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<http://www.magicproject.it>

MaGIC project: the Italian experience of a common effort of the scientific community to acquire, process, interpret a very large amount HR bathymetric data at a national scale

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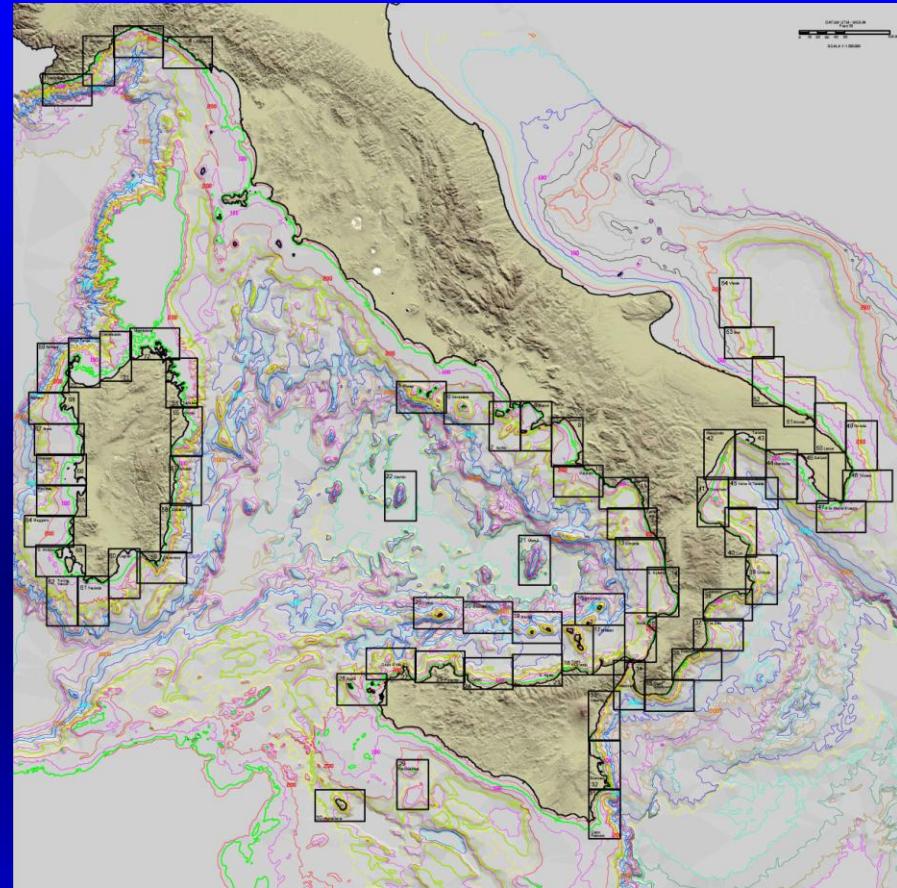


Multibeam mapping  
(1:50.000)  
of most of the Italian  
margins  
5-year period:  
In the depth range 50-500m  
December 2007-December 2012

Funded by the Italian Civil  
Protection Department (DPC)



5.25 M€ direct funding +  
2 M€ ship-time CNR co-financing



## Aims of the Project:

provide DPC a basic tool for monitoring  
and managing marine geohazards and risk

The whole Italian Marine Geology scientific  
community is involved in the project



CNR Roma - Istituto di  
Geologia Ambientale e  
Geoingegneria

CNR Bologna - Istituto per le  
Scienze del Mare

CNR Napoli - Istituto per  
l'Ambiente Marino e Costiero

Università di Genova  CoNISMa  
Consorzio Nazionale  
Interuniversitario  
per le Scienze del Mare

Università di Roma

“La Sapienza”

Università di Palermo

Università di Cagliari

Università di Milano Bicocca

Università di Sassari

Università del Sannio

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e Geofisica Sperimentale,  
Trieste



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*Tyrrhenian basin and Sicily Channel:*

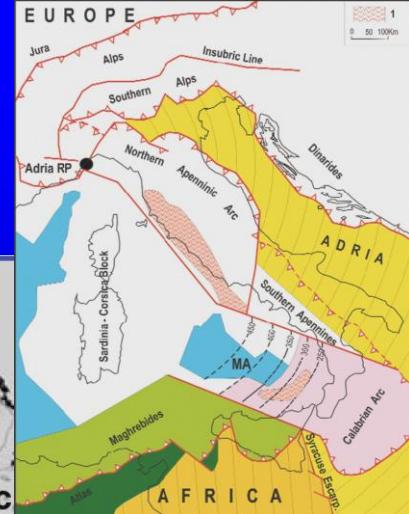
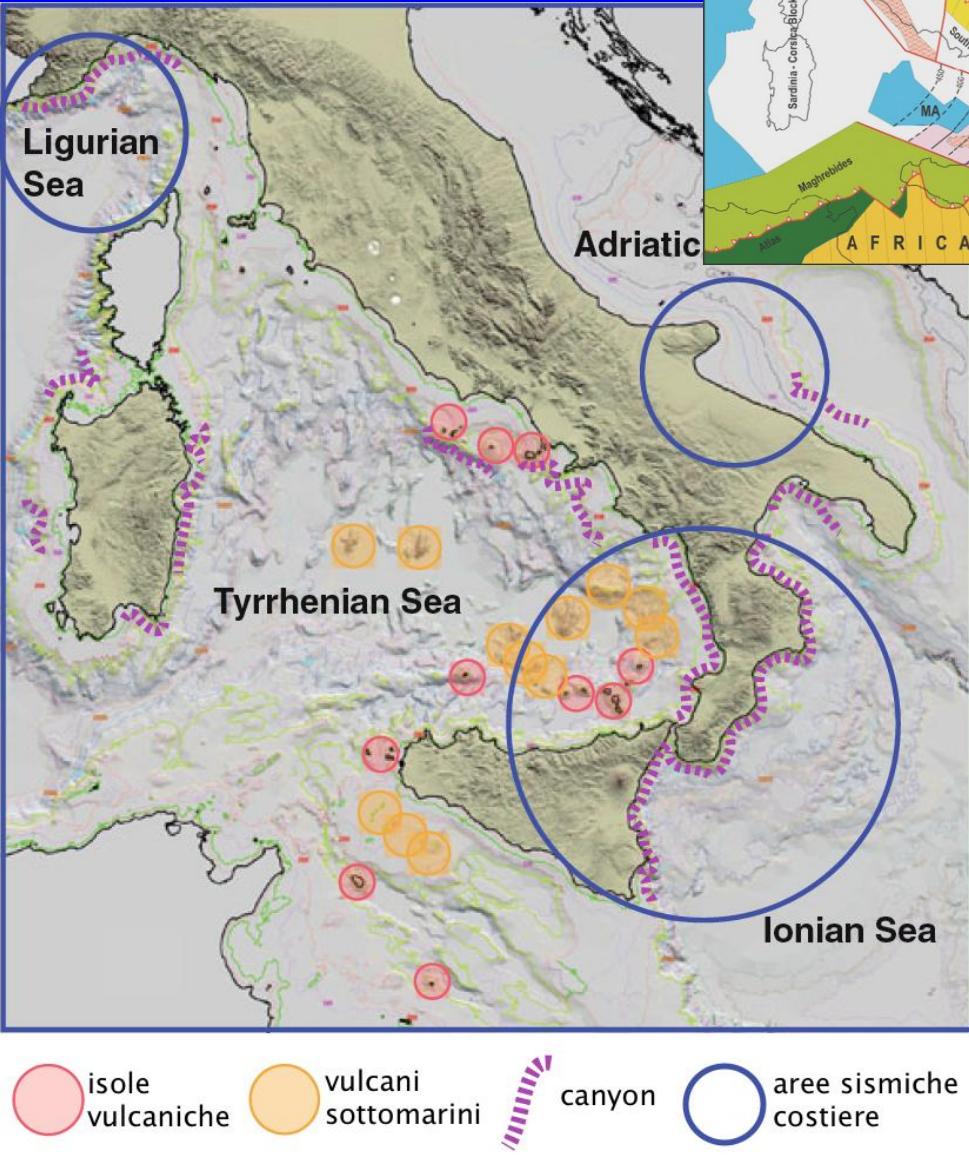
Volcanic activity  
Strong seismicity

*Ionian and South Adriatic:*

Fault systems related with tectonic deformation and seismicity on land

*All margins:*

Canyon incision and sediment instability



# **MAGIC project: MArine Geohazard along the Italian Coasts**

## **Project Partners**



**CNR** (Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche)

- **IGAG** Istituto per la Geologia Ambientale e Geoingegneria - Roma
- **ISMAR** Istituto per le Scienze Marine - Bologna
- **IAMC** Istituto per l'Ambiente Marino e Costiero – Napoli

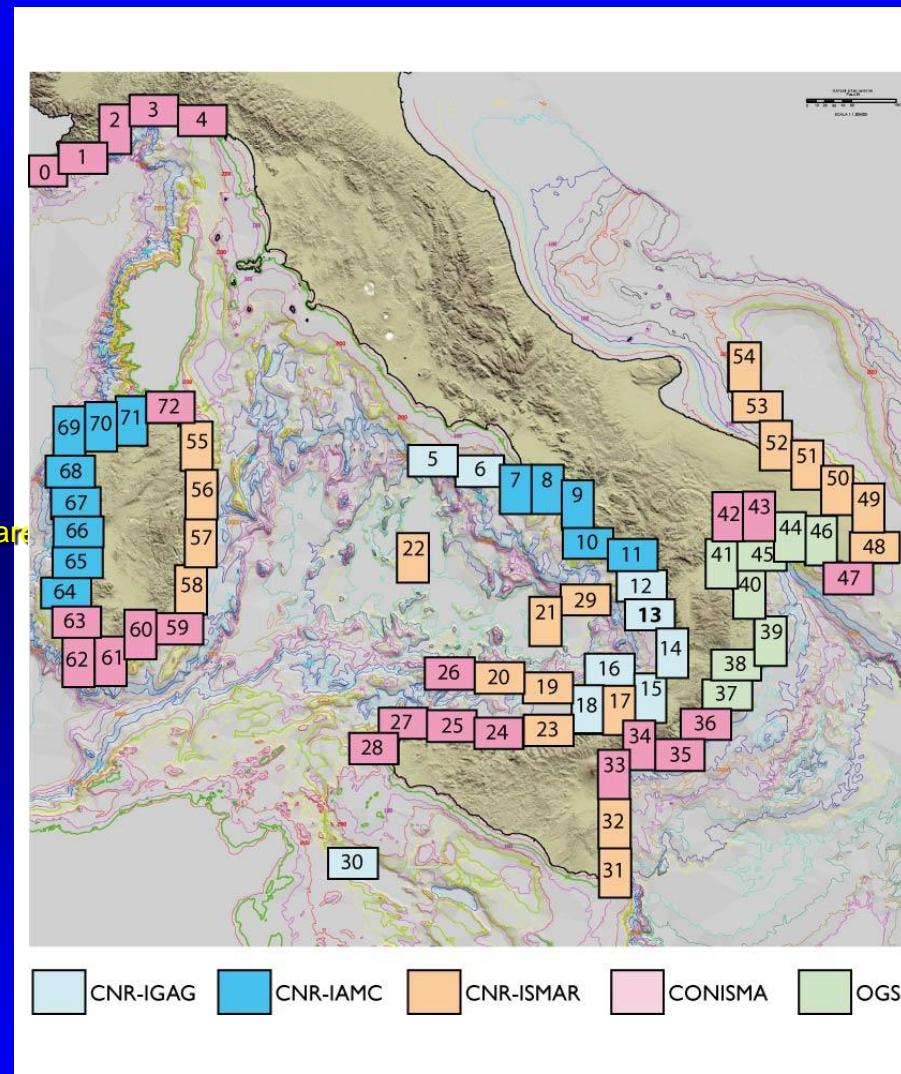


**CoNISMa** (Consorzio Nazionale Interuniversitario per le Scienze del Mare)

- University of Genova
- University of Trieste
- University of Rome Sapienza
- University of Palermo
- University of Cagliari
- University of Sassari
- University of Milano - Bicocca
- University of Sannio (Benevento)

