New national and regional Annex I Habitat records: from #60 to #82

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Abstract

New Italian data on the distribution of the Annex I Habitats are reported in this contribution. Specifically, 8 new occurrences in Natura 2000 sites are presented and 49 new cells are added in the EEA 10 km × 10 km reference grid. The new data refer to the Italian administrative regions of Campania, Calabria, Marche, Piedmont, Sardinia, Sicily, Tuscany and Umbria. Relevés and figures are provided as Supplementary material respectively 1 and 2.

Keywords

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Introduction

This is the eighth contribution reporting records of new occurrences of Annex I Habitats in Europe. By comparing the results of the 4th Report ex-Art. 17 of Annex I Habitat Monitoring in Europe (Eionet 2019), these cell occurrences are newly recorded for Italy. The related phytosociological relevés of each contribution are reported and archived in the Italian database “VegItaly” (Gigante et al. 2012; Landucci et al. 2012).

Habitats records

Following the standard format of Gigante et al. (2019b), all species data, site data and descriptions of the new habitat records are hereafter provided. We report a synthetic overview in Tab. 1, offering an overview of the novelties. We used the open source QGIS Geographic information System (QGIS.org 2023) for mapping purposes. All the tables referring to the new relevés are provided as Supplementary Material 1. All the figures and the maps with the new cell distribution in Italy and closeup pictures of vegetation types are provided as Supplementary Material 2.

#60. Annex I Habitat: 1240 Vegetated sea cliffs of the Mediterranean coasts with endemic Limonium spp. (Stinca A, Mei G, Ravo M, Esposito A)

EUNIS Classification system: B3.3 - Rocky habitats (cliffs, beaches and islets) with halophitic vegetation

Biogeographical Region: Mediterranean


Geographic information: Italy, Calabria, Cosenza, Scalea, between loc. Grotta della Pecora and loc. Lainello, 8 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 39.819750 N, 15.783111 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S1, Rel. 1); 10 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 39.819472 N, 15.783250 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S1, Rel. 2); 10 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 39.819068 N, 15.783341 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S1, Rel. 3); 5 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 39.818958 N, 15.783439 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S1, Rel. 4); 5 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 39.818705 N, 15.783111 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S1, Rel. 5).

Cells ID in the EEA reference grid: 10kmE481N187 (Suppl. Material 2, Figure S1).

Natura 2000 Site Code: Currently not included in any Natura 2000 Site.

Phytosociological table: Suppl. Material 1, Table S1, nomenclature and taxa delimitation according to Portal to the Flora of Italy (2023).

Notes: In the current state of knowledge, within the alliance Crithmo maritimi-Staticion Molinier 1934, 14 halophilous associations have been recognized for Italy especially for the presence of the different species of Limonium (Bartolo et al. 1989). Our relevés describe a chamaephytic plant community with Limonium remotispicumum (Lacaita) Pignatti discovered near the southern limit of species distribution (Suppl. Material 2, Figure S2). Indeed, it is a rare Italian endemic vascular plant known from Sorrento Peninsula (central Campania) to Cirella Island (northern Calabria) where it grows only on Tyrrenian coastal cliffs. The studied vegetation is threatened by human activities such as trampling and waste dumping. Particularly, the absence of Crithmum maritimum L., a species generally abundant in the habitat 1240 along the rocky coasts of southern Italy, also seems to be related to negative human activities.

#61 Annex I Habitat: 1310 Salicornia and other annuals colonizing mud and sand (Mascia F)

EUNIS Classification system: A2.6513 - Salicornia spp. pioneer saltmarshes

Biogeographical Region: Mediterranean


Geographic information: Italy, Sardinia, Sud Sardegna, Ex Stagno di Serrenti, 94 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 39.470955 N, 8.981005 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S2, Rel. 1); Italy, Sardinia, Sud Sardegna, Serdiana, Su stani saliu, 100 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 39.354386 N, 9.119117 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S2, Rel. 2).

Cell ID in the EEA reference grid: 10kmE423N182; 10kmE424N180 (Suppl. Material 2, Figure S3).

Natura 2000 Site Code: currently not included in any Natura 2000 Site.

Phytosociological table: Suppl. Material 1, Table S2, nomenclature and taxa delimitation according to Portal to the Flora of Italy (2023).

Notes: Therophytic, halo-nitrophilous communities referred to Cressetum creticae Brullo and Furnari 1976 (Thero-Suaedion, Thero-Suaedetalia, Thero-Salicornietea). Such vegetation develops on halomorphic, silty-clayey substrates on the bottom of inland endorheic basins, flooded from late autumn to late spring, and completely dried up and cracked in summer. The formation has
Table 1. Synthetic overview of the newly reported data.

