TOPONYMIC GUIDELINES FOR MAP EDITORS AND OTHER EDITORS

National Standardization
Toponymic guidelines for map and other editors
Italy: (Second edition 1999)

Prepared by Mr. Maurizio Pampaloni, Italy
During the 7th Conference of the United Nations on geographical names in 1998, Italy presented the first edition of the national toponymic guidelines for map and other editors, based on a previous unofficial document published some years before by Mr. Toniolo.

Those national guidelines have been revised and updated, and a new edition has been published on December 1999.

In particular, this second edition:
- Takes into account of the comments received by other Nations, especially from Croatia and Slovenia;
- Defines more precisely (in the para. 3) the official source cartographic material, both in Italian and English languages;
- Updates the information concerning the produced gazetteers (at the para. 3.2), including those produced by the Istituto Geografico De Agostini;
- Includes a few cartographic tables of Italy, where are shown the 20 administrative regions with their capital towns and, for each region, also the provinces with their capital towns.

Point of contact:
Mr. Salvatore ARCA
Istituto Geografico Militare (IGMI)
Via C. Battisti, 10
50122 FIRENZE / ITALIA

Tel. 39.055.2732440
Fax 39.055.4378120
Email: saarca@tin.it
NATIONAL STANDARDIZATION

TOPONYMIC GUIDELINES FOR MAP AND OTHER EDITORS

Toponymic guidelines for map editors and other editors
ITALY

Second Edition 1999
This second edition was revised and updated in 1999 by Col. co. ing. Maurizio Pampaloni - Istituto Geografico Militare in Florence (Italy).
Table of contents

1 Languages
  1.1 General remarks
  1.2 Official languages
    1.2.1 General remarks
    1.2.2 The Italian alphabet
    1.2.3 Pronunciation of Italian words
    1.2.4 Characteristics of the Italian language and orthography necessary for the understanding of maps
      1.2.4.1 Diphthongs and triphthongs
      1.2.4.2 Digraphs and trigraphs
      1.2.4.3 Spaced-out lettering and division into syllables
      1.2.4.4 Capitalization
      1.2.4.5 Stress and accents
      1.2.4.6 Gender
      1.2.4.7 Formation of the plural
      1.2.4.8 Articles
      1.2.4.9 Adjectives
      1.2.4.10 Prepositions
      1.2.4.11 Elision
      1.2.4.12 The apocope of nouns
      1.2.4.13 Compound geographical names
  1.2.5 Italian dialects
  1.2.6 Linguistic substrata recognizable in Italian place names

1.3 Minority languages
  1.3.1 French language with Franco-Provençal dialects
    1.3.1.1 The French alphabet
    1.3.1.2 Pronunciation
    1.3.1.3 Geographical names
    1.3.2 German language with Bavarian dialects
    1.3.2.1 The German alphabet
    1.3.2.2 Pronunciation
    1.3.2.3 Geographical names
  1.3.3 Slovenian dialects
    1.3.3.1 The Slovenian alphabet
    1.3.3.2 Pronunciation
    1.3.3.3 Geographical names
  1.3.4 Other non Italian dialects spoken in Italy
    1.3.4.1 Ladin dialects
    1.3.4.2 Sardinian dialects
    1.3.4.3 Provençal dialects
    1.3.4.4 Croatian dialects
    1.3.4.5 Catalan dialect
    1.3.4.6 Greek dialects
1.3.4.7 Albanian dialects
1.3.4.8 Geographical names
2 Names authorities and names standardization
3 Source material
3.1 Maps
3.2 Gazetteers
4 Glossary of appellatives, adjectives and other words necessary for the understanding of maps
4.1 General remarks
4.2 The list of Italian, Ladin and Sardinian generic geographical terms with a few adjectival modifiers, prepositions and conjunctions
5 Main abbreviations used in the basic topographical maps of Italy (Carta topografica d'Italia) in the scales 1: 25 000 and 1: 50 000
6 Administrative division
6.1 General remarks
6.2 The regions
6.2.1 The list of the regions
6.3 The provinces
6.3.1 The list of the provinces
6.3.2 Cartographical representation of the province names
1 - LANGUAGES