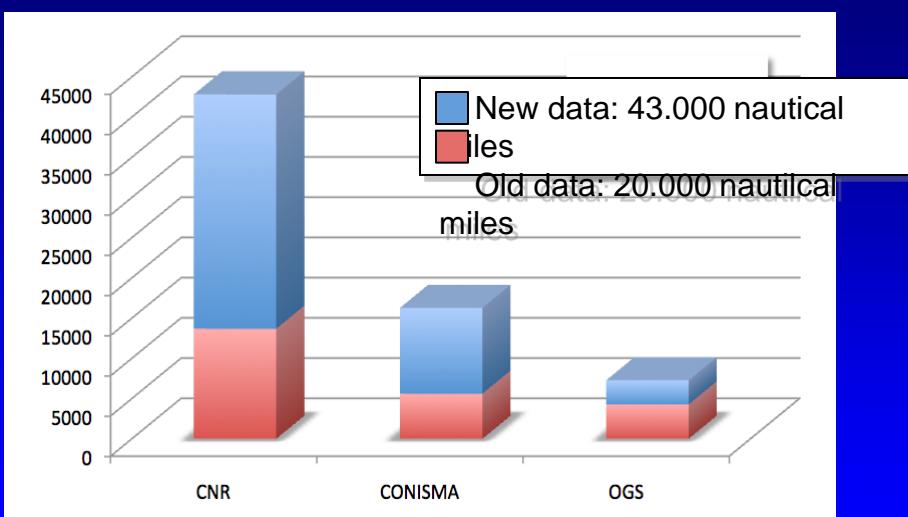
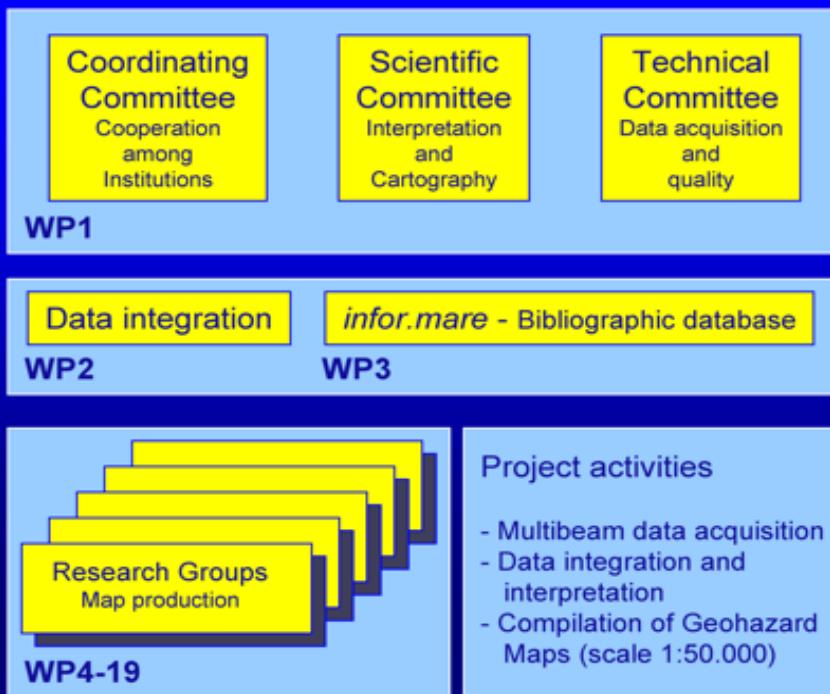


**OGS** Istituto Nazionale di Oceanografia e Geofisica Sperimentale – Trieste  
IGAG, Rome



Main Contractor CNR-

# Structure of the project

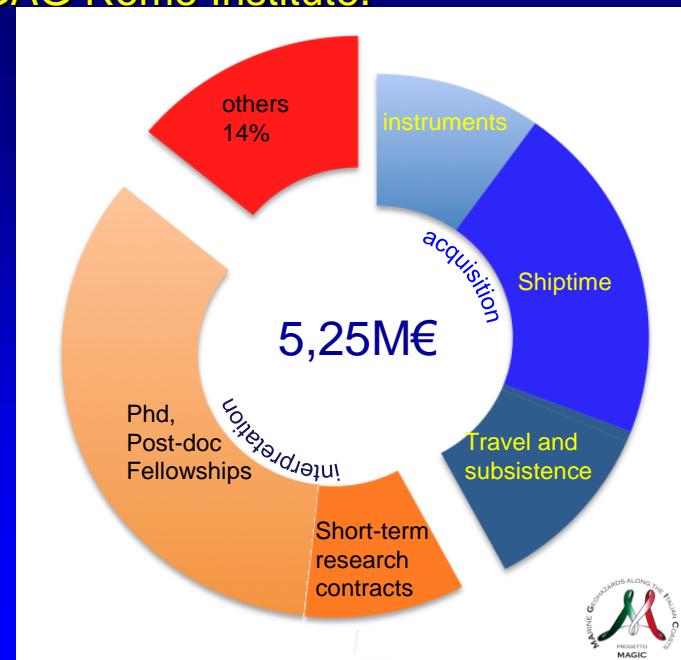


Each sheet is under responsibility of one of the 15 research groups, whose leaders form the Scientific Committee.

Funding is mainly devoted to shiptime and to fellowships and contract for young researchers .

Interpretation criteria and processing procedures are defined by collaborative approach in the committees

Respect of timetable, processing procedures, interpretation criteria is centralised at the CNR-IGAG Rome Institute.





## Aggiornamento del 27/01/2011

Legenda:

- Acquisizione non terminata
- Acquisizione completa
- Fogli consegnati entro il 2° anno
- Consegna Foglio "Follow Up Foglio" (se le acquisizioni sono terminate dopo la consegna del foglio)
- LAVORO CONSEGNATO fino al 3° ANNO (con scritte arancio i rilasci non richiesti in più)
- Moncatti

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	UnITS	4	2	Savona	Pre										
	UnITS	4	3	Genova	Pre										
	UnITS	9	4	La Spezia											
	UnITS	12	35	Capo Spartivento											
	UniPA	9	24	Cefalù											
	UniPA	9	25	Palermo											
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	UniPA	9	28	Egadi											
	UniPA	9	29	Ferdinandea											
ISMAR	UniRM	11	33	Catania	Pre	Foglio									
	UniRM	11	34	Messina	Pre	Foglio									
	UniMIB	13	36	Siderno	Pre	Foglio									
	UniMIB	13	47	S. Maria di Leuca	Pre										
	UniSannio	15	42	Metaponto	Pre	●									
	UniSannio	15	43	Taranto											
	UniCA	16	59	Carbonara											
	UniCA	16	60	Cagliari											
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	6	19	●	Alicudi - Filicudi	Pre	Foglio									
	6	20	●	Safo Eolo Eranite	Pre	●	Foglio								
	6	21	●	Marsili	Pre	●	Foglio								
	6	21b	●	Vulcano - Pelinuro	Pre	●	Foglio								
	6	22	●	Vavilov	Pre	●	Foglio								
	6	23	●	S. Agata											
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	10	32	●	Siracusa	Pre	●									
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	16	49		Otranto											
	16	50		Lecce											
	16	51		Brindisi	Pre										
	16	52		Misneppi	Pre										
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	6	10	●	Palmaro	Pre	●	Foglio								
	6	11	●	Maratea	Pre	●	Foglio								
	19	64		Buggerru											
	19	65		Piscinas											
	19	66		Cristiano											
	19	67		Bosa											
IAC	19	68		Alghero											

All the project milestones have been timely accomplished

Non sono previste consegne di Schede e Note.

Informazione aggiornata con pagamento al 5° anno.

Nota: Qualora l'acquisizione dei Fogli IAMC area **Scritto**, venga anticipata al semestre precedente (per esempio, se l'acquisizione è stata fatta nel 2° semestre, conseguentemente anticipa allo stesso semestre le consegne dei Fogli , delle Schede e delle Note a compimento).



N/O Explora (OGS)  
1400TS 72m

100 kHz, 25-1000 m  
12-24 kHz, 100-8000 m



N/O Universitatis (CoNISMa)  
700TS 45m

450 kHz, 0-120m  
50 kHz, 50-2600m



N/O Urania (CNR)  
1000TS 61m

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N/O Thethis (CNR)  
N/O Maria Grazia (CNR)

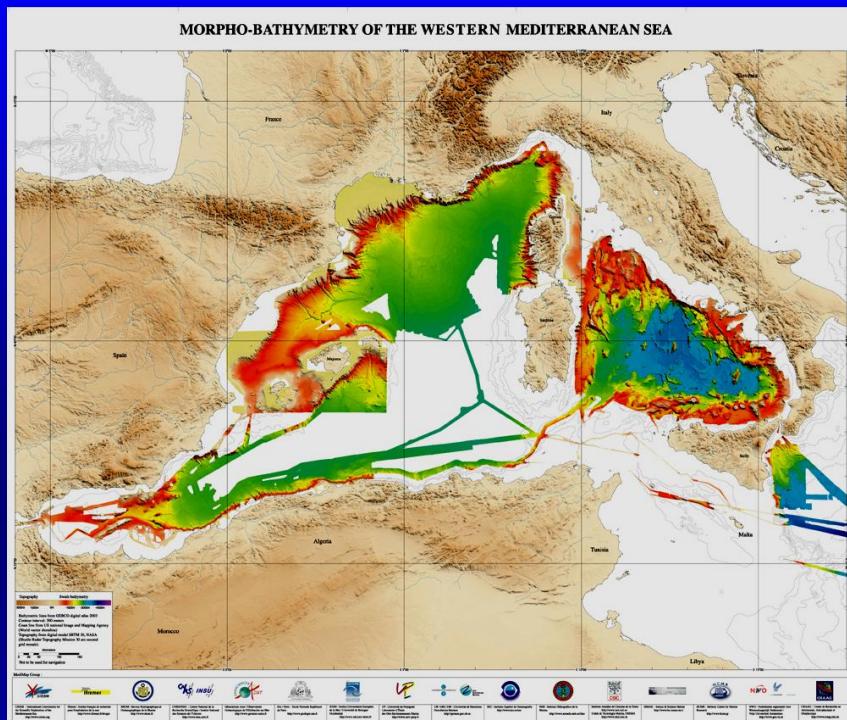
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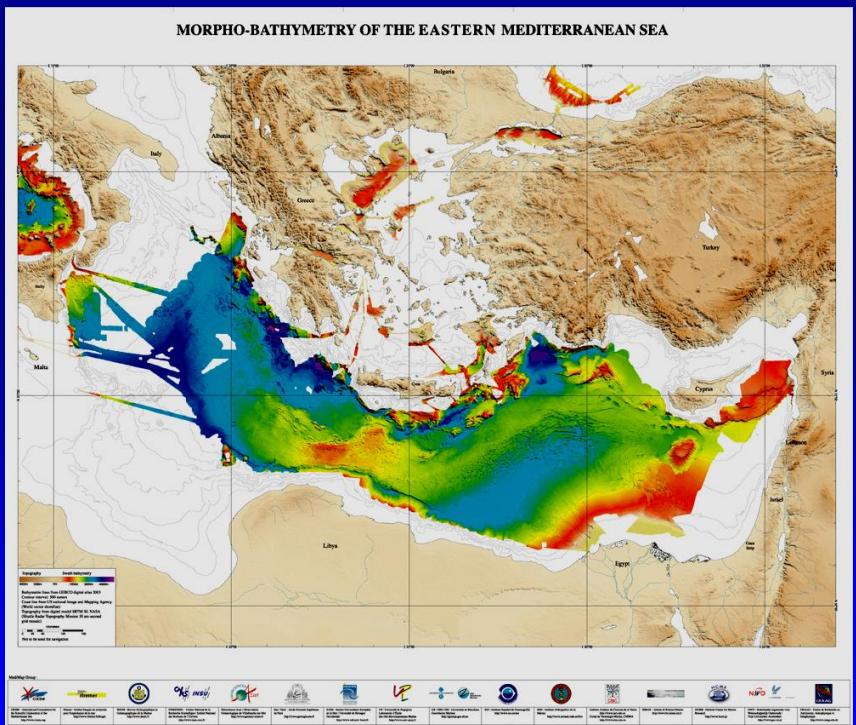
500 ship-days  
THE COST (per km<sup>2</sup>) IS WATER DEPTH DEPENDENT