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connections with perennials formations of *Salicornietea fruticosea*.

**#62 Annex I Habitat: 1420 Mediterranean and thermo-Atlantic halophilous scrubs (Sarcocornieta fruticosi) (Mascia F)**

**EUNIS Classification system:** A2.5 - Coastal saltmarshes and saline reedbeds

**Biogeographical Region:** Mediterranean


**Geographic information:** Italy, Sardinia, Sud Sardegna, Ex Stagno di Serrenti, 94 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 39.470955 N, 8.981803 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S3, Rel.1); Sar-dinia, Sud Sardegna, Serdiana, Su stani saliu, 104 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 39.35639 N, 9.119761 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S3, Rel.2).

**Cell ID in the EEA reference grid:** 10kmE423N180 (Suppl. Material 1, Table S4, no nomenclature and taxa delimitation according to Portal to the Flora of Italy (2023)).

**Notes:** The communities detected are referred to *Arthrocnemion glauci* order (Suppl. Material 2, Figure S5). These are often relegated to very small surfaces, along the banks of inland astatic basins with brackish to salt waters, or field ditches of partially reclaimed endorheic ponds. Rarely extending over 5000 m², these communities are strongly threatened by long-term land reclamation processes for agricultural purposes, that are leading to the definitive disappearance of the original habitat.

**#63. Annex I Habitat: 1420: Mediterranean and thermo-Atlantic halophilous scrub (Sarcocornieta fruticosi) (Tavilla G, Ranno V, Crisafulli A)**

**EUNIS Classification system:** A2.5 - Coastal saltmarshes and saline reedbeds (Chytrý et al. 2020)

**Biogeographical Region:** Mediterranean


**Geographic information:** Italy, Sicily, Messina, Capo d’Orlando, 3 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 38.165122 N, 14.749621 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S4, Rel. 1 to 4).

**Cells ID in the EEA reference grid:** 10kmE473N168 (Suppl. Material 2, Figure S4).

**Natura 2000 Site Code:** currently not included in any Natura 2000 Site.

**Phytosociological table:** Suppl. Material 1, Table S4, nomenclature and taxa delimitation according to Portal to the Flora of Italy (2023).


**Geographic information:** Italy, Calabria, Catanzaro, Lamezia Terme, Contrada Maricello, 5 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 39.165122 N, 14.749621 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S5, Rel. 1).

**Cells ID in the EEA reference grid:** 10kmE486N178 (Suppl. Material 2, Figure S6).

**Natura 2000 Site Code:** currently not included in any Natura 2000 Site.

**Phytosociological table:** Suppl. Material 1, Table S5, nomenclature and taxa delimitation according to Portal to the Flora of Italy (2023).

**Notes:** The association *Pistacio lentisci-Juniperetum macrocarpa* Caneva, De Marco and Mossa 1981, is a type of dense and intricate psammophilous scrub that constitutes the first woody vegetation colonizing sandy dune. This vegetation has been described for Sardinia region (Caneva et al. 1981) and brought back to Tuscany (Arrigoni et al. 1985; De Dominicis et al. 1988), currently limited in a few coastal stretches not exploited for tourist or residential purposes (Costa and Ercole 2015). The scrub with *Juniperus macrocarpa* Sm. is fundamental for the con-
survival of coastal dunes, as it contributes significantly to the consolidation of coastal sand dunes. In the survey carried out there are invasive alien species including Acacia saligna (Labill.) H.L. Wendt, which compromises the structure and conservation of the habitat (Spampinato et al. 2022). These new records report for the first time the Pistacia lentiscus-Juniperetum macrorcarpae association for the Calabria Region, expanding the distribution area of the 2250* habitat in the region.

#65. Annex I Habitat: 3130 Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the Littorelletalia uniflorae and/or of the Isoëto-Nanojuncetalia (Bonini F, Gigante D)

**EUNIS Classification system**: C3.4 - Species-poor beds of low-growing water-fringing or amphibious vegetation

**Biogeographical Region**: Mediterranean


**Geographic information**: Precise coordinates are not reported in Gigante et al. (2013), however those relevés refer to the same areas where the new relevés, here reported, have been carried out, i.e. to the close surroundings of the hereafter specified coordinates. Italy, Umbria, Perugia, Castiglione del Lago, Monelli, 275 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 43.160542 N, 12.006662 E [Suppl. Material 1, Table S6, Rel. 3; Tab. 9, Rels 34-36 in Gigante et al. (2013)]; Italy, Umbria, Perugia, Castiglione del Lago, Monelli, 274 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 43.160542 N, 12.006662 E [Suppl. Material 1, Table S6, Rel. 3; Tab. 9, Rels 34-36 in Gigante et al. (2013)]; Italy, Umbria, Perugia, Castiglione del Lago, Monelli, 274 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 43.160542 N, 12.006662 E [Suppl. Material 1, Table S6, Rel. 3; Tab. 9, Rels 34-36 in Gigante et al. (2013)].

