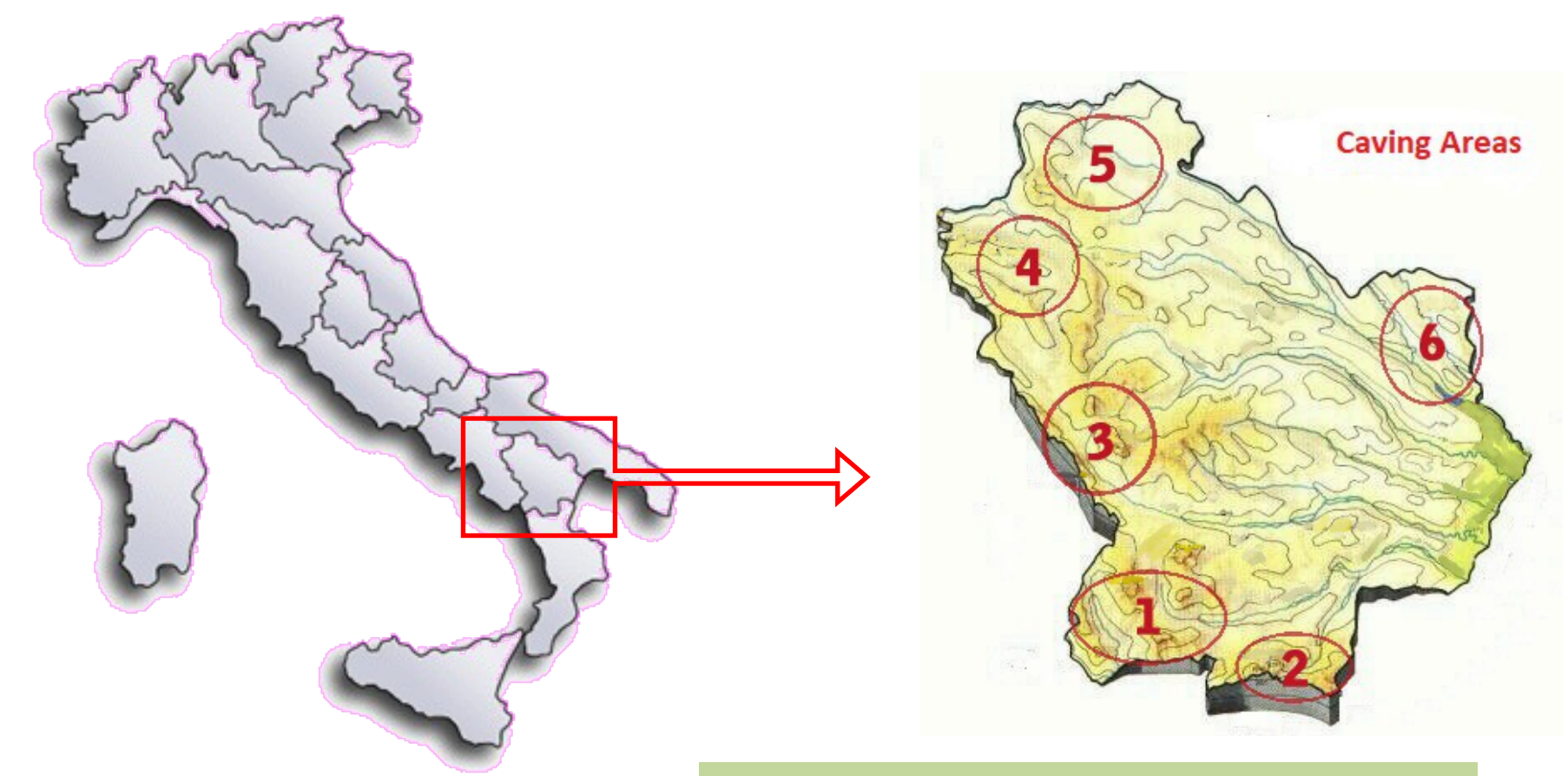
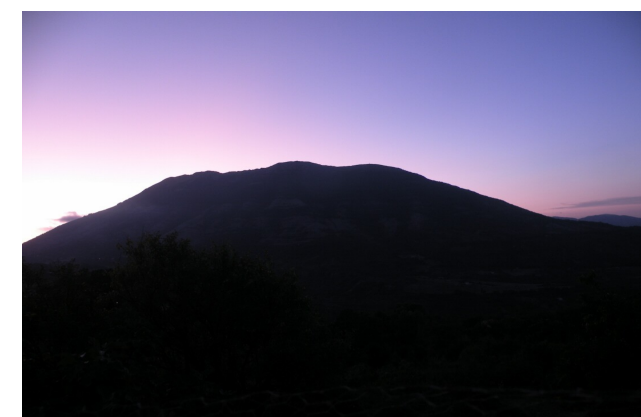
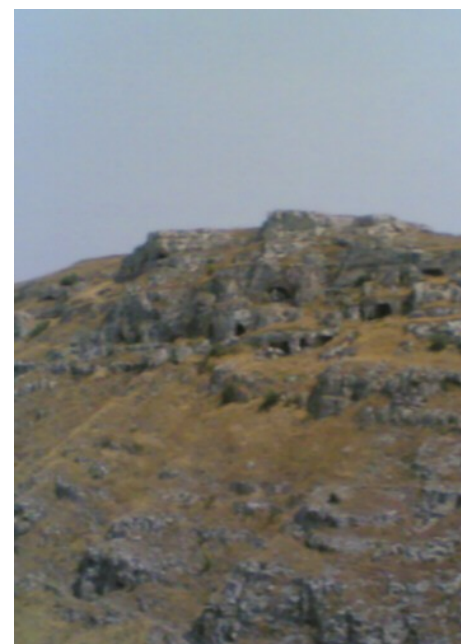