**MEDIMAP/CIESM**

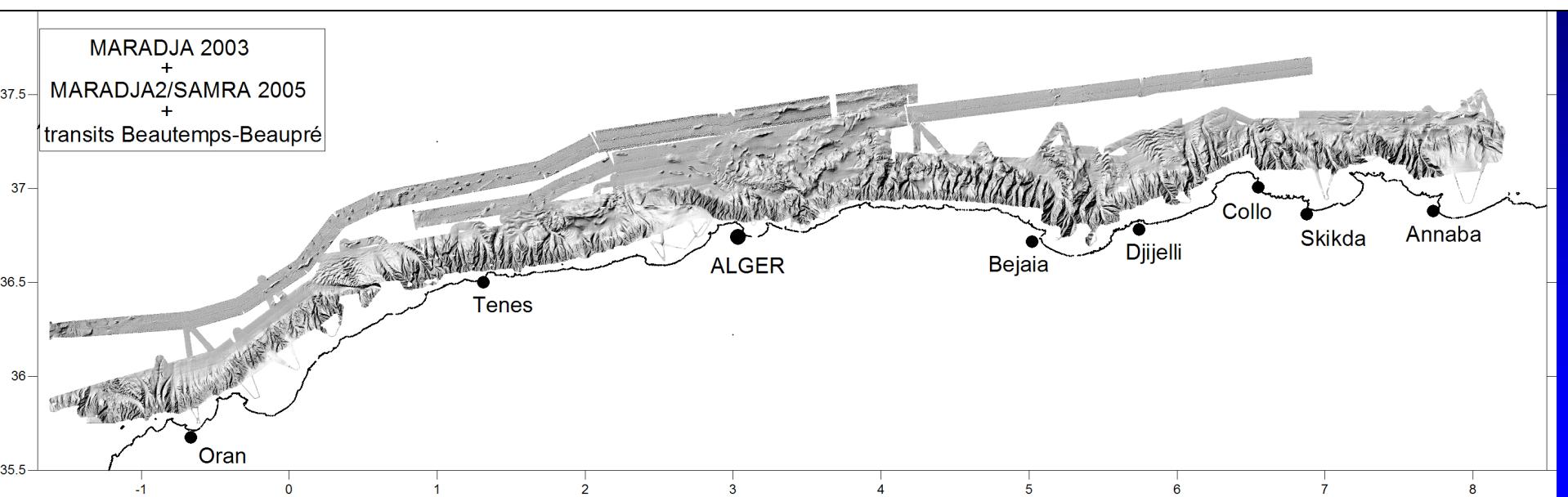
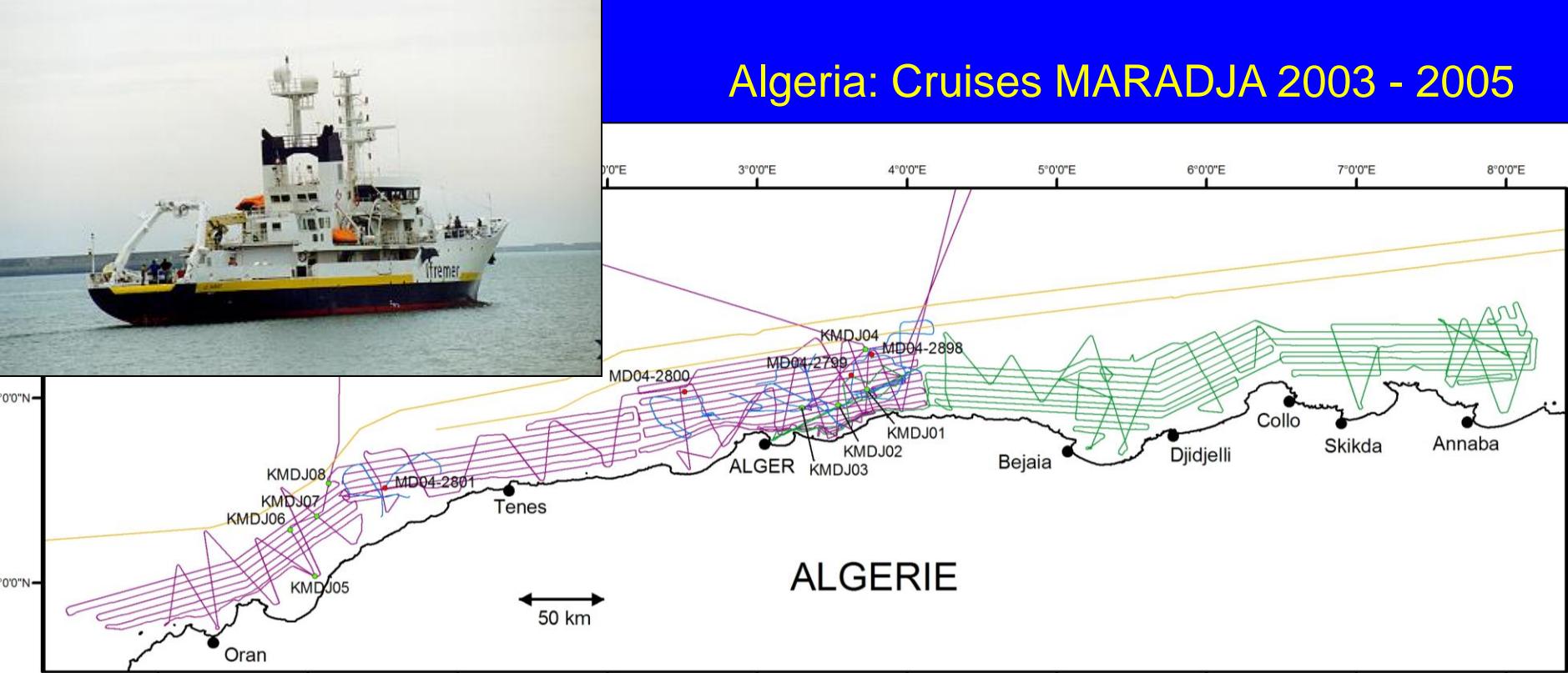
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Barcelona.



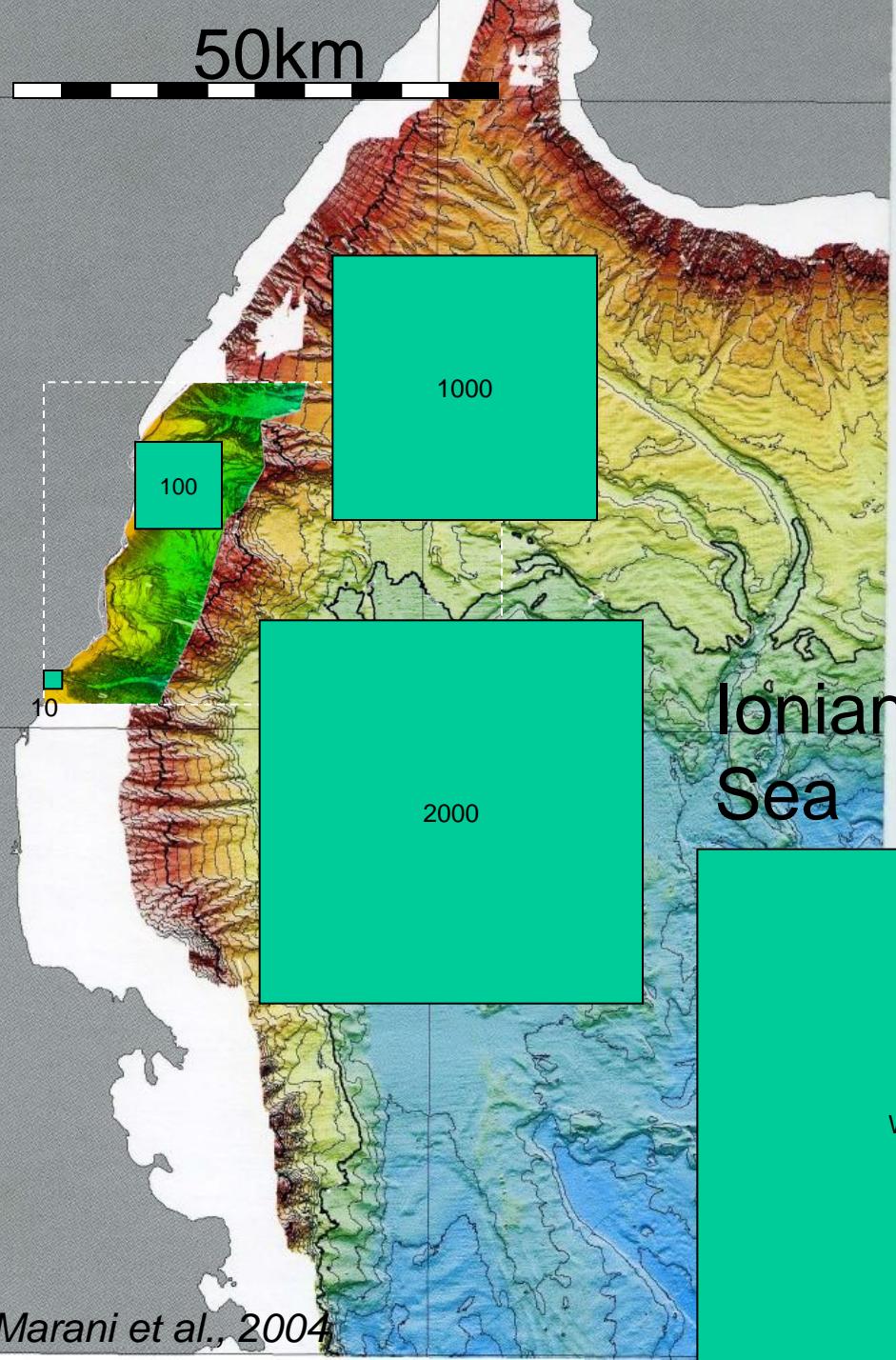
- Eurostrataform, Eurodelta and Eurodom
- ESF Eurocores projects
- West-Med and Spacomá
- Spanish RTD projects
- Grandes and Prodelta



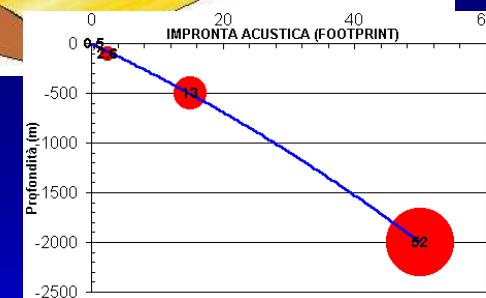
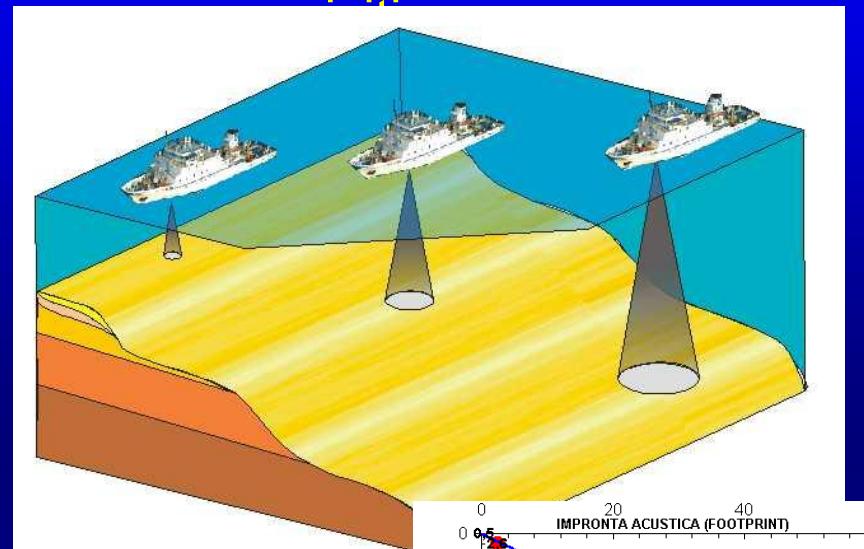
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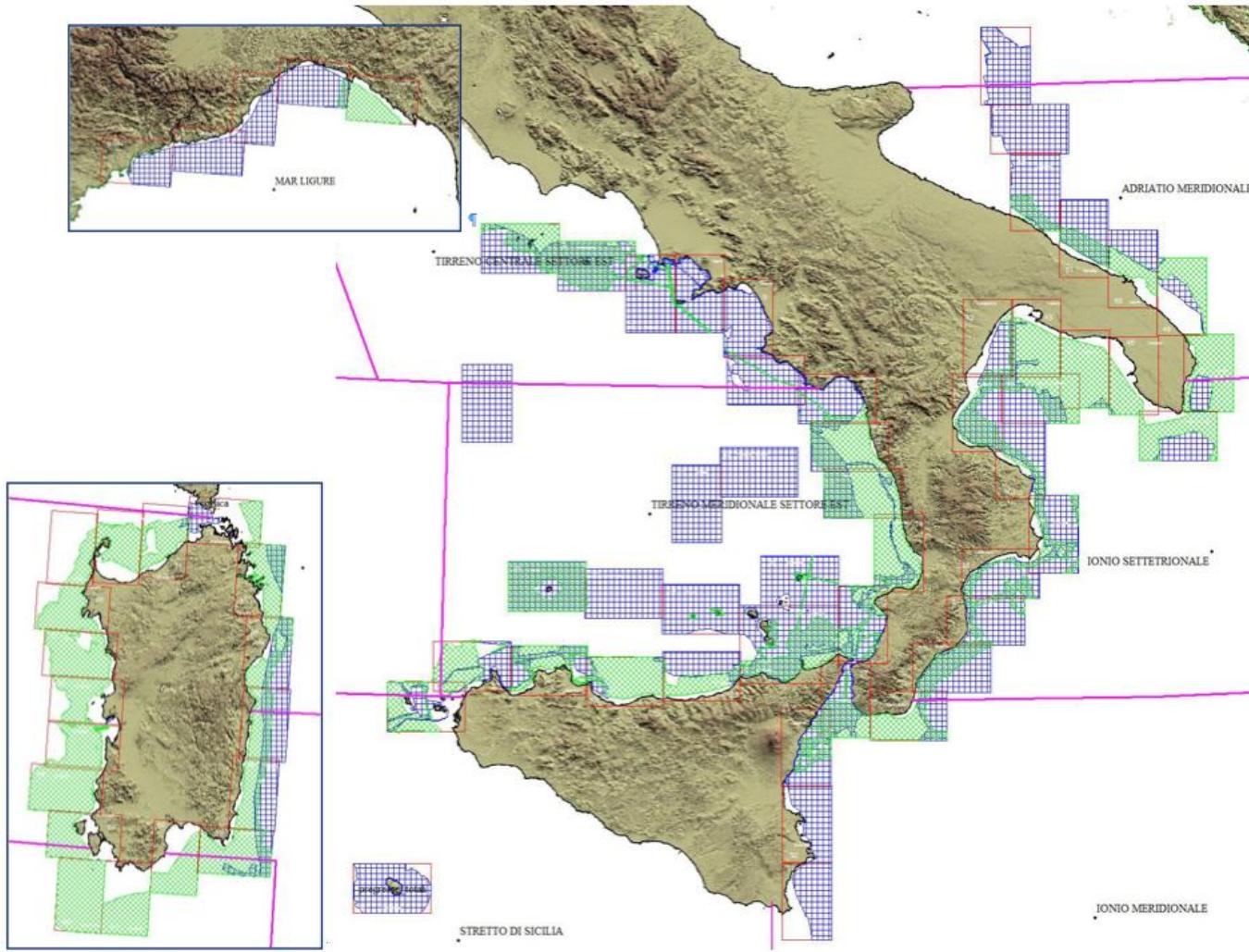


