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Artificial cavities of Turkey

Updating the Map of Anthropogenic Cavities in the Mediterranean Basin

Cavit  artificiali della Turchia

Aggiornamento della Carta delle Cavit  Antropogeniche nel bacino del Mediterraneo

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Abstract

We present the first update of the inventory of artificial cavities of Turkey, fulfilled as part of the 2012 project "Map of the Rock-cut Sites of Mediterranean", curated by the National Commission for Artificial Cavities of the Italian Speleological Society. It consists of a general map, a list of 232 geo-localized sites and a reference bibliography. The inventory is constantly upgraded.

Keywords: artificial/anthropogenic/rock-cut cavities inventory, Mediterranean Basin, map, Turkey.

Riassunto

Viene qui presentato il primo aggiornamento del repertorio delle cavit  artificiali della Turchia, realizzato nell'ambito del progetto "Carta dei Siti Rupestri del Mediterraneo" del 2012, curato dalla Commissione Nazionale Cavit  Artificiali della SSI. Consta di una mappa generale, di una lista dei siti sino ad ora georeferenziati e della bibliografia di riferimento.

La documentazione   stata acquisita direttamente dai curatori (Yama  e Bixio), grazie a decennali indagini condotte di persona sul territorio, o attraverso collaborazioni locali o fonti di ricercatori/viaggiatori del passato e moderni. Le cavit  individuate sono attualmente 436, di cui 232 sono qui elencate: sono stati per ora esclusi i 204 siti della Cappadocia attualmente in fase di revisione. L'inventario   in continuo aggiornamento.

Parole chiave: inventario cavit  artificiali/antropogeniche/rupestri, carta, bacino del Mediterraneo, Turchia.

The ambitious project to develop an inventory of artificial cavities¹ existing in the Mediterranean Basin was born in the 90s of the last century on the initiative of

two Italian researchers (Besana, Mainetti, 2000) that led them to achieve the first Map of the "Troglodytism in the Mediterranean Countries". Subsequently, the project was shared and expanded together with the Commissione Nazionale Cavit  Artificiali (National Commission for Artificial Cavities) of the Societ  Speleologica Italiana (Italian Speleological Society), by producing a new "Map of the Rock-cut Sites of Mediterranean" (Bixio *et al.*, 2012).

As the project progressed, on the one hand there was a growing awareness of the great amount of under-

¹ We consider artificial cavities, as opposed to natural cavities (caves), all structures made by the hand of man (anthropogenic), in particular those of historical or architectural interest, carved or built underground, or become hypogean due to the subsequent overlap produced by anthropogenic activities. The specific term "rock-cut site" refers, of course, exclusively to the cavities carved into the rock.

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