**Cells ID in the EEA reference grid**: 10kmE448SN223 (Suppl. Material 2, Figure S7).

**Natura 2000 Site Code**: SAC/SPA IT5210020 “Boschi di Ferrereto - Bagnoletti.

**Phytosociological table**: Tab. 9 in Gigante et al. (2013); Suppl. Material 1, Table S6, nomenclature and taxa delimitation according to Portal to the Flora of Italy (2023).

Notes: The habitat is represented by Juncus bulbosus-dominated vegetation occurring in 20-40 cm depth temporary ponds with steep borders (Suppl. Material 2, Figure S8). Ponds are found inside glades of Quercus cerris and Q. pubescens forests (H91M0), in mosaic with waterlogged soils characterized by Isoëtes histrix (H3170*) and dry heatlands dominated by Calluna vulgaris (H4030) (Pedrotti 1982; Gigante et al. 2007).

Following the syntaxonomic arrangement in Gigante et al. (2013), this perennial amphibious vegetation has been referred to the habitat subtype 22.12 x 22.3 belonging to the Littorelletalia uniflorae order.

The recent surveys (Suppl. Material 1, Table S6) have been carried out during the activities of the Integrated project LIFE19 IPE/IT/000015 “LIFE IMAGINE Umbria - Integrated MAnagement and Grant Investments for the N2000 NEtwork in Umbria” (https://www.lifeimagine.eu/): one of the project actions aimed at conserving this habitat type will involve the manual removal of leaf litter deriving from long-lived oak leaves that accumulates in the ponds and leads to their progressive burial.

#66. Annex I Habitat: 3220 Alpine rivers and the herbaceous vegetation along their banks (Mainetti A, Ferrarato M, Lonati M)

**EUNIS Classification system**: U71 - unvegetated or sparsely vegetated shore with mobile sediments in montane and alpine regions (Chytrý et al. 2020)

**Biogeographical Region**: Alpine


**Geographic information**: Italy, Piedmont, Valprato Soana, Loc. Azaria, 1550 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 45.55668 N, 7.512335 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S7, Rel. 1 to 5); Italy, Piedmont, Ronco Canavese, Loc. Lasinetto, 1110 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 45.502689 N, 7.503595 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S7, Rel. 6).

**Cells ID in the EEA reference grid**: 10kmE412N249 (Suppl. Material 2, Figure S9).

**Natura 2000 Site Code**: SAC/SPA IT1201000 ’Parco Nazionale Gran Paradiso’

**Phytosociological table**: Suppl. Material 1, Table S7, nomenclature and taxa delimitation according to Portal to the Flora of Italy (2023).

Notes: Gravel banks of the Epilobion fleischeri are quite frequent in the Alpine Biogeographical Region and in the Western Alps, although the naturalness of Alpine rivers has been generally compromised over the years. In the SAC/SPA IT1201000 ’Parco Nazionale Gran Paradiso’ the habitat code 3220 was reported for all cells except for the one reported here. The Orco and Forzo mountain streams actually have limited areas colonised by the habitat, how-
ever these have a significant value because they are set on streams that are not currently artificially regulated by dams or weirs.

#67. Annex I Habitat: 3260 Water courses of plain to montane levels with the Ranunculus fluitantis and Callitricho-Batrachion vegetation (Fiaschi T, Cannucci S, Fanfarillo E, Angiolini C)

**EUNIS Classification system:** C2.3 Permanent non-tidal, smooth-flowing watercourses

**Biogeographical Region:** Mediterranean


**Geographic information:** Italy, Tuscany, Grosseto, Grosseto, 2 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 42.7009232 N, 11.0349177 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S8, Rel. 1); Italy, Tuscany, Firenze, Barberino Tavarnelle, 77 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 43.514722 N, 11.081389 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S8, Rel. 2); Italy, Tuscany, Siena, Radda in Chianti, 367 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 43.458847 N, 11.34022 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S8, Rel. 3).

**Cell ID in the EEA reference grid:** 10kmE440N226 (Suppl. Material 1, Table S8, Rel. 43-45 in Fanfarillo et al. 2023).

**Natura 2000 Site Code:** currently not included in any Natura 2000 Site.

**Phytosociological table:** Supplementary Tabs 11, 13, and 14 in Fanfarillo et al. (2023); Suppl. Material 1, Table S8, nomenclature and taxa delimitation according to Portal to the Flora of Italy (2023).