1.1 General remarks

Italy is essentially a multilingual Country with Italian (Italiano/lingua italiana) being the primary language used nationwide. Minority languages occupy a subordinate position and are only used locally or regionally. The Italian language is understood by every person, also by those who normally use other languages or Italian dialects for their colloquial speech. In a few parts of the State the following non-Italian idioms are used:

a) The French language with Franco-Provençal dialects (see 1.3.1)
b) The German language with Bavarian dialects (see 1.3.2);
c) Slovenian dialects (see 1.3.3);
d) Ladin dialects (see 1.3.4.1);
e) Sardinian dialects (see 1.3.4.2);
f) Provençal dialects (see 1.3.4.3);
g) Croatian dialects (see 1.3.4.4);
h) Catalan dialects (see 1.3.4.5);
i) Greek dialects (see 1.3.4.6);
j) Albanian dialects (see 1.3.4.7).

1.2 Official languages

1.2.1 General remarks

Italian is the official language of the Italian Republic; it is official also in the Holy See, in the Republic of San Marino and it is one of the three official languages of Switzerland. Italian is a member of the Roman branch of the Indo-European language family. It is sometimes bracketed with Rumanian in the East Romance subdivision, the main distinguishing feature from the West Romance subdivision being the formation of the plural in West Romance by the addition of the ending -s, while in East Romance there is a vowel change in plural formation. Besides Italian, also French and German have an official status in the autonomous region of the Valle d’Aosta/Aosta Valley and in the autonomous province of Bolzano/Bozen respectively. In these areas such languages have the same status as the Italian language. Italian is written in the Roman script and has its own alphabet.
1.2.2 The Italian alphabet

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>A</th>
<th>a</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>D</td>
<td>d</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>G</td>
<td>g</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>L</td>
<td>l</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>O</td>
<td>o</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>R</td>
<td>r</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>U</td>
<td>u</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>B</td>
<td>b</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>E</td>
<td>e</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>H</td>
<td>h</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>M</td>
<td>m</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>P</td>
<td>p</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S</td>
<td>s</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>V</td>
<td>v</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C</td>
<td>c</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F</td>
<td>f</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>i</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>N</td>
<td>n</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Q</td>
<td>q</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T</td>
<td>t</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z</td>
<td>z</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The letter Jj, always followed by a vowel, is considered a semivowel, and can often be found in ancient words and in names of ancient origin; it occurs also in some place names as a variant of the vowel Ii (e.g. Mar Jonio, Jesi, Jesolo).

The letters Kk, Ww, Xx, Yy occur only in words of foreign origin or in the orthography of words of some Italian dialects.

1.2.3 Pronunciation of Italian words

Italian pronunciation is essentially melodious. It is marked by purity of vowel sounds, by heavy stress, and by its vocalic character. All Italian vowels are pure, pronounced with the voice well forward in the mouth, with no nasal resonance, and with a clear-cut sound.

a /a/  
b /b/  
c /k/ before: a, o, u, and consonant  
/ʃ/ before: e, i  
cc /kk/ before: a, o, u, and consonant  
/ʃʃ/ before: e, i  
cch /kk/ only before: e, i  
ch /k/ only before: e, i  
cq /kk/ always followed by the semivowel u  
d /d/  
e /ɛ/ /e/ (1)  
f /f/  
g /ɡ/ before: a, o, u, and consonant  
/ʤ/ before: e, i  
/gg/ /gɡ/ before: a, o, u, and consonant  
/ʤɡ /ʤɡ/ before: e, i  
ggh /gɡ/ only before: e, i  
gh /g/ only before: e, i  
gl /ɡl/ before: a, e, o, u  
/ʃl /ɡl/ (2) before: i  
ghn / confirmPassword|  
h (3) is silent  
i /i/ /i/ (4)
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Letter</th>
<th>Pronunciation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>j</td>
<td>/j/</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>k</td>
<td>/k/</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>l</td>
<td>/l/</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>m</td>
<td>/m/</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>n</td>
<td>/n/</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>o</td>
<td>/o/ /ɔ/ (5)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>p</td>
<td>/p/</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>q</td>
<td>/k/ (6)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>r</td>
<td>/r/</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>s</td>
<td>/s/ /z/ (7)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sc</td>
<td>/sk/ before: a, o, u, h, l, r</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sch</td>
<td>/sk/ only before: e, i</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>t</td>
<td>/t/</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>u</td>
<td>/u/ /w/ (6)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>v</td>
<td>/v/</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>w</td>
<td>/v/ /w/ (9)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>x</td>
<td>/ks/</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>y</td>
<td>/i/ /j/ (10)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>z</td>
<td>/ts/ /dz/ (11)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Notes on the pronunciation