50km



Seafloor coverage  
for one shiptime day  
(24h) of data

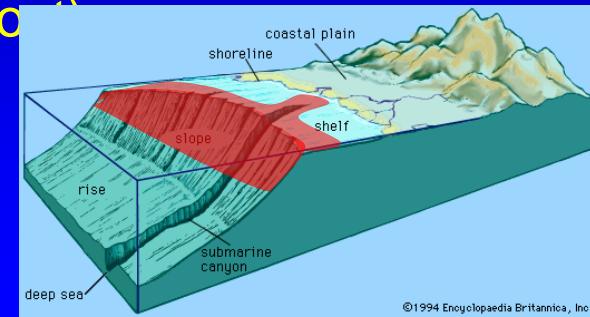




Therefore MaGIC project acquired data along the continental margins, with a reference depth range 50-500.

It can be extended to deeper water if time allows (low-cost) and to shallow water if needed (e.g. canyon head)

It can be narrowed to outer shelf if not relevant features are present



# Goals of MaGIC project:

INTEREST FOR CIVIL PROTECTION  
FALL OUT FOR SCIENTIFIC RESERACH

## 1) To realise the Map of Geohazard features of the Italian Seas (72 sheets, 1:50.000)

To identify areas with high risk, hypothesise causes and manage operations during emergencies, land planning (?)

Understand, by comparing features and interpretations, mass wasting processes in our tectonically active country



## 2) To create a high-resolution bathymetric database

Managing emergencies understanding of what happened

Triplification of the amount of multibeam data acquired until now, needed base for any scientific study



## 3) To create a database of maps from scientific literature (infor.mare sub-project)

Quick identification of state of knowledge and competencies in a given area

Previous knowledge synthesis tool



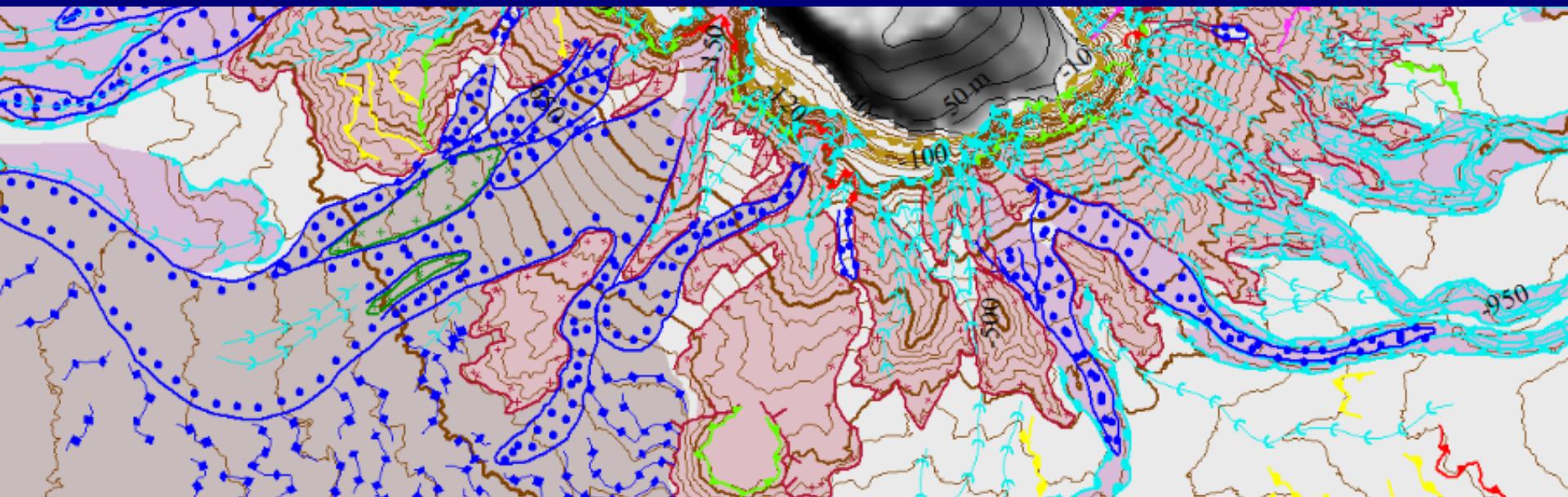


## "Map of Geohazard Features of the Italian Seas"

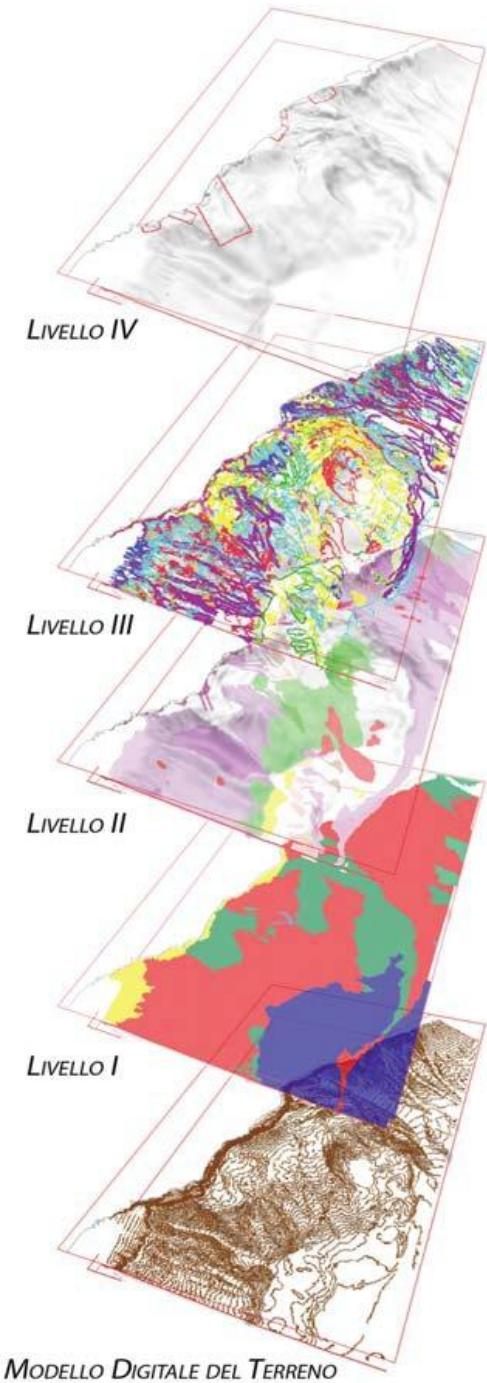
How do we define criteria of objective interpretation and homogenous representation independent from context and interpreter experience?

How do we identify geohazards from only multibeam morphology  
(i.e. possibly ignoring the real genesis of some/most of the features)?

Solution: to map ALL and ONLY features having morphobathymetric expression



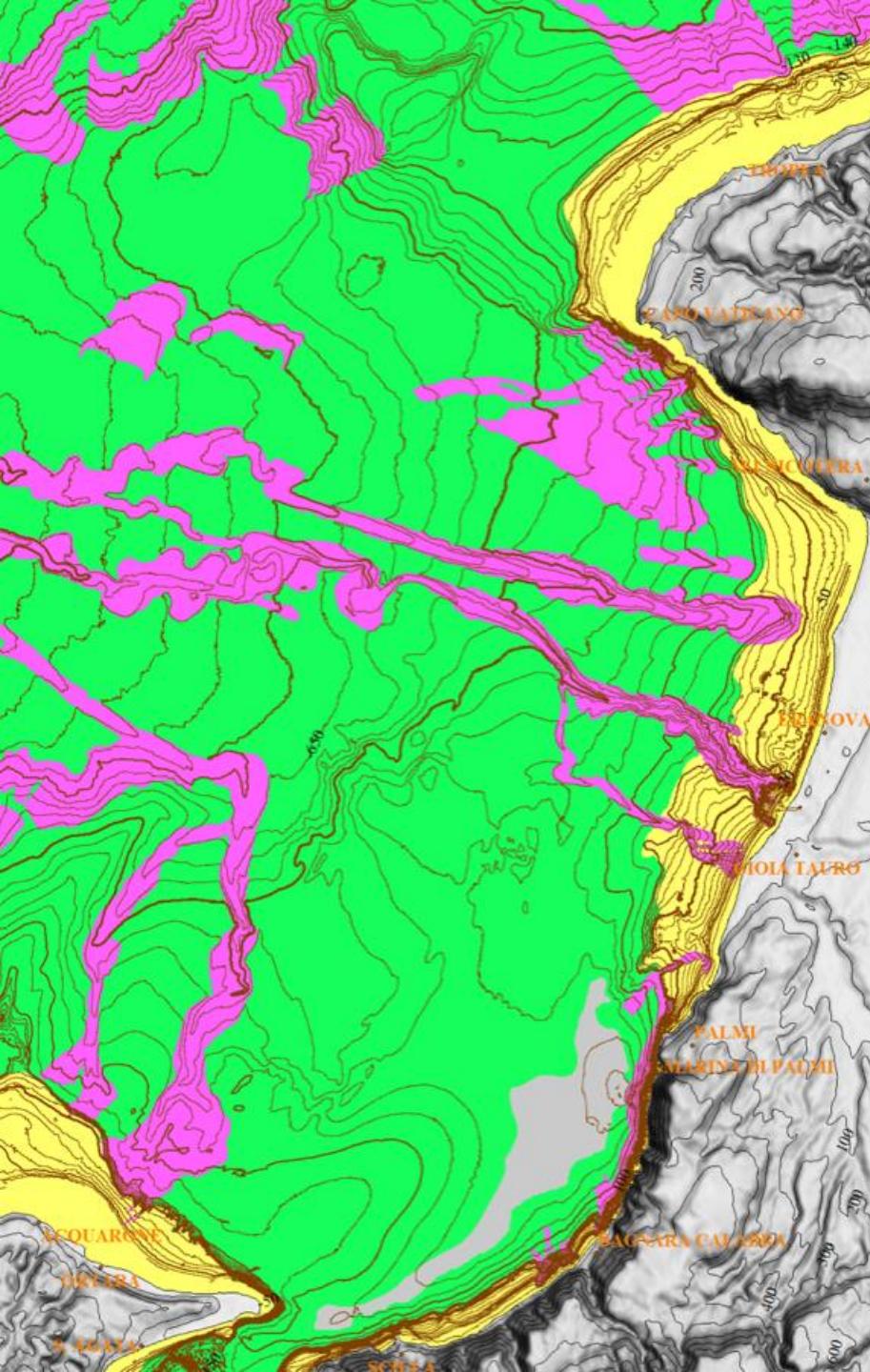
# *Criteria of representation of geohazard features of the Italian Seas*