**Notes:** The attribution of vegetation dominated by Potamogeton sp. pl. to the habitat 3260, instead of the habitat 3150 "Natural eutrophic lakes with Magnopotamion or Hydrocharition-type vegetation", is based on the occurrence of such communities in rivers (Rivieccio et al. 2020, 2021; Tavilla et al. 2022).


**EUNIS Classification system:** C3.5 - Periodically inundated shores with pioneer and ephemeral vegetation

**Biogeographical Region:** Mediterranean


**Geographic information:** Italy, Tuscany, Siena, Asciano, 200 m a.s.l. [Supplementary Tab. 15, Rels. 43-45 in Fanfarillo et al. (2023)].

**Cell ID in the EEA reference grid:** 10kmE444N223 (Suppl. Material 2, Figure S11).

**Natura 2000 Site Code:** currently not included in any Natura 2000 Site.

**Phytosociological table:** Supplementary Tab. 15 in Fanfarillo et al. (2023).

**Notes:** In the detection area, this habitat is abundantly present on gravel beds from mid-summer to early autumn (Fanfarillo et al. 2023).

#69. Annex I Habitat: 3280 Constantly flowing Mediterranean rivers with Paspalo-Agrostidion species and hanging curtains of Salix and Populus alba (Fiaschi T, Fanfarillo E, Angiolini C)

**EUNIS Classification system:** E5.4 - Moist or wet tall-herb and fern fringes and meadows

**Biogeographical Region:** Mediterranean


**Geographic information:** Italy, Tuscany, Siena, Asciano, 200 m a.s.l. [Supplementary Tab. 6, Rel. 15 in Fanfarillo et al. (2023)].

**Cell ID in the EEA reference grid:** 10kmE444N223 (Suppl. Material 2, Figure S12).

**Natura 2000 Site Code:** currently not included in any Natura 2000 Site.

**Phytosociological table:** Supplementary Tab. 6 in Fanfarillo et al. (2023).

**Notes:** In the detection sites, this habitat is mainly represented by short grasslands dominated by Paspalum distichum, one of the few alien species colonizing wetlands in the area, which are in general well-preserved (Fanfarillo et al. 2023; Fiaschi et al. 2023).
#70. Annex I Habitat: 4090 Endemic oro-Mediterranean heaths with gorse (Bazan G., Guarino R., Illardi V.)

**EUNIS Classification system**: Pal. 31.77 Madonie and Apennine hedgehog-heaths (Hedgehog-heaths formed by Astragalus spp. or Genista spp., of the mountains of the southern Italian peninsula and Sicily, except Etna).

**Biogeographical Region**: Mediterranean


**Geographic information**: Italy, Sicily, Palermo, San Mauro Castelverde (Contrada Serra di Prato; Contrada Cerrito), 1151-1164 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 37.927921 N, 14.196102 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S9, Rel. 1).

**Cell ID in the EEA reference grid**: 10kmE469N166. (Suppl. Material 2, Figure S13)

**Natura 2000 Site Code**: ITA020018 "Foce del Fiume Poli- lina e Monte Tardara".

**Phytosociological table**: Suppl. Material 1, Table S9, taxonomic nomenclature according to Pignatti et al. (2017-2019).

**Notes**: Genista sect. Voglera (P. Gaertn., B. Mey. and Schreb.) Spach is represented in Sicily by three endemic species: G. aristata C. Presl, G. cupanii Guss. and G. madonensis Raimondo (Marino et al. 2012). While the first of these has a range extended to all the northern mountain range of Sicily (Madonie, Nebrodi and Peloritani), the other two were hitherto exclusively known from the Madonie Massif. The finding of G. cupanii on the heights of San Mauro Castelverde makes it possible to extend the range of this species to the flyschoid substrata of the extreme western outposts of Nebrodi Mountains.

The mountain garrigue here described colonizes summit ridges and eroded slopes, in part resulting from deforestation carried out until a few decades ago. The garrigue is dominated by Genista cupanii and a few other elements of the class Cisto-Lavanduletalia, along with many herbaceous species typical of mountain rangelands of N-Sicily (Cirsietalia vallis-demonis Brullo and Grillo 1978; Poeta-elia bulbosae Rivas Goday and Rivas-Mart. in Rivas Goday and Ladero 1970).

From the bioclimatic point of view, the surveyed vegetation falls in a transitional belt between the upper Mediterranean unit - in the surveyed area characterized by woods classified into the Festuco heterophyllae-Quercetum congetae Brullo and Marcenò 1985 - and the Supramediterranean unit, characterized by the Arrhenath- ero nebrodensi-Quercetum cerridis Brullo, Minissale and Spampinato 1996 (Bazan et al. 2015). Our study area represents the western limit of the distribution range of Quercus cerris in Sicily.