(1) When not stressed, always /æ/; when stressed, the pronunciation may be /e/ or /e/.  
(2) In some words /æ/, in other ones /gl/.  
(3) Used especially in the digraphs ch, gh in order to give the sound /k/, /g/ respectively to the consonants c, g when put before: e, i.  
(4) /j/ only in the diphthongs: la, le, lo, lu with the stress on the second letter; and in the diphthongs: ai, ei, oi, ui, with the stress on the first letter.  
(5) When not stressed, always /o/; when stressed, the pronunciation may be /o/ or /ɔ/.  
(6) The consonant q can be found only before the semivowel u, with which it forms the digraph qu.  
(7) In some words /s/, in other ones /z/.  
(8) /w/ only in the diphthongs: ua, ue, ui, uo with the stress on the second letter; and in the diphthongs: au, eu, iu, ou, with the stress on the first letter.  
(9) Only in words of German or English origin; the pronunciation is the same as in the German words or in the English ones.  
(10) Like the vowel /semiwowel i.  
(11) In some words /ts/, in other ones /dz/.  

1.2.4 Characteristics of the Italian language and orthography necessary for the understanding of maps.

1.2.4.1 Diphthongs and triphthongs

The diphthongs are formed by the combination of the vowel/semivowel i, u and an always stressed vowel. The diphthongs are la, ie, lo, lu, ua, ue, ui, uo (with the semivowel in front position); ai, ei, oi, au, eu, iu, ou (with the stressed vowel in front position). The combination of the vowel i, u with another vowel does not automatically form diphthongs. In some words i, u are followed or preceded by other vowels without forming diphthongs: in these cases we have to speak of hiatus.

There are also some triphthongs like: iai, iei, iuo, uai, uoi where the stress cannot be on the semivowel i, u.

1.2.4.2 Digraphs and trigraphs

As we have seen in a preceding section, the following digraphs exist: ch, gh, gl, gn, qu, sc; moreover the two digraphs cl, gl followed by another vowel, where i is used to give the sound /tʃ/, /dʒ/ respectively to the consonants c, g when i is followed by the vowels a, o, u.

There are moreover two trigraphs gli, sci, where i is used to give the sound /j/ respectively to the digraphs gl, sc when followed by the vowels a, o, u. Double consonants, so much used in Italian orthography, are not considered digraphs; they are only used to intensify the sound of such consonants, which is longer and more vigorous than that of single consonants. We can compare this sound with the relatively uncommon doubling which occurs in English when a word ending in a consonant is followed by a word beginning with the same consonant or consonant sound (e.g. pen nib, black cat).

1.2.4.3 Spaced-out lettering and division into syllables

Every non monosyllabic word can be divided into syllables; therefore it is necessary to be able to distinguish Italian syllables.

A syllable is always formed by at least one vowel with or without one or more consonants (e.g. A-sti, Mo-de-na, Grap-pa).

Diphthongs and triphthongs are considered single vowels; digraphs and trigraphs are regarded as single consonants. Therefore diphthongs, triphthongs, digraphs and trigraphs cannot be spaced-out (e.g. le-si, Gio-ia Tau-ro, Dob-bia-co, Sir-mio-ne, Bre-scia, Fo-li-gno, Ca-sti-glio-ne; whereas
Ga-e-ta, A-o-sta, Cu-ne-o, can be spaced-out since the combination of vowels ae, ao, eo does not form diphthongs but are hiatus.

As it is not always possible to distinguish between diphthongs and hiatus, it is preferable not to separate two or three linked vowels.

The double consonants, namely bb, cc, dd, ff, gg, ll, mm, nn, pp, qq, rr, ss, tt, vv, zz, to which we have to add cch, ggh, cq, are to be divided in this way: b-b, c-c, d-d, f-f, g-g, l-l, m-m, n-n, p-p, q-q, r-r, s-s, t-t, v-v, z-z, c-ch, g-gh, c-q (e.g. Chiog-gia, Co-mac-chio, Pol-li-no, Tir-re-no, A-rez-zo, Cal-ta: nis-set-ta, Luc-ca).