- 1 - show all the available information, maintaining a good readability of the map in terms of geohazards
- 2 - set up criteria to define, identify and map geohazard features homogeneously
- 3 - establish a hierarchy among the information, through different mapping levels

## **FOUR LEVEL REPRESENTATION**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Physiographic domains (1:250.000 areas)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Morphostructural units (1:50.000 areas + database)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Morphologic features (1:50.000 vectors)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Critical points (detailed scale - variable highlights)



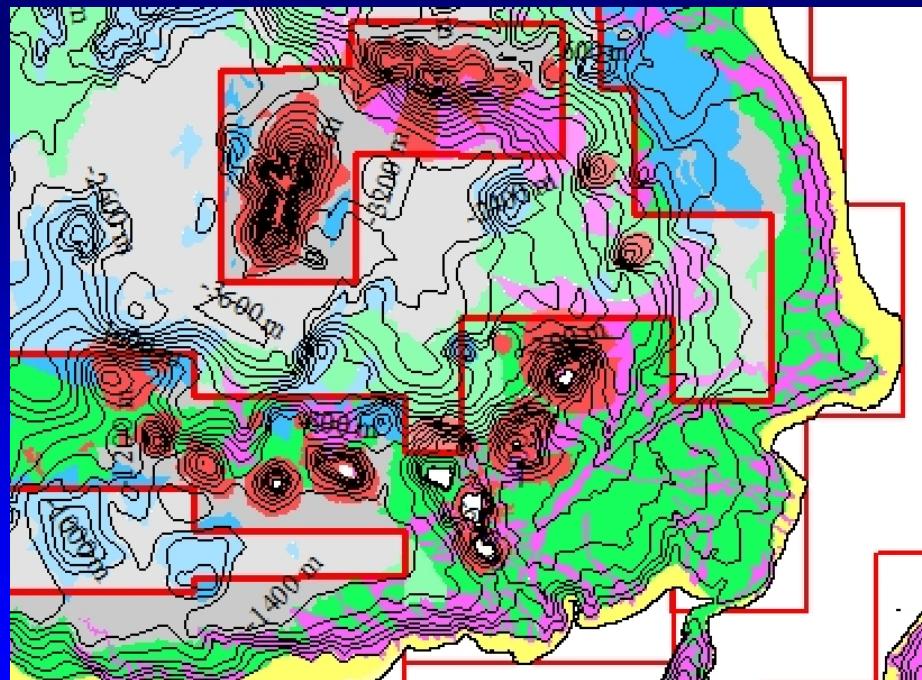
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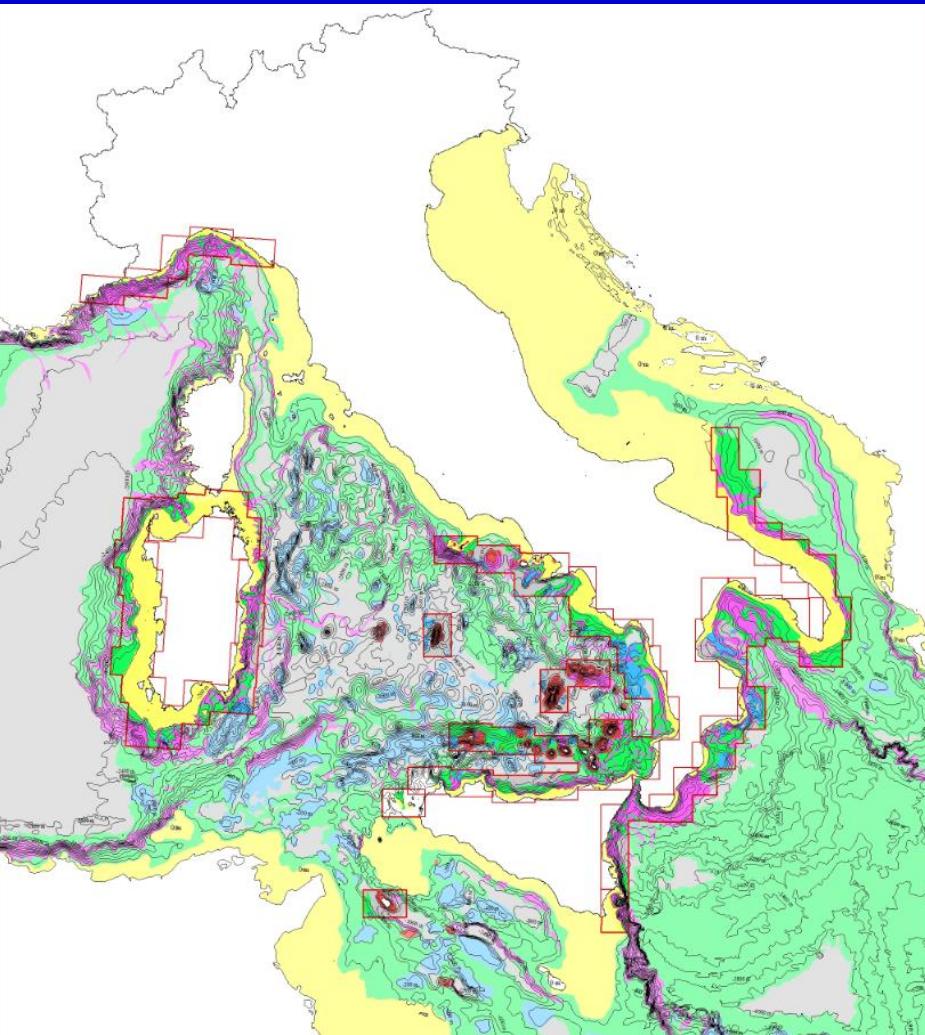
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# Map of the physiographic domains of the seas surrounding Italy 1:250.000 scale



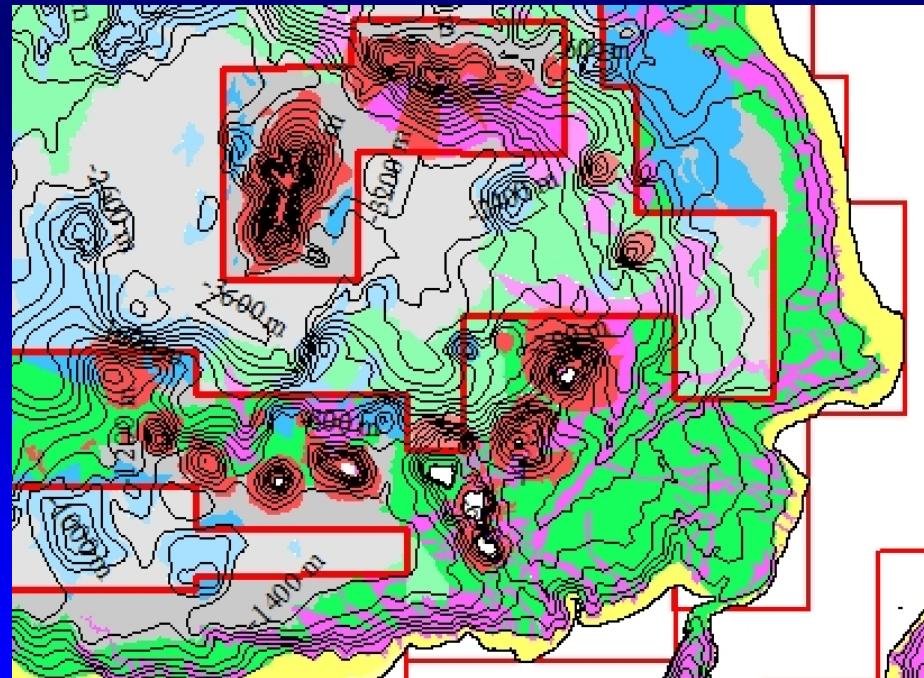
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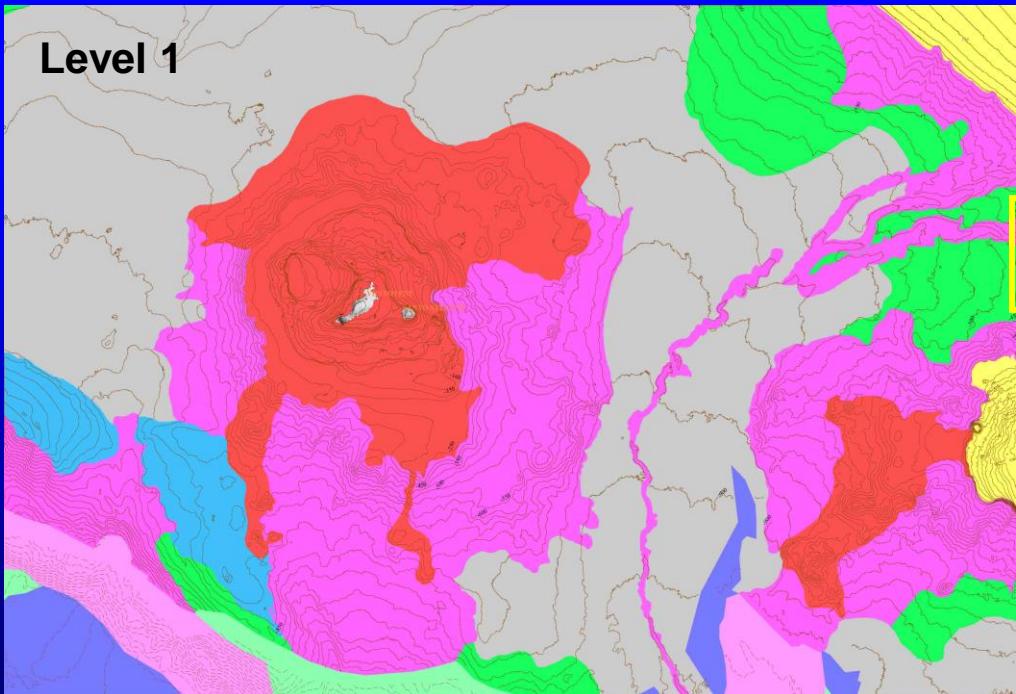
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## Level 1



## FOUR LEVEL REPRESENTATION

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(1:50.000 vectors)*

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(detailed scale - variable  
highlights)*

Represented as color areas in  
1:50.000 maps  
+ accompanying morphometric sheet  
for each unit

Erosional Channels and Canyons (CCE)

Single Slide (FRS)

Widespread Erosion Area (ERD)

Erosional Amphitheatre Thalweg (TAE)

Bedform Area (FOF)

Fluid Escape Area (FUF)

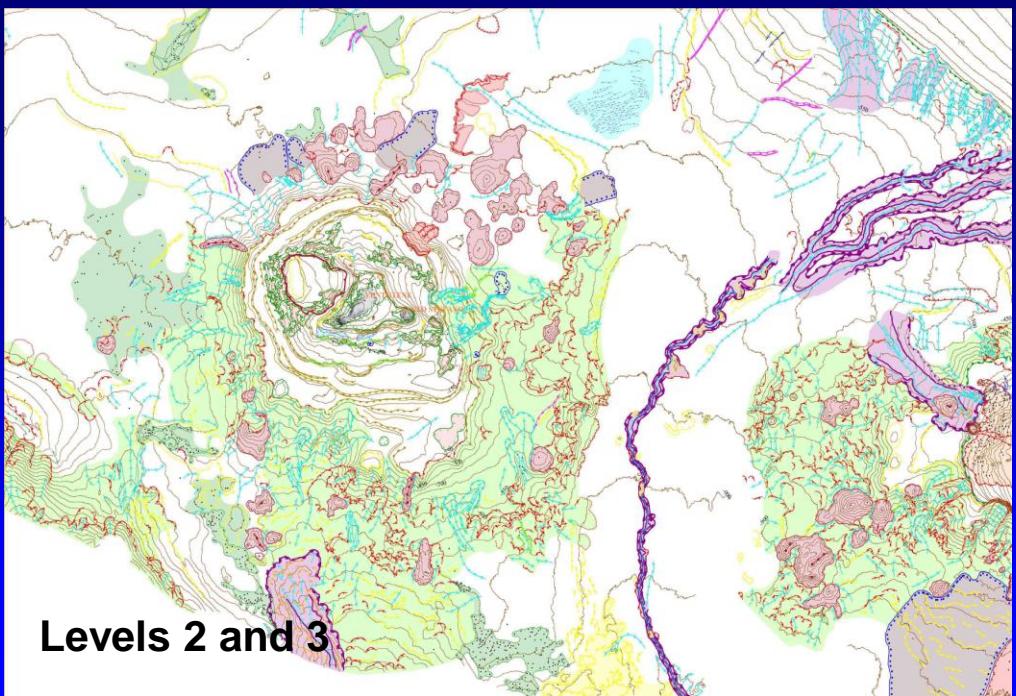
Unchannalised Flux Area (FNC)