The presence of Helleborus bocconei subsp. intermedius, endemic to north-western Sicily and only sporadically recoded from the Nebrodi Mts. (Giardina et al. 2007) suggests a certain autonomy of the studied garrigue with respect to the Genista cupanii associations described for the Madonie Mts., although a more in-depth study would be necessary to better circumstantiate its syntaxonomic framework.

#71. Annex I Habitat: 6110* Rupicolous calcareous or basophilic grasslands of the Alyssos-Sedion albi (Fanfarillo E, Fiaschi T, Angiolini C.)

**EUNIS Classification system**: E1.1 - Inland sand and rock with open vegetation

**Biogeographical Region**: Mediterranean


**Geographic information**: Italy, Tuscany, Siena, Asciano, 200 m a.s.l. [Supplementary Tab. 33, Rels. 88-90 in Fanfarillo et al. (2023)].

**Cell ID in the EEA reference grid**: 10kmE444N223 (Suppl. Material 2, Figure S14).

**Natura 2000 Site Code**: currently not included in any Natura 2000 Site.

**Phytosociological table**: Supplementary Tab. 33 in Fanfarillo et al. (2023).

**Notes**: The presence of alien and ruderal species in the detected habitat shows signs of degradation due to human pressures such as intensive agriculture (Stinca et al. 2021; Fanfarillo et al. 2023).

#72. Annex I Habitat: 64300 Hydrophilous tall herb fringe communities of plains and of the montane to alpine levels (Fanfarillo E, Fiaschi T, Angiolini C.)

**EUNIS Classification system**: E5.4 - Moist or wet tall-herb and fern fringes and meadows

**Biogeographical Region**: Mediterranean


**Phytosociological reference**: Convulvulo-Epilobieta hirsuti Hilbig, Heinrich et Niemann 1972, Calystegio-Equisetetum tremeiae Jovanović 1993, Senecioni fluviatilis Tx. ex Moor 1958, Convulvuletalia sepium Tx. ex Moor

**Geographic information**: Italy, Tuscany, Siena, Asciano, 200 m a.s.l. [Supplementary Tab. 16, Rel. 46 in Fanfarillo et al. (2023)].

**Cell ID in the EEA reference grid**: 10kmE444N223 (Suppl. Material 2, Figure S15).

**Natura 2000 Site Code**: currently not included in any Nature 2000 Site.

**Phytosociological table**: Supplementary Tab. 16 in Fanfarillo et al. (2023).

**Notes**: The presence of the habitat was recorded only in one site of limited extension (Fanfarillo et al. 2023).

#73. Annex I Habitat: 7210* Calcareous fens with *Cladium mariscus* and species of the *Caricion davallianae* (Rivieccio G, Caria MC, Bagella S, Farris E)

**EUNIS Classification system**: D5.24 Fen *Cladium mariscus* beds (wider).

**Biogeographical Region**: Mediterranean


**Geographic information**: Italy, Sardinia, Sassari, Alghe- ro, Sant’Imbenia, 2 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 40.619097 N, 8.197149 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S10, Rel. 1); Coordinates: 40.619113 N, 8.197532 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S10, Rel. 2); Coordinates: 40.619130N, 8.197467 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S10, Rel. 3).

**Cells ID in the EEA reference grid**: 10kmE416N194 (Suppl. Material 2, Figure S16).

**Natura 2000 Site Code**: currently not included in any Nature 2000 Site.

**Phytosociological table**: Suppl. Material 1, Table S10, no menclature and taxa delimitation according to Portal to the Flora of Italy (2023).

**Notes**: This is the third record of the habitat 7210* in Sardinia region (Gigante et al. 2019a; Gianguzzi et al. 2020). The site is located close to Natura 2000 Site ZSC ITB010042 “Capo Caccia (con le isole Foradada e Piana) 2020”.

#74. Annex I Habitat: 8210 Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation (de Simone L)

**EUNIS Classification system**: H3.2 - Basic and ultra-basic inland cliffs

**Biogeographical Region**: Mediterranean


**Geographic information**: Italy, Sicily, Palermo, Monte Maranfusa, 300 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 37.855908 N, 13.133745 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S11, Rel.1); 37.855148 N, 13.131571 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S11, Rel. 2); 37.85593 N 13.13403 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S11, Rel.3).

**Cells ID in the EEA reference grid**: 10kmE459N164 (Suppl. Material 2, Figure S17).

**Natura 2000 Site Code**: currently not included in any Nature 2000 Site.

**Phytosociological table**: Suppl. Material 1, Table S11, no menclature and taxa delimitation according to Portal to the Flora of Italy (2023).