The other groups of consonants are mainly the following:

1. s + consonant/consonants (1)
2. I, m, n, r + consonant/consonants (2)
3. consonant + I, r (3)
4. other uncommon combinations (4)

Notes

(1) Preconsonantic s is always to be united with the following consonant/consonants (e.g. Pe-sca-ra, To-sca-na, A-sti, A-o-sta).

(2) I, m, n, or r, followed by one or two other consonants, is to be separated from such consonant/consonants, since it belongs to the preceding syllable (e.g. Mon-te-pul-cia-no, Val-tel-li-na, Val-da-gno, Val-sta-gna, Cam-po-sam-pie-ro, Ta-ran-to, Gen-nar-gen-tu, Po-ten-za, l-gle-sien-te, San-gro, Ber-ga-mo, Ar-sie-ro, Ter-ni).

(3) I, or r, preceded by another consonant, is to be united with such consonant in the same syllable (e.g. I-blei, A-bruz-zo, Or-ties, O-tran-to, En-trac-que).

(4) There are, moreover, two other groups of consonant combinations:
   a. bd, cn, ct, gm, mn, pn, ps, pt, tm;
   b. ph, rh, th, which are extremely rare in modern place names (e.g. Rho, Santhià), whereas they can often be found in place names from the ancient Greek and Roman times, i.e. in some historical maps of Italy. The consonants of the first group can be separated from each other, whereas the two consonants of the second group are to remain united (e.g. Lac-ta-rius Mons, Ze-phy-rium, San-thià).

1.2.4.4 Capitalization

Every word considered part of a proper geographical name is capitalized, including adjectives and common nouns, but excluding articles and prepositions in the middle of compounds names (e.g. Monte Rosa, Bassano del Grappa, San Donà di Piave, Chiesa in Valmalenco, Lago di Como, Isola d'Elba).

There is no rule about the way articles are to be written at the beginning of
proper place names: with a capital or a lower case. It is preferable that the initial letter of such articles be lower case, with the exception of La Spezia and L'Aquila, where the articles La, L' have to be written, according to an Italian act, with the capital L.

1.2.4.5 Stress and accents

Stress normally falls on the last but one syllable (i.e. the penultimate syllable). Variations are usually not marked in the written language, although dictionaries do indicate it. A written accent exists for showing unusual stress (e.g. Cantù, Santhià, Forlì, San Donà), i.e. when stress falls on the last syllable of nouns formed by two or more syllables. We can find accents in some monosyllabic nouns to distinguish homophones or homographs, i.e. words with the same sound or with the same orthography, but this does not occur in place names.

In the most accurate texts acute accent (e.g. perché, né) points out the close sound /e/ /o/ respectively of the vowels e, o; while the grave accent (e.g. caffè, città) is used either to indicate the open sound /E/ /O/ of the same vowels, or to show the stress on the vowels a, ì, u. Circumflex accent may be used (but now very rarely) only on the final i of some homographs (e.g. principi=principles, in order to be distinguished from principi=princes, the former noun stressed on the last but one syllable, the latter one on the last two syllables).

In cartography, only grave accent is to be used and solely on the stressed last syllable, if ending in a vowel, of polysyllabic nouns.

On the road maps 1:200,000 of the Touring Club Italiano one can find the accent also on every place name ending in a consonant (e.g. Cormòns, Barcis) and on place names ending in a vowel, in which stress is on the last but two vowels (not syllables) (e.g. Génova, Venezia). Such an accent, which is grave on the last vowel and acute in the other cases, is only a graphic sign to indicate how nouns are to be stressed.

1.2.4.6 Gender

Only two noun genders exist: masculine and feminine. In general, words ending in -o are masculine and those ending in -a are feminine; there are only a few exceptions. Many nouns end in -e and some in -i: these nouns can be either masculine or feminine.

Normally the Italian names of cities are feminine, since the word città (city, town), which is feminine, is implied in the proper nouns; so, not only Roma, Venezia, Londra (London), ending in -a are feminine, but also Milano, Torino, Firenze, Napoli, Berlino (Berlin), Parigi (Paris).