Rocky bedrock Area (ASL)

Volcanic bedrock Area (AFV)

Tectonic Line (LIT)

## Levels 2 and 3



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Level - Morhobathymetric elements (EM)

## LEGENDA

1.1 Ciglio di Erosione Generica		1.17 Bordo di Thalweg di Canale Secondario o Semplice		4.1 Rilievo di Origine Incerta	
1.2 Ciglio di Nicchia di Frana Semplice		1.18 Bordo di Thalweg di Canyon		4.2 Depressione di Origine Incerta	
1.3 Area di Traslazione		1.19 Letto di Canale a Profilo Arrotondato		4.3 Pockmark/Area a	
1.4 Ciglio di Nicchia di Frana Complessa		1.20 Letto di Canale Con Profilo a V		4.4 Area ad Espulsione di fluidi	
1.5 Ciglio di Nicchia di Frana Intracanale		2.1 Solco Erosivo		4.5 Vulcano di fango/Area a	
1.6 Bordo di Canyon		2.2 Area a Depressioni Erosive		4.6 Diapiro di fango/Area a	
1.7 Bordo di Area a Erosione Diffusa		2.3 Duna (Cresta/Area a)		4.7 Area con Fessure di Trazione	
1.8 Ciglio di Canale Secondario o Semplice		2.4 Area a Megaripple		4.8 Cresta di Pieghe di Compressione/Area a	
1.9 Ciglio di Canale con Argine		2.5 Onda di Sedimento (Cresta/Area a)		4.9 Area con Deformazioni da Creep	
1.10 Ciglio di Terrazzamento Intracanale		2.6 Impronte da Ostacolo		4.10 Cresta (lama, arrotondata)	
1.11 Ciglio di Gradino Intracanale		3.1 Deposito Intracanale		4.11 Substrato Litoide Affiorante	
1.12 Ciglio di Terrazzo deposizionale		3.2 Deposito da Flusso Gravitativo non Canalizzato		4.12 Substrato Vulcanico Affiorante	
1.13 Ciglio di Scarpata di Faglia		3.3 Corpo di Frana a superficie regolare		4.13 Biocostruzione	
1.14 Ciglio Indefinito		3.4 Corpo di Frana a Hummocky/Area a		4.14 Centro Eruttivo (certo/incerto)	
1.15 Ciglio di Piattaforma Continentale		3.5 Corpo di Frana a Blocchi/Area a			
1.16 Base di Scarpata		3.6 Colata Lavica			

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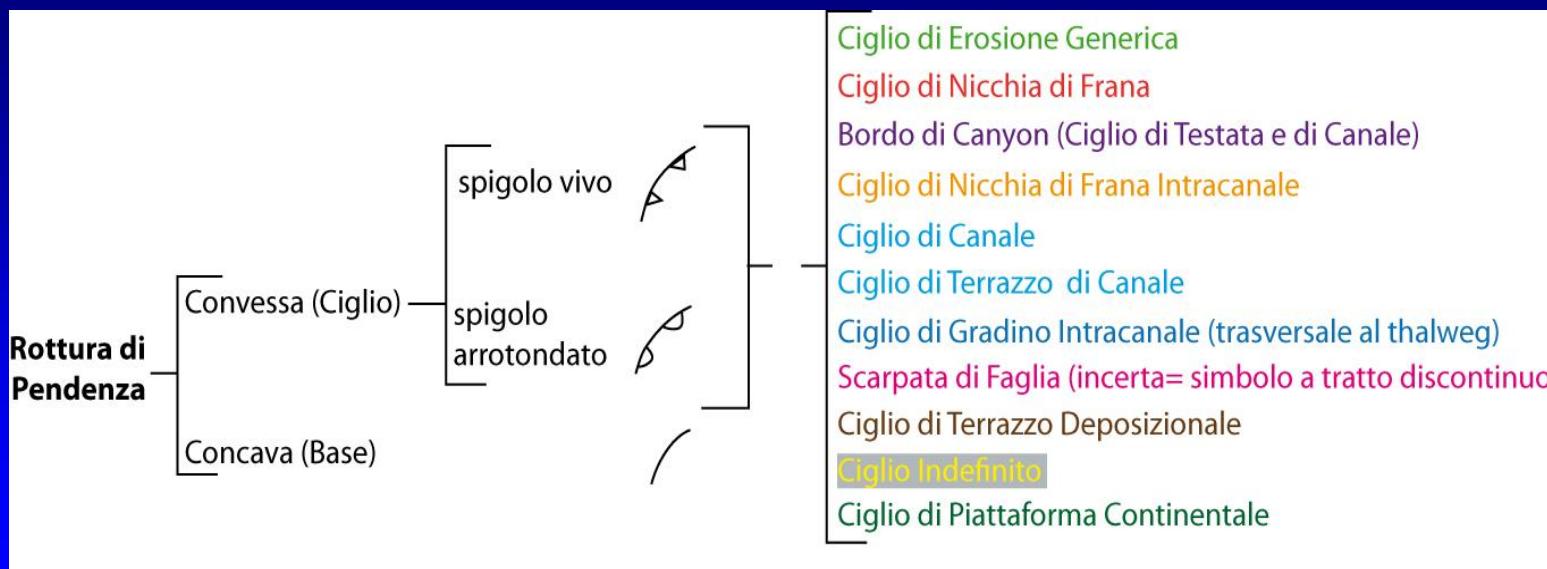
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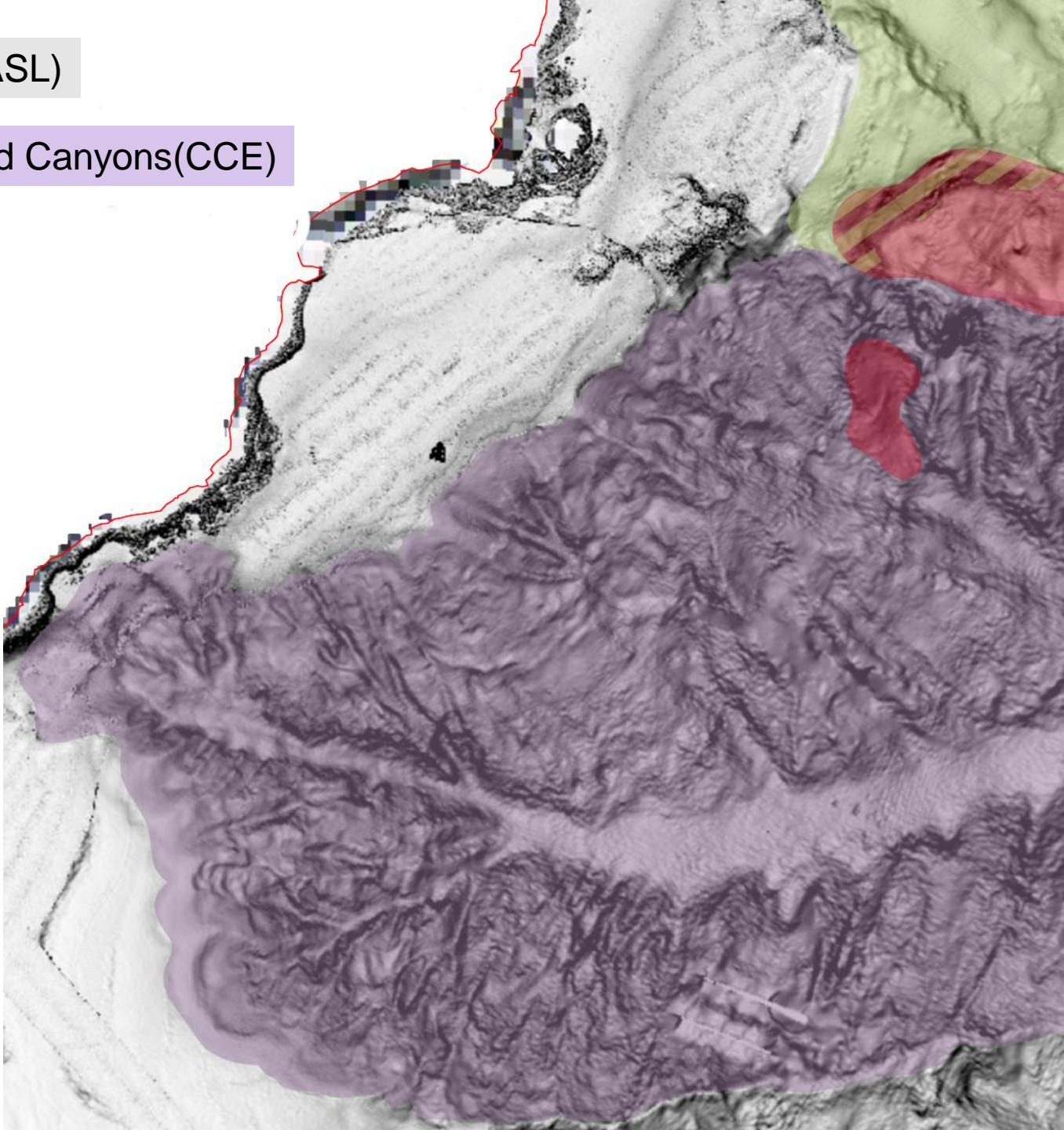
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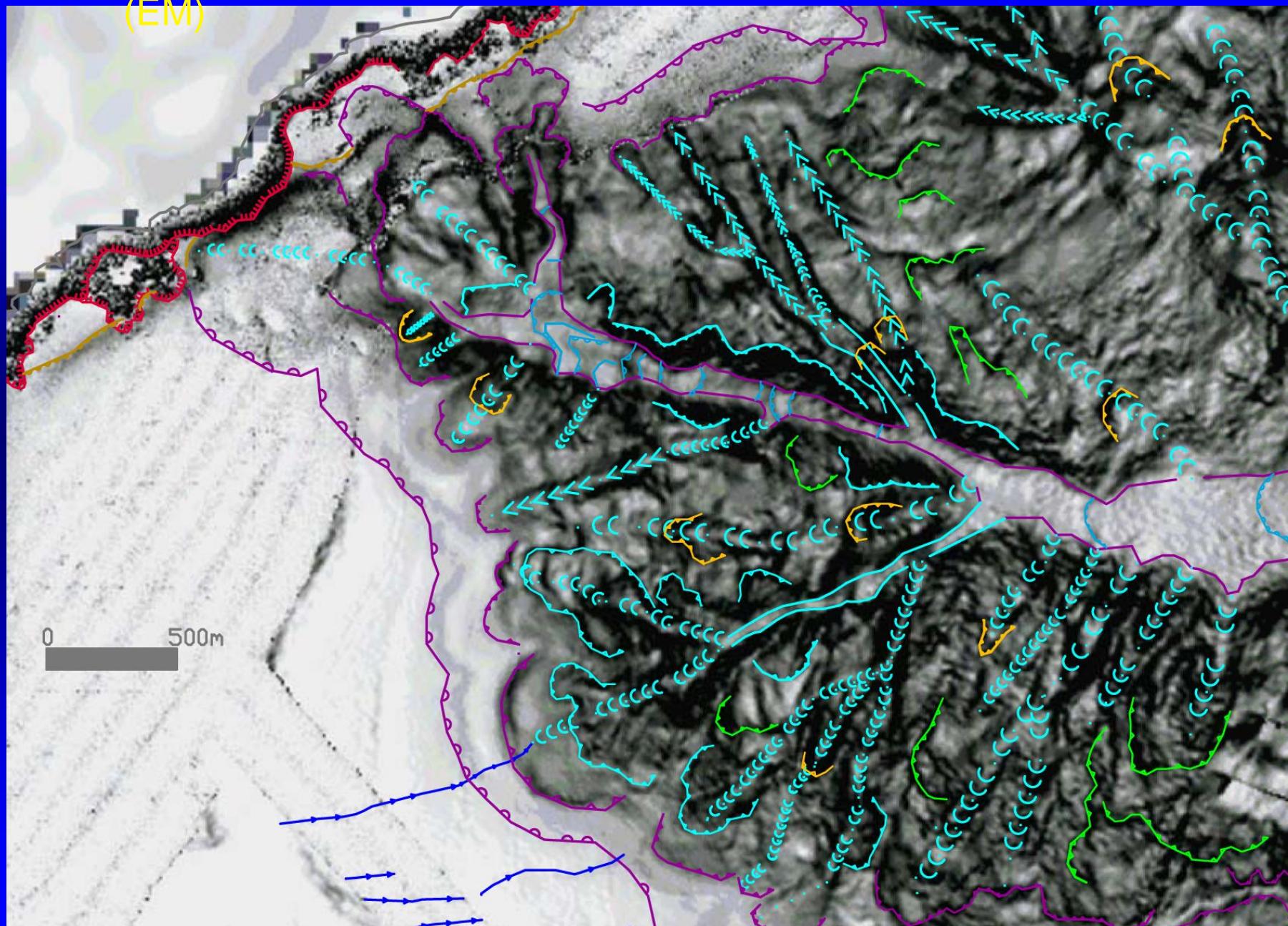
Single Slide (FRS)