**Notes**: The relevées have been carried out in the northern slopes of the mountain, where the habitat 8210 is currently present.

#75. Annex I Habitat: 91AA* Eastern white oak woods (Morabito A, Musarella CM, Spampinato G)

**EUNIS Classification system**: T1932 (formerly, G1.732) - Italo-Sicilian Quercus pubescens woods (Chytrý et al. 2020).

**Biogeographical Region**: Mediterranean


**Phytosociological reference**: Erica arboreae-Quercion ilicis Brullo, Di Martino and Marcenò 1977; Queretalia ilicis Br.-Bl. ex Molinier 1934; Queretalia ilicis Br.-Bl. in Br.-Bl., Rousseine and Nègre 1952 (Biondi and Blasi 2015).

**Geographic information**: Italy, Calabria, Catanzaro, Gizzera, Contrada Jacona, 75 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 38.841122 N, 16.290958 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S12, Rel. 1); Italy, Calabria, Catanzaro, Serrastretta Timone Chianta, 393 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 38.956261 N, 16.413381 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S12, Rel. 2); Italy, Calabria, Vibo Valentia, Parghelia, S. Antonio, 89 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 38.716733 N, 16.415092 E
the class sclerophyllous species in the floristic assemblage, fall in the thermo-Mediterranean belt. Several authors claim that Quercetea ilicis (Brullo et al. 2001; Bacchetta et al. 2004; Brullo et al. 2008).

**EUNIS Classification system**: T19B6 - Thermophilous Fraxinus forests (EUNIS terrestrial habitat classification 2021); G1.7C6 – Thermophilous Fraxinus woods (EUNIS Habitat Classification 2012)

**Biogeographical Region**: Continental


**Geographic information**: Italy, Marche, Ancona, Fabriano, 415 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 43.357843 N, 12.831927 E [Tab. 4, Rel. 6 in Allegrezza et al. (2010)]; 43.357615 N, 12.831786 E [Tab. 4, Rel. 7 in Allegrezza et al. (2010)].

**Cells ID in the EEA reference grid**: 10 km E486N177 (Tab. 13, Rel. 1), 10 km E487N178 (Suppl. Material 1, Table S12, Rel. 2), 10 km E483N175 (Suppl. Material 1, Table S12, Rel. 3), 10 km E488N176 (Suppl. Material 1, Table S12, Rel. 4), 10 km E484N173 (Suppl. Material 1, Table S12, Rel. 5), 10 km E488N174 (Suppl. Material 1, Table S12, Rel. 5, Tab. 7, 8), 10 km E487N173 (Suppl. Material 1, Table S12, Rel. 9, 10), 10 km E488N172 (Suppl. Material 1, Table S12, Rel. 11), 10 km E486N169 (Suppl. Material 1, Table S12, Rel. 12), 10 km E485N169 (Suppl. Material 1, Table S12, Rel. 13), 10 km E485N179 (Suppl. Material 1, Table S12, Rel. 14), 10 km E482N167 (Suppl. Material 1, Table S12, Rel. 15) (Suppl. Material 2, Figure S18).

**Natura 2000 Site Code**: currently not included in any Natura 2000 Site.

**Phytosociological table**: Suppl. Material 1, Table S12, nomenclature and taxa delimitation according to Portal to the Flora of Italy (2023).

**Notes**: In the Calabria Region, the group of Quercus pubescens L. has remarkable forestry importance and has been interpreted differently by various authors who have dealt with the taxonomy of this species (Musarella et al. 2018; Di Pietro et al. 2020, 2021). Brullo et al. (2001) attributed the acidophilous thermo-xerophilous oaks woods of Calabria to the Erica arboreae-Quercetum virgilianae (Brullo and Marcone 1985), an association located in the thermo- and meso-Mediterranean belt. Several authors claim that the forest coenoses with Quercus pubescens s.l. of southern Italy and are due to the relevance of the evergreen sclerophyllous species in the floristic assemblage, fall in the class Quercetea ilicis Br.-Bl. in Br.-Bl., Roussine et

Nègre 1952 (Brullo et al. 2001; Bacchetta et al. 2004; Brullo et al. 2008).

#76. Annex I Habitat: 91B0 Thermophilous Fraxinus angustifolia woods (Tesei G, Camilletti M, Allegrezza M)
Ligustrum vulgare and Brachypodium sylvaticum are indicated as differential species of the subsociation Quercus ilex subassociation Quercus ilex dalechampii (Allegrezza et al. 2010).