On the contrary, the Italian names of small towns and villages are very
often masculine, as the word villaggio or paese (village), which is masculine, is implied in the proper nouns (e.g. Mogliano Veneto, Cividate Camuno, Fara Vicentino); but there are many villages which are feminine, like Galliera Veneta, Villafranca Padovana.

1.2.4.7 Formation of the plural

In general, masculine nouns ending in -o change the o into i (e.g. anno=year; anni=years); feminine nouns ending in -a change the a into e (e.g. settimana=week, settimane=weeks). There are a few masculine nouns ending in -a and a few feminine nouns ending in -o. Masculine and feminine nouns ending in -e change the e into i (e.g. masculine mese=month, mesi=months; feminine luce=light, luci=lights). Nouns ending in -i do not change in the plural.

1.2.4.8 Articles

Articles may be definite or indefinite. The masculine definite articles are il, lo, l' (in the singular), i, gli, gl' (in the plural); the feminine definite articles are la, l' (in the singular), le (in the plural). The masculine indefinite articles are un, uno; the feminine indefinite articles are una, un'. Il, lo, un are used before nouns beginning with every consonant except the z, the preconsonantic s, or the digraph gn. La, una are used before nouns beginning with a consonant. Lo, uno are used before nouns beginning with: z, the preconsonantic s, or the digraph gn. L', un' (which are the elision of the articles lo, la, una) are used before nouns beginning with a vowel. Gli is used before nouns beginning with: a vowel, z, the preconsonantic s, or the digraph gn. Le is used before nouns beginning both with a consonant and with a vowel. Gl' (which is the elision of the article gli) may be used only before nouns beginning with l.

1.2.4.9 Adjectives

Adjectives are most often placed after the nouns they qualify, with which they agree both in gender and in number, whether used attributively or predicatively.

In general, adjectives end in -o if masculine, in a if feminine; some belonging to both genders end in e. Normally those ending in -o, -a change these vowels in the plural respectively into i, e; e.g. Monte Alto, Croda.
Alta, Poggi Alti, Serre Alte; while those ending in -e for both genders change this vowel into i; e.g. Lago Verde (masculine), Grotta Verde (feminine), Piani Verdi (masculine), Terre Verdi (feminine).

1.2.4.10 Prepositions

Among the many Italian prepositions the following are to be found in place names: di (=of), a (at, in), da (=by, from), in (=in), con (=with), su (=on), per (=for, to), sotto (=under), sopra (=on), dentro (=in, into), fuori (out), presso (=by), fra (=among, between), tra (=among, between).

In colloquial speech and also in many compound place names some prepositions are combined with definite articles to form the following contracted prepositions: del (di+il), dello (di+lo), della (di+la), del (di+i), de’ (di+i) degli (di+gli), delle (di+le), dell’ (di+lo, di+la); al (a+il), allo (a+lo), alla (a+la), ai (a+i), agli (a+gli), alle (a+le), all’ (a+lo, a+la); dal (da+il), dallo (da+lo), dalla (da+la), dal (da+i), dagli (da+gli), dalle (da+le), dall’ (da+lo, da+la); nel (in+il), nello (in+lo), nella (in+la), nel (in+i) ne’ (in+i), negli (in+gli), nelle (in+le), nell’ (in+lo, in+la); sul (su+il), sullo (su+lo), sulla (su+la), sul (su+i), sugli (su+gli), sulle (su+le), sull’ (su+lo), su+la).

1.2.4.11 Elision

An apostrophe is very often used to indicate the loss of a final unstressed vowel of a word followed by another word beginning with a vowel. In toponymy, apostrophes may be found easily in place names preceded by an article, in a few compound place names, especially those linked by a preposition (usually d’ from di) or a contracted preposition (e.g. L’Aquila, Colle Val d’Elsa, Reggio nell’Emilia). Apostrophes may be found also in other place names, like Castell’Arquato.

