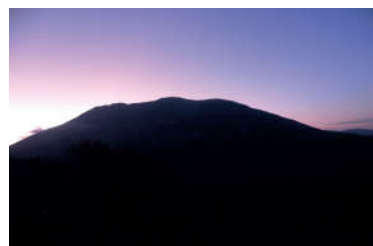
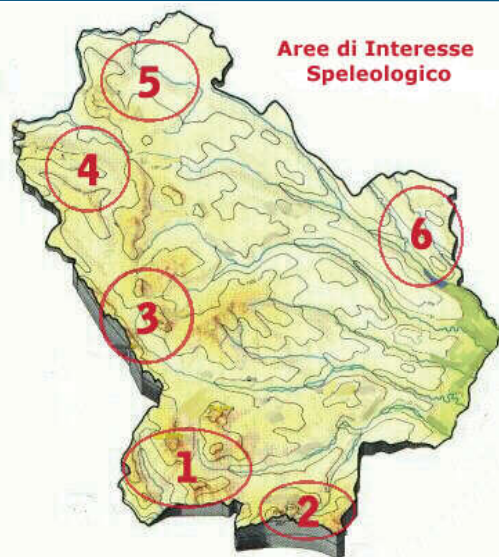




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AREAS WITH SPELEOLOGICAL INTEREST	CAVES
1 - Lagonegrese, Coccovello, Costa Maratea	212
2 - Massiccio del Pollino e Area Parco	42
3 - Val d'Agri e aree limitrofe	12
4 - Marmo - Platano	63
5 - Melfese e Basilicata nord	15
6 - Matera e Murgia Materana	6

6 Speleological clubs
25 Speleologist
(registered during 2018)

Municipality with presence of caves	N. OF CAVES
Maratea	132
Balvano	31
Trecchina	24
Muro L.	23
Rivello	18
Terranova Pollino	16
Latronico	12
Lauria	10
Lagonegro	10
Viggianello	6

CADASTRE CAVES DATA	
GROTTE CENSITE	350
RILIEVI ESISTENTI AGGIORNATI	160
RILIEVI SU WEBGIS REGIONALE	0
INGRESSI POSIZIONATI CON GPS	110
SISTEMA DI RIFERIMENTO	WGS 84 - GB

The longest caves	meters
Grotta del Dragone (mis. Sped.) (Maratea - PZ)	2400 m
Grotta di Castel di Lepre (Marsico Nuovo - PZ)	1845 m
I Vucculi I (Muro Lucano - PZ)	1291 m
Grotta Sant'Angelo (Trecchina - PZ)	420 m
I Vucculi II (Muro Lucano - PZ)	408 m

The deepest caves	meters
Grotta di Castel di Lepre (Marsico Nuovo -PZ)	- 146 m
Festola Grande (Trecchina - PZ)	- 136 m
I Vucculi I (Muro Lucano - PZ)	- 120 m
Piezz' i Trend (Rotonda - PZ)	- 101 m
I Vucculi II (Muro Lucano - PZ)	- 86 m

KARSTIK MASSIF OF COCCOVELLO MOUNTAIN

The Coccovello massif is characterized by a karst surface enriched by over 100 dolines and by a deep karst with sinkholes and active and fossils outflows. Some underwater springs in the Maratea coast are connected to the Coccovello karst system. On January 2011 the massif has been enlisted in the Natura 2000 EU network of protected areas due to its "considerable natural and karstic interest", thanks also to the Gruppo Geo Speleo "Valle del Noce".

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Marateas' Coast karst areas. Other interesting areas are Marmo Platano and the Pollino massif.

The Murgia Materana area is still little explored. An intensive caving period (1975 to 1995) was followed by a decline, since many young people were forced to relocate abroad. Since some years, caving activity resumed and systematic research is performed. Sea caves are explored by Gruppo Geo Speleo Valle del Noce and the Centro Europeo di Speleologia Marina (European Sea Caving Center) in Trecchina.

