



# CARTA DEI COMUNI CUSTODI DELLA MACCHIA MEDITERRANEA

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The «Carta dei Comuni Custodi della Macchia Mediterranea» is a "Pact of Honor" to enhance the territorial and landscape specificities as well as an invitation to unite the intentions among the various Local Governments



The «*Macchia Mediterranea*» is an important reserve of biodiversity accounting, with only a 2% extension, for more than 20% of the plant and animal species so far known in the world. At present, in the Mediterranean Basin, due to the massive anthropic pressure, the decline in fauna, the progressive desertification and the recurrent and devastating fires, the *Macchia Mediterranea* integrity is exposed to objective and remarkable threats, as well as its extension.

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The «*Macchia Mediterranea*» in Sicily

The plan of the "Carta", born in Sicily, aims to organize a network among the municipalities that become Custodians of the Macchia Mediterranea, undertake to elaborate programs for the protection of the rich naturalistic heritage that forms hotspots of biodiversity parse in the region. Protection is dictated by the need to implement preventive forestry to limit and regulate anthropic exploitation, combating fires and other abuses that are mostly of human origin. The project also pursues strategies aimed at mitigating climate change (drought and desertification in particular) and the upgrading of the macchia cenoses also taking into account the possible CO<sub>2</sub> capture.

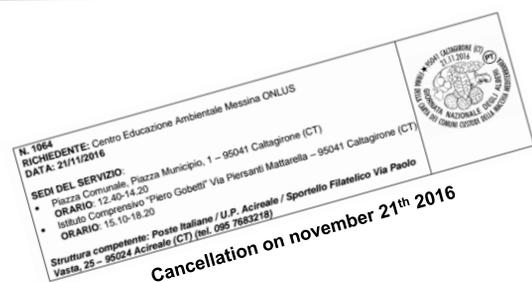


Corbezzolo (*Arbutus unedo L.*)

Commemorative Stamp

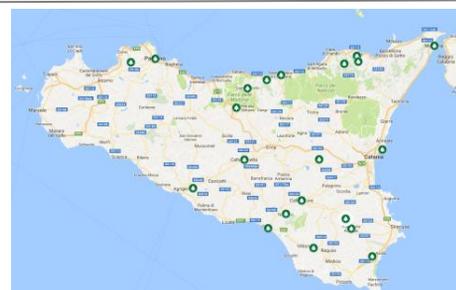


Renelle Base - Santo Pietro Wood - Caltagirone



The Sicilian municipalities that initially joined the "Carta" are those of Caltagirone, Palermo, Messina, Noto, Niscemi, S. Teresa Riva, Floresta, Gela, Licodia Eubea, Palazzolo Acreide, Montelepre, Castelbuono, Caltanissetta, Gela, Castel di Judica. A further 40 members later joined together with the Nebrodi Park and various Reserves and Associations (INU, Federtrek, MdF, ...). Outside Sicily, the Natural Park of Portofino has also joined.

To address: [goo.gl/8VDGj4](http://goo.gl/8VDGj4) updating your memberships.



Sicilian Municipalities that joined the "Carta"

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