# BASILICATA

Basilicata is characterized by few areas where lithology favours the development of surface and deep karst. Six areas with speleological interest are identified. Presently, more than 350 natural cavities are registered and surveyed. More than half of them are located in the Coccovello, Lagonegrese, 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.

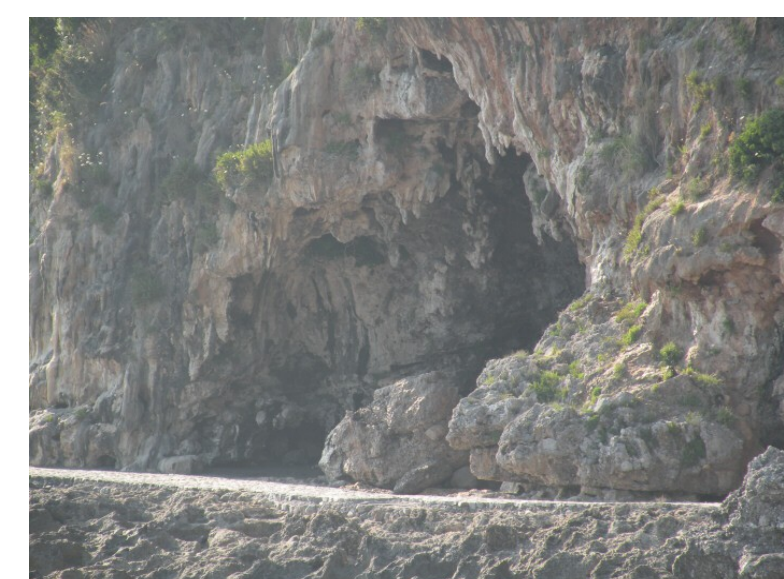
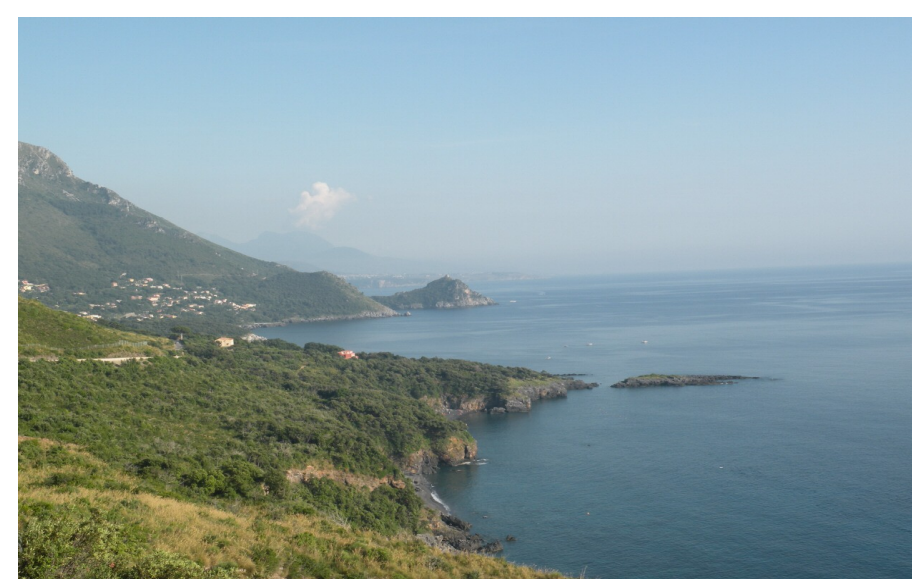
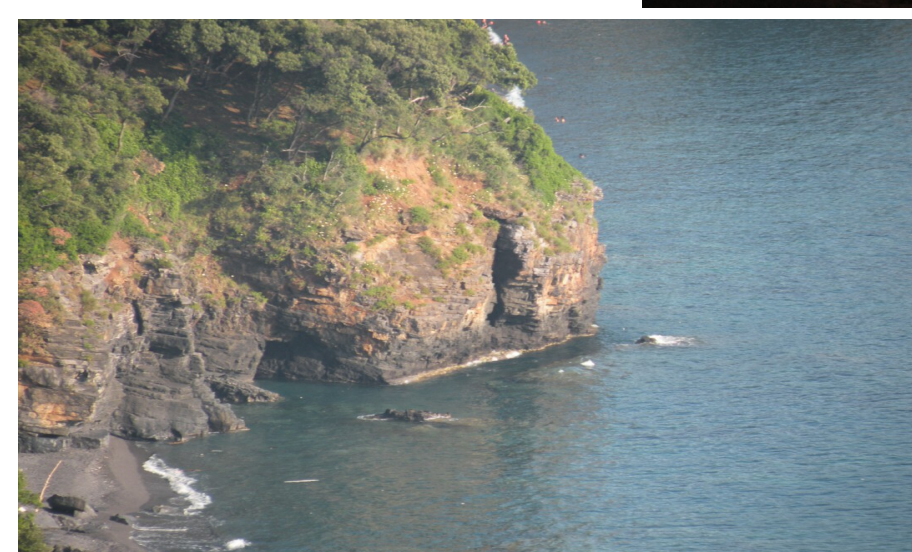


Cavers and Caving Clubs	
Caving Clubs:	6
Active Cavers:	25



Municipality	Caves
Maratea	132
Balvano	31
Trecchina	24
Muro L.	23
Rivello	18
Terranova Pollino	16
Latronico	12
Lauria	10
Lagonegro	10
Viggianello	6