1.2.4.12 The apocope of nouns

Some Italian words ending in a vowel preceded by l, n, r lose their final part (one or two letters) when followed by another word beginning with a vowel or with a consonant (excluded x, z, preconsonantic s and the groups gn, ps) without assuming an apostrophe. A few place names, too, are usually written and pronounced without the last syllable; e.g. San (from Santo), Val (from Valle), Mar (from Mare); therefore we can find in the maps place names like the following: San Marino, Val Venosta; Mar Tirreno.
1.2.4.13 Compound geographical names

While the names of populated places and of regions are very often formed only by one noun (e.g. Roma, Torino, Napoli, Lombardia, Lomellina) the majority of the other geographical names consist of two or more nouns: a generic part (e.g. monte, lago, valle) and a specific one; so we have Monte Bianco, Lago Maggiore, Val Sugana.

Some specific terms may sometimes be used without the generic term, especially for a few major geographical features, i.e. for some mountains (e.g. Cervino, Cimone, Dolomiti), passes (e.g. Brennero, Bernina, Futa), islands (Sicilia, Sardegna, Egadi, Pelagie), lakes (e.g. Garda, Trasimeno), and for all the rivers (e.g. Po, Tevere, Arno, Brenta). But in colloquial speech it is always necessary to use the article before the specific (e.g. il Cervino, le Dolomiti, la Futa, le Egadi, il Garda, l’Arno), with the exception of the specific of many islands, which refuses the article (e.g. Ischia, Capri, Pantelleria).

Among compound names formed by two or more nouns one have to distinguish the names of inhabited places from other names (municipalities, regions, mountains, lakes, capes, islands, etc.).

The compound names of inhabited places can be written as one word (e.g. Montebelluna, Valdobbiadene, Camposampiero, Portoferraio, Orzinuovi, Orzivecchi), or formed by two or more parts, which are linked by a preposition (e.g. Bassano del Grappa, Palazzolo sull’Oglio, Reggio di Calabria, Reggio nell’Emilia, Sannazzaro de’ Burgondi, Castelnuovo ne’ Monti, Francavilla al Mare), or by an article (e.g. San Giorgio la Molara, Sant’Angelo le Fratte), or by a hyphen (e.g. Giardini-Naxos, Barcellona-Pozzo di Gotto). In many cases the two parts of the compound names of inhabited places are placed side by side without prepositions or articles; the latter part may be an adjective, agreeing in number and gender with the noun of the former part (e.g. Vittorio Veneto, Camisano Vicentino, Corte Franca, Ascoli Piceno, Petralia Soprana, Petralia Sottana, Odalengo Grande, Odalengo Piccolo, Muro Lucano) or another noun/other nouns (e.g. Recoaro Terme, Porto Garibaldi, Lignano Sabbiadoro, Bosco Chiesanuova, Castel Gandolfo, Sesto San Giovanni, Castel San Pietro Terme, Castiglione Olona, Fratta Polesine, Gabicce Mare, Palma Campania).

The compound names of mountains, lakes, islands, capes, etc. are usually written separately and often linked by a preposition (e.g. Po di Volano, Lago di Como, Alpi Marittime, Monti Berici, Monte Bianco, Colle di Cadibona, Isola d’Elba, Valli di Comacchio, Val Venosta, Monte Sant’Angelo a Tre Pizzi, Bonifica del Mantello); in a few cases only they are united in one word (e.g. Valtellina, Valsassina, Monviso). The hyphen linking together the two parts of a compound name is used only in the names of some regions (e.g. Trentino-Alto Adige, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Emilia-Romagna), of one province (Massa-Carrara), and of a few
municipalities (e.g. Zibido-San Giacomo, Serrara-Fontana, Olivetta-San Michele, Pontecagnano-Faiano).

In some maps one may find a hyphen also in bilingual areas between Italian names in former position and French/German names in latter position (e.g. Bolzano-Bozen, Passo del Brennero-Brennerpass, Val Gardena-Grödnertal). But it is much better to separate Italian names from French/German ones by means of a shilling/mark in order to show clearly that both names are official and are equally valid (e.g. Bolzano/Bozen, Bressanone/Brixen, Aosta/Aoste, Val Gardena/Grödnertal).

In the compound names of inhabited places the latter part of the name, called in cartographical jargon sottotnome, that is to say "undername", is usually written in a smaller size with the exception of names linked by means of a hyphen.

The two or more parts of the names of geographical features other than inhabited places are written in the same size.