Sheet 33  
(Catania)

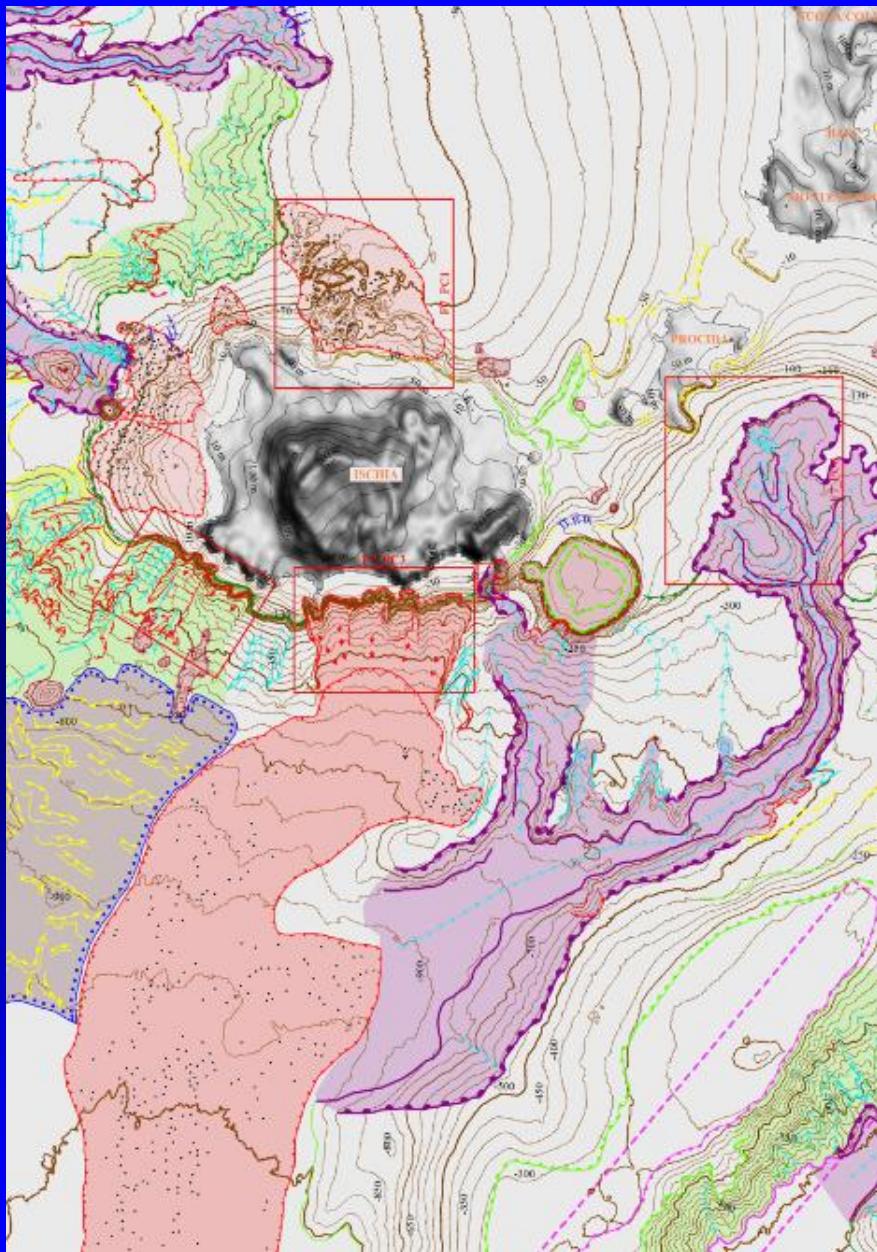
1 km



Sheet 33 (Catania): 3<sup>rd</sup> Level - Morhobathymetric elements  
(EM)



## 4<sup>th</sup> Level : Critical Point (PC)



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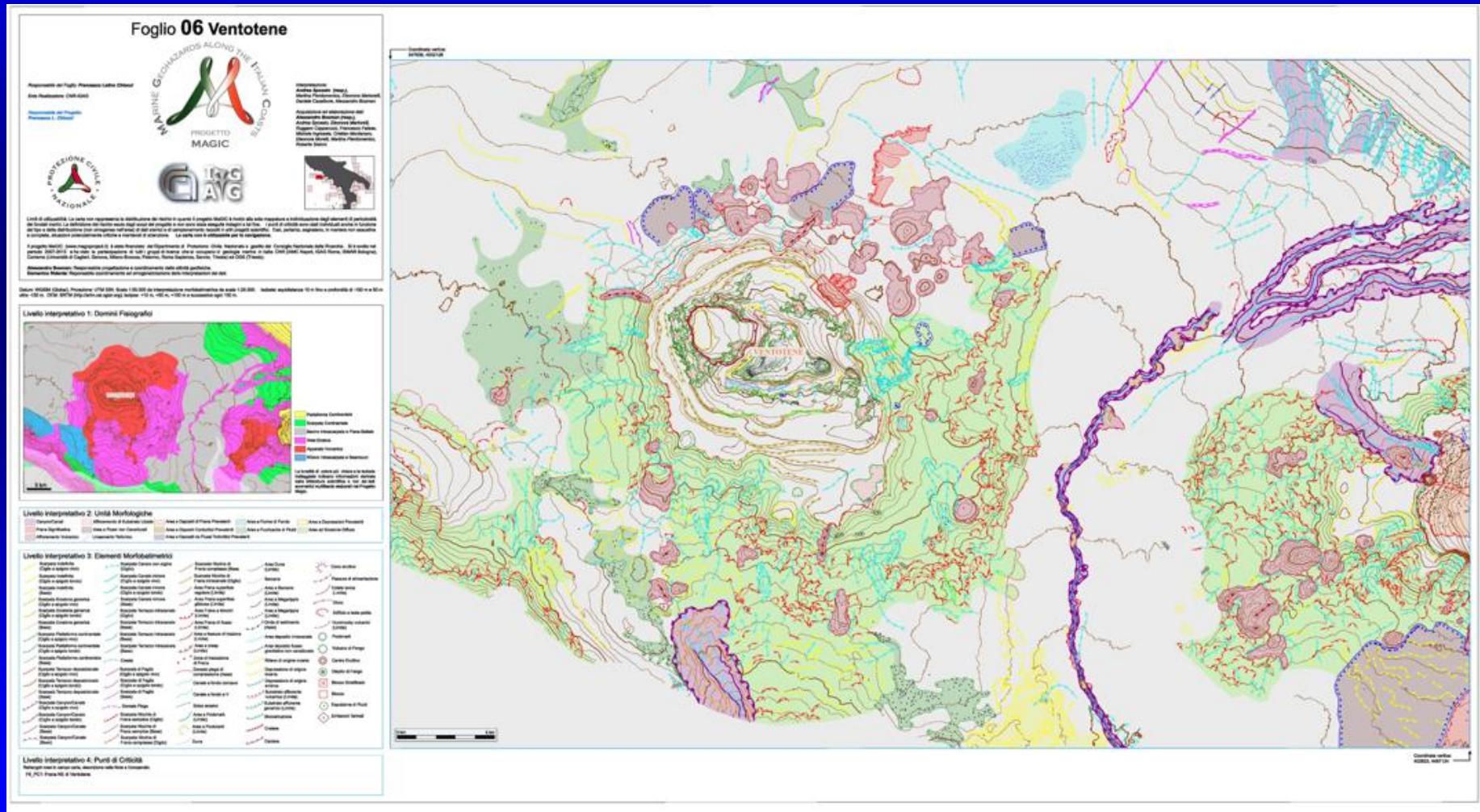
Represented as  
boxes in 1:50.000  
maps and described  
in monographs

# Map of Geohazard Features of the Italian Seas

72+1 sheets

1:50.000 A0 format

2/3 of the Italian coastline covered





## DATA OUTREACH

The final report has been delivered to Civil Protection Department and will be publicised to governmental authorities in mid-October

An Atlas is expected to be published by 2014, to spread the result obtained by MaGIC project over the scientists, end users and general public. Probably it will be presented on a devoted session at the Congress of the Italian Geological Society on Sept. 2014

This is the draft of the Atlas

## SICILIA NORD-ORIENTALE

Inquadramento geodinamico dell'area dello Stretto di Messina

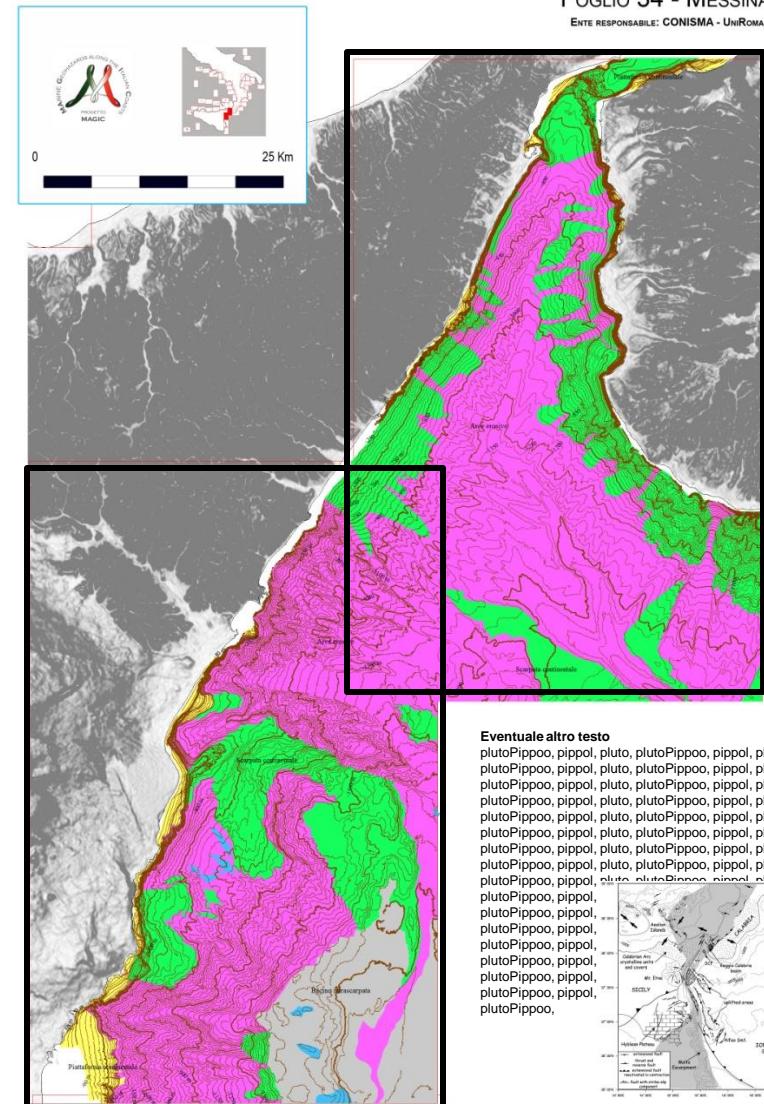
## Sismotettonica dell'area dello Stretto