Caving Areas	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



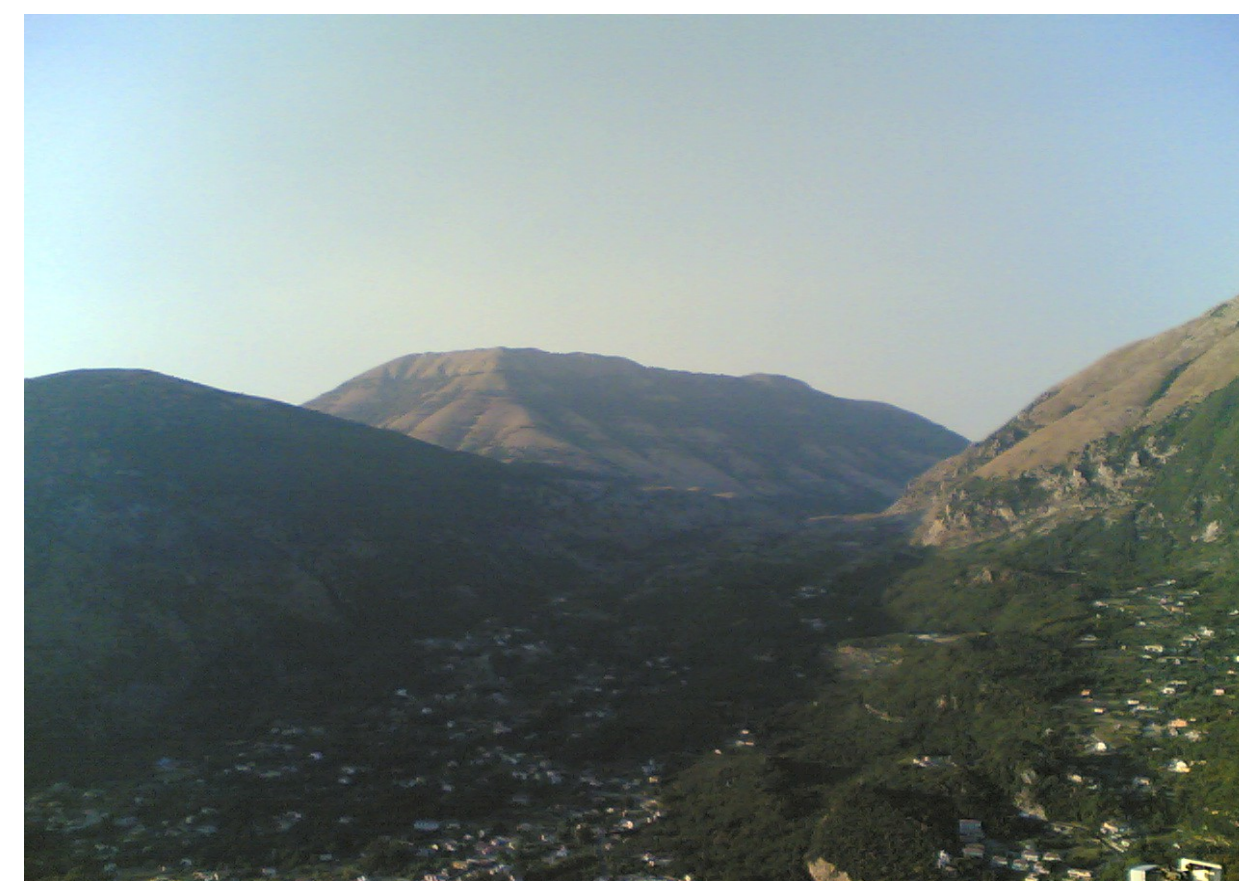
## CADASTRE OF CAVES

Surveyed Caves	350
Updated Topographic Survey	160
Surveys on Regional Web GIS	0
GPS positioned Entrances	110
SSI Cadastral Card	SI
Regional Law	SI
Reference Card	WGS84, GB

The longest caves		Meters
Grotta del Dragone (mis.Sped.)	Maratea	Ca 2400
Grotta di Castel di Lepre	Marsico N.	1845
I Vucculi 1	Muro L.	1291
Grotta Sant'Angelo	Trecchina	420
I Vucculi 2 (La volpe)	Muro L.	408

The deepest caves		Meters
Grotta di Castel di Lepre	Marsico N.	146
Festola Grande	Trecchina	136
I Vucculi 1	Muro L.	120
Piezz 'i Trend	Rotonda	101
I Vucculi 2	Muro L.	86

Cave Types	Caves
Show Caves	1
Marine and coastal caves (Relation to the sea)	77
Prehistoric Caves	13
Archaeological Caves (Magna Grecia)	1
Worship Caves (Hermits and Basilian monks)	5
Caves used as shelters by Brigands (After unification of Italy)	8
Polluted Caves	2
Caves totally destroyed by man	2



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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