Double names in the bilingual areas, which are separated by means of a hyphen or a shilling/mark, should be written in the same size; but for shortage of space in the maps the latter name is very often written in a smaller size than the former one.

1.2.5 Italian dialects

In Italy many, often widely diverging, Italian dialects exist, that can be gathered in two very large families: Northern Italian dialects and Middle-Southern Italian dialects, separated by an ideal boundary which runs along the Northern Apennines between La Spezia on the West and Rimini on the East.

To the Northern Italian family belong the following groups of dialects: Gallo-Italic (the regions of Piedmont, Lombardy, Liguria, Emilia-Romagna, and part of Trentino); Venetian (the region of Veneto and part of Trentino); and moreover Istrian, spoken in Istria area.

To the Middle-Southern Italian family belong the following groups of dialects: Tuscan (the region of Tuscany); Median (the regions of Latium, Umbria, and the Marches); Southern intermediate (Abruzzo, Molise, Campania, Basilicata, and Northern part of Apulia regions); Southern extreme (the region of Sicily and the Southern parts of Apulia and Calabria).

All Italian dialects come directly from the vulgar Latin as does the Italian language. As a matter of fact Italian also is nothing but one of the Italian dialects, that of Florence, which acquired the dignity of a literary language in the 14th century and later on became the administrative language of the then Italian states.

The geographical names hardly reflect the regional and local dialects.
because the geographical names were usually recorded in Italian; therefore it seems not necessary to give a detailed description of the dialects in these guidelines for cartography.

1.2.6. Linguistic substrata recognizable in Italian place names

Italy is a Country of ancient civilization, and it was inhabited several centuries B.C. by peoples speaking different languages. In historical times the languages spoken in what is now the Italian Republic were mainly Ligurian in the NW, Venetian in the NE, Celtic in the North, Etruscan, Umbrian and Latin in the middle part of the peninsula, and Greek in the South and in Sicily; but before the advent of these peoples there surely lived other groups speaking pre-Indo-European languages (maybe also some languages mentioned above are pre-Indo-European). All these languages, of which, save Latin and Greek, neither the structure or the vocabulary are known, left a lot of place names on the territory. The most important of such names were latinized later on, so that it is now even more difficult to understand the meaning of a large part of the Italian place names.

In the Middle Ages the advent of Longobardian and Arabian peoples in the North and in the South respectively added a few more place names to Italian toponymy. We can understand the meaning of such names as well as of the old Greek names and of the ones given by Romans to a few cities (e.g. Napoli from the Greek Neapolis, Piacenza and Aosta respectively from the Latin Placentia and Augusta), and also the meaning of the names formed in recent times, whereas we cannot know the meaning of the more ancient place names.

But it is sometimes possible to learn the origin of several place names by taking into account some suffixes: in fact, a number of place names ending in -asco (e.g. Buccinasco, Binasco) are considered to be of Ligurian origin, those in -ego, (e.g. Arnago, Crescenzago) and those in -ate (e.g. Lambrate, Brunate) are probably of Celtic origin, and those in -engo (e.g. Albarengo, Martinengo) of Longobardian origin. Moreover, a number of names ending in -ano (e.g. Bassano, Conegliano) are likely predial names from Roman times.

1.3 Minority languages

Among the many non Italian languages used in Italy only French and German play an important role, as they are considered official together with Italian respectively in the autonomous region of the Aosta Valley and in the autonomous province of South Tirol. Every language used in Italy is written in the Roman-script and has its own alphabet. As for geographical names, minority languages in Italy are treated
unequally. The French-speaking minority in the Aosta Valley is done justice to as far as toponymy is concerned, but not the German-speaking minority in South Tirol, which nevertheless finds itself in the same legal situation. The Slovenian minority, which inhabits a less coherent area, is not legally protected. The same applies to the other idioms, that is to say Ladin and Sardinian, which are not yet normalized and therefore not considered as real languages, as well as to the Provençal, Croatian, Albanian, Greek and Catalan dialects, spoken in very small areas in several parts of the Country.

1.3.1 French language with Franco-Provençal dialects

French, the official language of the French Republic and one of the three official languages of Switzerland, has an official status in Italy, beside Italian, in the autonomous region of the Aosta Valley, which is situated close to the French border. But people normally use Franco-Provençal dialects.