## **Principali lineamenti geomorfologici dell'area**

# SICILIA NORD-ORIENTALE

FOGLIO 34 - MESSINA

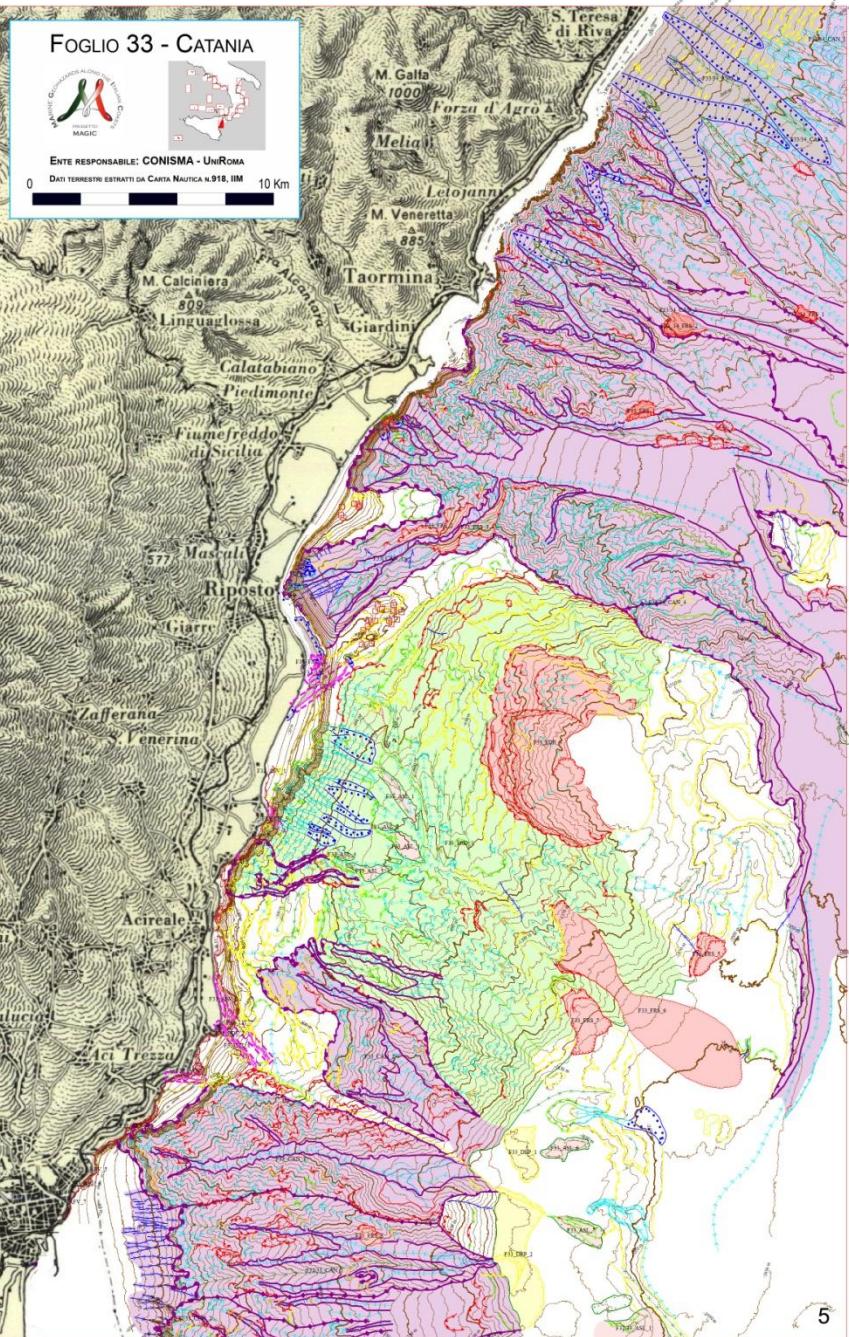
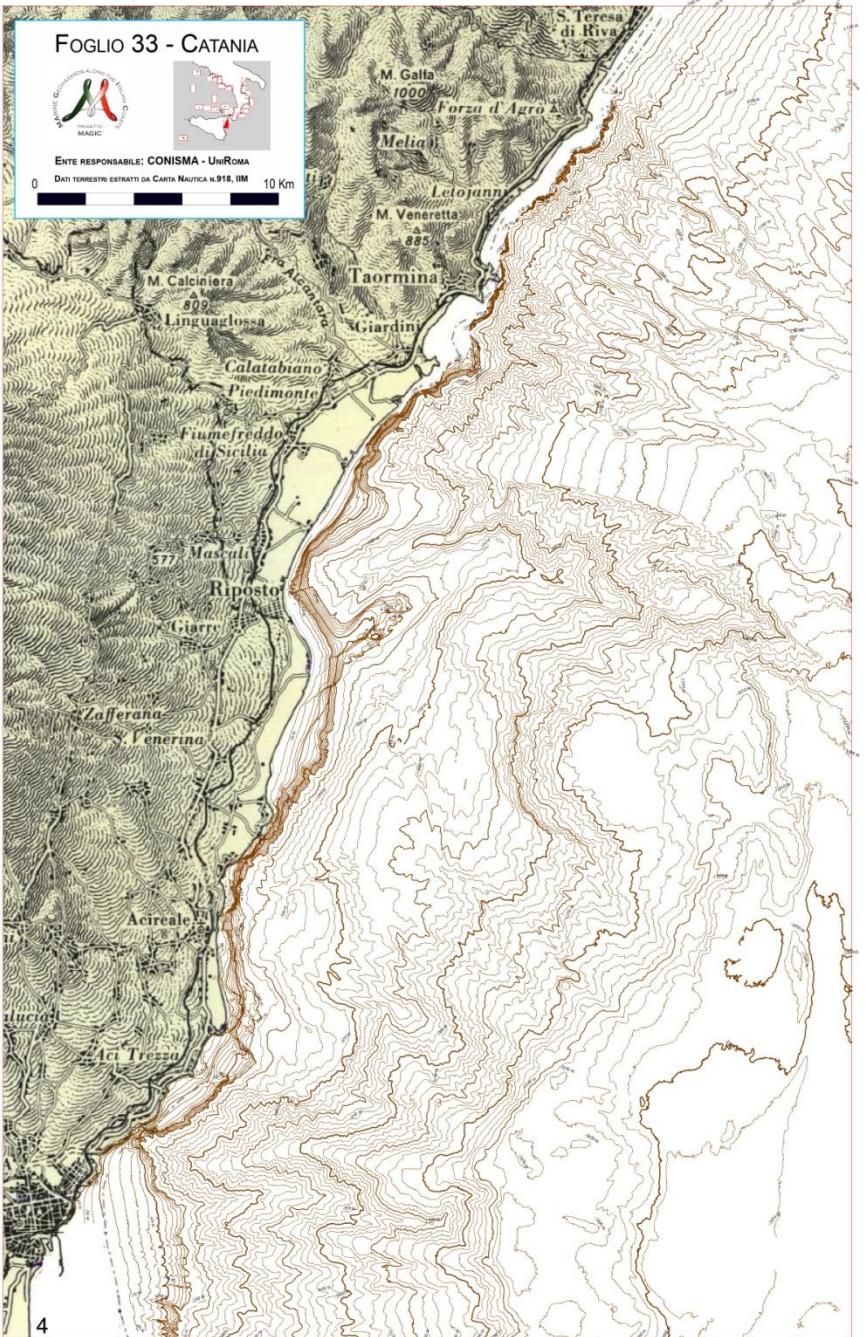
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FOGLIO 33 - CATANIA

### Legenda Livello I (Domini Fisiografici)





# FOGLIO 33\_CATANIA

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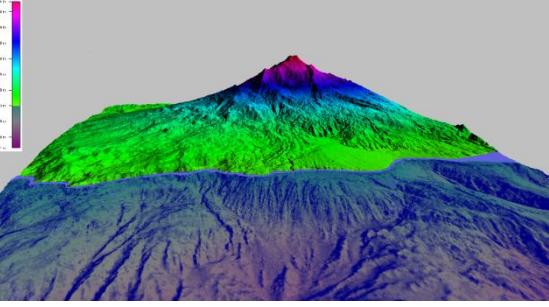


Fig. 1 a) Etna on-shore ed off-shore. b) Schema Geologico della regione dell'Etna che mostra faglie e sismicità della regione. (Brumetti et al., 2007).

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Fig. 2 PC1\_F33 - a) Erosione del terrazzo deposizionale sommerso da parte di nicchie di distacco alla testata del canalone di Fiumefreddo di Sicilia. Equidistanza contour 10 m; b) Dettaglio delle frane antistanti S. Marco. Es. Vert. 3X. B) Sezione lungo l'asse del canale di Praialonga

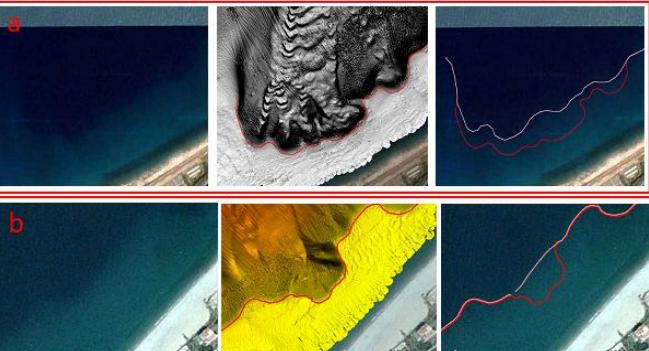


Fig. 3 PC3\_F15 - Arretramento del ciglio della testata dei canali erosivi. Il confronto multitemporale tra le foto aeree e rilievi batimorfologici ha rivelato la presenza di fenomeni erosivi diffusi, costituiti da nicchie di distacco di piccole dimensioni del tutto simili per forme e dimensioni a quelle individuate nel canale di Marinella di Bagnara. a) Arretramento del margine meridionale della testata del canale di Praialonga, ubicazione rettangolo blu in Fig. 1 PC3\_F15.

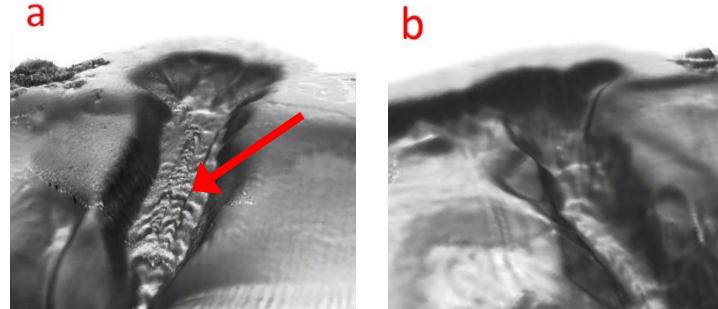


Fig. 4 PC1\_F15 - Superficie 3D della testata meridionale (a, per la localizzazione rettangolo rosso in Fig. 1 PC1\_F15) e settentrionale (b, per la localizzazione rettangolo verde in Fig. 1 PC1\_F15) del canyon di Gioia (EV 3X).

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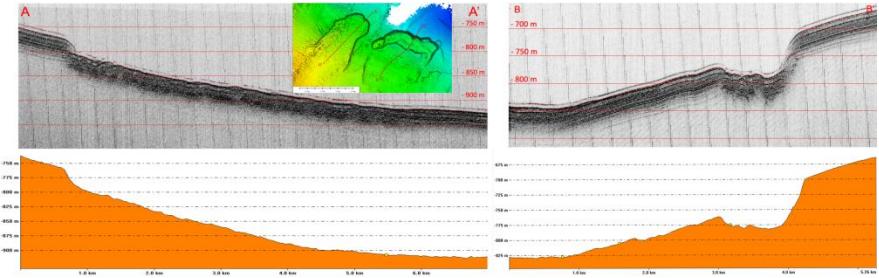


Fig. 5 PC4\_F15 - Profili sismici longitudinali alla frana F1 (sinistra) e F2 (destra).

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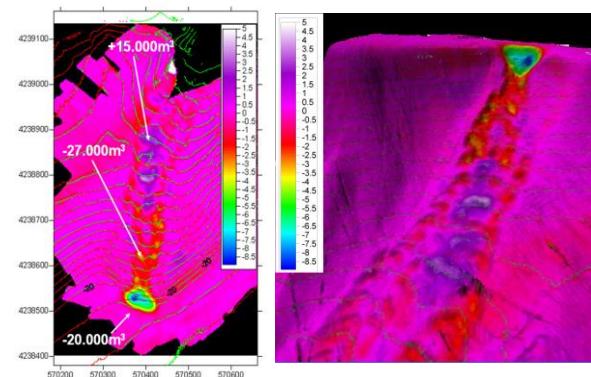


Fig. 6 PC2\_F15 - Mappa dei residui batimetrici, in pianta e in visione prospettica relativa alla testata del canalone di Marinella di Bagnara. Risulta evidente la nicchia di distacco (dal verde al blu) avvenuta a poche decine di metri dalla linea di costa. Per la localizzazione rettangolo rosso in Fig. 1 PC2\_F15

# **MAGIC project: MArine Geohazard along the Italian Coasts**

## **Results (direct)**

Some 20.000 nautical miles of existing multibeam data recovered and reprocessed (if possible)

More than 40.000 nautical miles of MB data acquired during >500 ship working days

72 Sheets (1:50.000, A0 format) of the *“Map of Geohazard Features of the Italian Seas”* have been produced (4 interpretative levels)

Nearly 8.000 maps present in scientific/technical literature have been classified, georeferenced and made available in the web-GIS “infor.mare” sub-project

## **Results (indirect)**

Creation of a large base of bathymetric data that will be used for any civil protection operation and will highlight future variation at the seafloor

Increase in our knowledge of events/processes occurring at the seafloor, by extensive data comparison and repetition of survey trough time on key areas

Spread over among the Italian Marine Geology research community competencies on multibeam data acquisition, processing and interpretation

Promote marine geology studies on the Italian Seas especially among young fellows

Create a collaborative approach among the marine geology research community, to answer needs and opportunities at national and international level

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