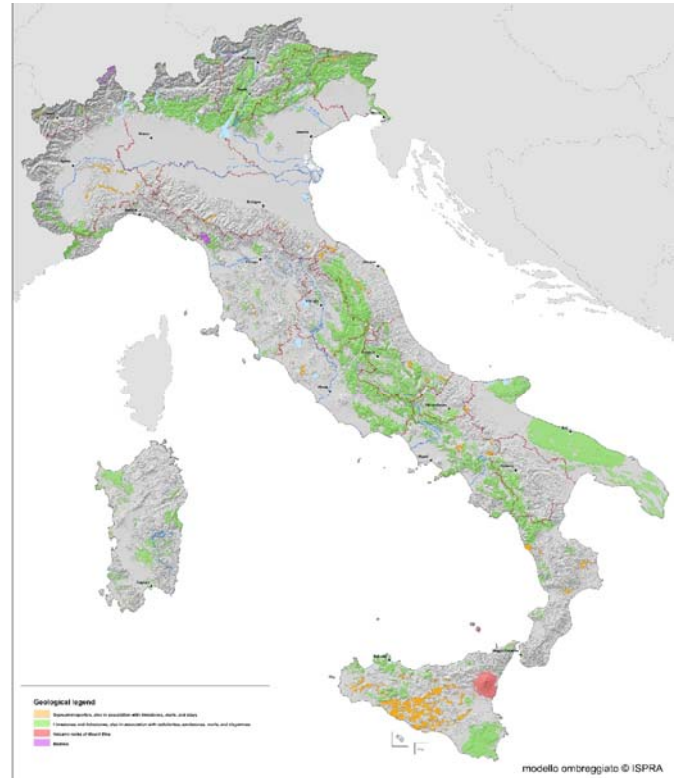
**Caves total : 44362**

**Marine caves total: 1048**

**Artificial caves total: 5155**

**Number of speleologists: ~5500**

**Speleological groups and organizations: ~293**



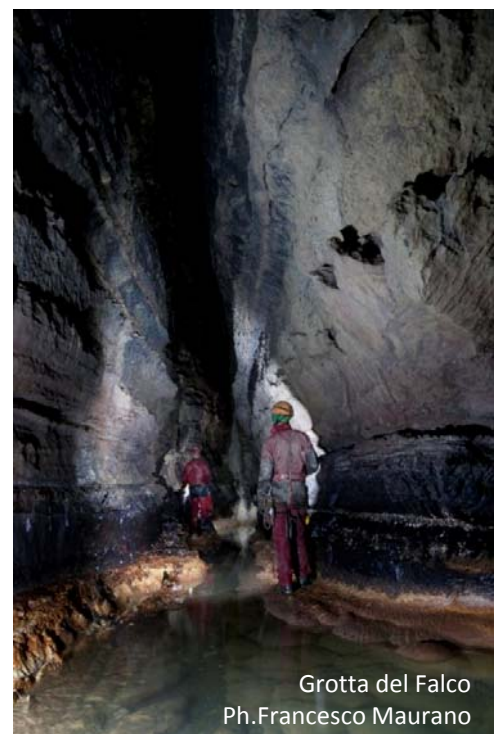
Map of geological formations of speleological interest

Most important caves	
Name	Length
Complesso del Col delle Erbe e del Foran del Muss (Chiusaforte - Friuli Venezia Giulia)	>80000 m
Complesso carsico della Codula Ilune, Bue marino, Su Molente (Urzulei-Baunei-Dorgali - Sardegna)	>74000 m
Complesso Saragato, Abisso Chimera, Aria Ghiaccia, Gigi Squisio e Mani pulite (Alpi Apuane, Toscana)	>63000 m
Valle del Nosè (Sormano/Zelbio- Lombardia)	> 61000 m
Complesso del Monte Corchia (Stazzema - Toscana)	> 57000 m
Complesso di Piaggia Bella (Briga Alta - Piemonte)	43000 m

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