#77. Annex I Habitat: 91E0* Alluvial forests with Alnus glutinosa and Fraxinus excelsior (Alno-Padion, Alnion incanae, Salicion albae) (Gianguzzi L, Scandirollo S, Bazan G)

EUNIS Classification system: G.1.131 - Southern Alnus glutinosa galleries

Biogeographical Region: Mediterranean


Geographic information: Italy, Sicily, Fondachelli Fantina (ME), Fiumara Madridi, 450 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 37.996369 N, 15.283677 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S13, Rel. 2); Italy, Sicily, Santa Lucia del Mela (ME), Fiumara D’Agrò, 270 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 38.098094 N, 15.284146 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S13, Rel. 5); Italy, Sicily, Antillo (ME), Affluente dell’Agrò in località Pinazzo, 280 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 37.975230 N, 15.240598 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S13, Rel. 5).

Cells ID in the EEA reference grid: 110kmE478N167 (Suppl. Material 1, Table S13, Rels 1 and 5), 10kmE477N167 (Suppl. Material 1, Table S13, Rel. 2), 10kmE478N168 (Suppl. Material 1, Table S13, Rels 3 and 4), (Suppl. Material 2, Figure S20).

Natura 2000 Site Code: Rels 1-2 in Table 14 currently are not included in any Natura 2000 site; Rel 3-4 in Table 14 are included in the ZSC ITA030007 “Affluenti del Torrente Mela”; Rel 5 in Table 14 is included in the ZSC ITA030019 “Tratto Montano del Bacino della Fiumara di Agrò” (Suppl. Material 2, Figure S20).

Phytosociological table: Suppl. Material 1, Table S13, nomenclature and taxa delimitation according to Portal to the Flora of Italy (2023).

Notes: A recent study on riparian vegetation dominated by Alnus glutinosa L. in Italy and the Tyrrhenian Islands (Scandirollo et al. 2022) provides a taxonomic and distributional overview of the different plant communities identified there. These communities are classified within the order Populetalia albae Br.-Bl. ex Tchou 1948 (class Alno glutinosae-Populetetalia albae P. Fukarek et Fabijanic 1968), which is further divided into the alliances Ligistro vulgaris-Alnion glutinosae Poldini, Burzini and Venanzoni 2015 in Biondi et al. 2015 (riparian meso-thermophilous forests of the submediterranean regions of the Northern and Central Apennine Peninsula) and Osmundo regalis-Alnion glutinosae (Br.-Bl. et al. 1956) Dierschke and Rivas-Martinez in Rivas-Martinez 1975 (with an Iberian-Atlantic-Mediterranean distribution). The latter is divided into the sub-alliances Struthioptero-Alnenion glutinosae Sciandrello et al. 2022 (thermo-mesophilous communities of central Italy, up to the mountains of Sardinia and Corsica) and Hyperico hircini-Alnenion glutinosae Dierschke 1975 (thermophilous communities with a circum-Tyrrhenian distribution: Corsica, Sardinia, Tyrrhenian coasts of the Italian peninsula, and northeastern Sicily). These last Sicilian formations are limited to the Peloritani Mountains, where they are attributed to the association Plano orientalis-Alnetum glutinosae (Brullo and Spampinato 1990) by Scandirollo et al. 2022 (Suppl. Material 2, Figure S21). The most interesting nuclei are located on the Tyrrhenian slope, particularly in the upper part of the hydrographic basin of the Fiumara d’Agrò, in the territory of Antillo (Torrente Fonderia, C.de Pianamare, Rosignolo, Pinazzo, etc.), as well as in the rivers S. Paolo (Francavilla di Sicilia) and Alcantara. Other almost punctiform and floristically impoverished nuclei are also present on the Tyrrhenian slope, particularly in the Fiumara Madrì (Fondachelli Fantina) and in the Torrente Mela (S. Lucia del Mela). Overall, these are relict nuclei, just like other formations and/or species also linked to watercourses or humid environments of the Peloritani Mountains (Brullo and Spampinato 1990; Scandirollo et al. 2015), as well as the Nebrodi Mountains (Brullo et al. 1976; De Castro et al. 2015; Gianguzzi et al. 2021; Gianguzzi and La Mantia 2004) and other reliefs of the eastern ridge of Sicily (Raimondo et al. 1994; Brullo and Burzini 2021; Gianguzzi et al. 2013).

#78. Annex I Habitat: 91E0* Alluvial forests with Alnus glutinosa and Fraxinus excelsior (Alno-Padion, Alnion incanae, Salicion albae) (Morabito A, Musarella CM, Spampinato G)

EUNIS Classification system: T14B13 (formerly, G.1.131): Western Mediterranean alder and ash-elder galleries (Chytrý et al. 2020).

Biogeographical Region: Mediterranean

Notes: In accordance with Biondi et al. (2015) and Scandrello et al. (2022) the riparian woodland with *Alnus glutinosa* of Calabria are referred to the *Ligustro vulgaris-Alnion glutinosae* Poldini, Sbrullo and Venanzoni in Biondi et al. 2015, *Populetalia albae* Br.-Bl. ex Tchou 1948, *Alno glutinosae-Populetea albae* P. Fukarek and Fabijanić 1968 (Mučina et al. 2016).

Geographic information: Italy, Tuscan, Siena, Castelnuovo Berardenga, 186 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 43.304447 N, 11.414165 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S15, Rel. 1).

**Cell ID in the EEA reference grid:** 10kmE443N224 (Suppl. Material 2, Figure S20).

**Natura 2000 Site Code:** currently not included in any Natura 2000 Site.

**Phytosociological table:** Suppl. Material 1, Table S15, nomenclature and taxa delimitation according to Portal to the Flora of Italy (2023).

**Notes:** The habitat was detected in the lower part of the Arbia River, where such forests represent remnants of naturalness within a human-altered riverscape where woods are mostly dominated by alien species due to human pressures (Angiolini et al. 2023).

**EUNIS Classification system:** G1.314; T1424 (formerly) - Italic poplar galleries (Chytrý et al. 2020).
Cells ID in the EEA reference grid: 10kmE486N178 (Suppl. Material 2, Figure S22).

**Natura 2000 Site Code:** currently not included in any Natura 2000 Site.

**Phytosociological table:** Suppl. Material 1, Table S16, nomenclature and taxa delimitation according to Portal to the Flora of Italy (2023).

**Notes:** The riparian vegetation with white willow is a particular azonal formation growing along the Calabrian watercourses with silty sandy floods, variable flow and high level of the aquifer (Brullo and Spampinato 1997). These riparian forests, which belong to the Populion albae alliance, are composed of deciduous softwood species such as willows, poplars, and alders, and are widespread mainly in the hilly and submontane belt of the region, being linked by a macrobioclimate between thermo- and meso-Mediterranean (Brullo et al. 2001).

**#81. Annex I Habitat: 92D0 Southern riparian galleries and thickets (Nerio-Tamaricetalia and Securinegion tinctoriae) (Patera G)**

**EUNIS Classification system:** F9.31 - [Nerium oleander], [Vitex agnus-castus] and [Tamarix] galleries

**Biogeographical Region:** Mediterranean


**Geographic information:** Italy, Campania, Salerno, Centola, 34 m a.s.l., Coordinates: 40.085320 N, 15.349371 E (Suppl. Material 1, Table S17, Rel. 1).

**Cells ID in the EEA reference grid:** 10kmE477N190 (Suppl. Material 2, Figure S23).

**Natura 2000 Site Code:** ZSC IT8050013 “Fiume Mingardo”.

**Phytosociological table:** Suppl. Material 1, Table S17, nomenclature and taxa delimitation according to Portal to the Flora of Italy (2023).

**Notes:** Riparian shrublands characterized by *Tamarix africana* grow on the pebbly edge in the terminal part of Mingardo river, on alluvial soils submerged only during floods (Suppl. Material 2, Figure S24). The censuses detected are referred to *Tamarici africanae-Viticetum agni-casti*, a thermophilic association exclusive to the thermo-Mediterranean thermotype (Brullo and Spampinato 1997).

**#82. Annex I Habitat: 9330 Quercus suber forests (Morabito A, Musarella CM, Spampinato G)**

**EUNIS Classification system:** T211 (formerly G2.11) - *Quercus suber* forest (Chytrý et al. 2020).

**Biogeographical Region:** Mediterranean


**Phytosociological table:** Suppl. Material 1, Table S18, no-nomenclature and taxa delimitation according to Portal to the Flora of Italy (2023).

**Notes:** Italian cork oaks for their acidophilic species assemblage have been referred by Brullo and Marceno (1984) to the *Erico-Quercion ilicis*. This alliance groups forest associations dominated by evergreen sclerophyllous species with a high presence of calcifuge species, which develop on siliceous or strongly leached soils, in subhumid to humid Mediterranean macrobioclimates (Biondi and Blasi 2015). At the association level, the communities detected (Suppl. Material 1, Table S18, Rel 1-3) are to be ascribed to the *Helleboro-Quercetum suberis* Signorello 1984, community spread in Calabria region (Signorello 1984; Brullo et al. 2001) and in particular to the variant of *Myrtus communis* (Mercurio and Spampinato 2003) that group to the thermo-xerophilous cork oaks, located in the thermo-Mediterranean settled in more xeric environmental conditions than those typical of the association which instead is characterized by an assemblage of mesophilous species and bioclimatic conditions of meso-Mediterranean type. These new records expand the distribution area of the habitat 9330 in the Calabria Region.
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