In a few valleys of Piedmont (Stura, Lanzo, Orco, Soana, Dora Riparia, Dora Baltea) and moreover in two municipalities of the province of Foggia (the region of Apulia) Franco-Provençal dialects are also spoken.

1.3.1.1 The French alphabet

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>A a</th>
<th>E e</th>
<th>I i</th>
<th>M m</th>
<th>O o</th>
<th>U u</th>
<th>Y y</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>B b</td>
<td>F f</td>
<td>J j</td>
<td>N n</td>
<td>O o</td>
<td>P p</td>
<td>T t</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C c</td>
<td>G g</td>
<td>K k</td>
<td>O o</td>
<td>Oe</td>
<td>S s</td>
<td>W w</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>D d</td>
<td>H h</td>
<td>L l</td>
<td>P p</td>
<td>T t</td>
<td>X x</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
shilling/mark. The dialects spoken in the two municipalities of Foggia have not influenced the toponymy of this small area, which is exclusively Italian.

1.3.2 German language with Bavarian dialects

German, the official language of the bordering Republic of Austria, of the Federal Republic of Germany, and moreover one of the three official languages of Switzerland, is widely spoken also in the autonomous province of Bolzano/Bozen (South Tirol), which is part of the autonomous region of Trentino-South Tirol. When this region was allocated to Italy after the First World War, the total number of German-speaking people in South Tirol was estimated at 233,000, against 7,000 Italian-speaking inhabitants: the former made up 97% of the total population. Due to immigration of Italian people, almost only directed at the towns, the share of the German-speaking people was gradually reduced to 60% (1971) of the total population (but in the countryside this figure was 90%).

As a result of the peace treaty of Paris in 1947, South Tirol was again allocated to Italy and in 1948 it was accommodated together with the province of Trento (Trentino) in an autonomous region. With the new autonomy statute of 1972 the use of German in official administration was again permitted, and all official documents have to appear both in German and Italian. In colloquial speech the inhabitants of South Tirol normally use Bavarian dialects very similar to those spoken in bordering Tirol, a Bundesland of Austria. Other German dialects are spoken in a few areas of the Alps and of the Pre-Alps (the regions of Piedmont, Aosta Valley, Lombardy, Veneto, and the province of Trento).

1.3.2.1 The German alphabet

| A a, Ä ä | E e | I i | M m | Q q | U u, Ü ü | Y y |
| B b | F f | J j | N n | R r | V v | Z z |
| C c | G g | K k | O o, Ö ö | S s, ß | W w |
| D d | H h | L l | P p | T T | X x |

1.3.2.2 Pronunciation

See "Toponymic guidelines for Cartography - Germany" and "Toponymic guidelines for Cartography - Austria".

1.3.2.3 Geographical names

Though the Italian government recognizes the principle of equal status of German and Italian for South Tirol since 1948, the place names of this
province are recorded almost every body in their Italian form in all the official basic maps 1:25,000 and 1:50,000 of the Istituto Geografico Militare whereas in many maps produced by private cartography, like those issued by the Touring Club Italiano 1:200,000, both names versions are given where space permits, with the Italian name in former position followed by the German form in latter position, separated from each other by means of a shilling/mark (e.g. Bressanone/Brixen, Adige/Etsch, Val Pusteria/Pustertal, Passo del Rombo/Timmelsjoch). German-speaking people of South Tirol, however, debate the Italian forms of many place names only recently (that is after the First World War) established and officially recognized by the Italian government.

In the small areas of the other regions where German dialects are spoken or were spoken until recently, German place names are numerous only for landscape features of the local toponymy, seldom so for populated places which were the first to be Italianized in the past.

1.3.3 Slovenian dialects

Slovenian, the official language of the Republic of Slovenia, is spoken besides Italian in the extreme North-Eastern part of Italy (the region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia) along the Slovenian border.

The areas where Slovenian dialects are used are the Natisone valley and the surroundings of Tarvisio, Gorizia and Trieste. Of these areas, only the Natisone valley was Italian before the First World War, while the remaining areas became Italian after that war. Whereas in the Aosta Valley and in South Tirol the minority languages, i.e. French and German, are officially acknowledged, a similar recognition does not exist for Slovene in the region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia. The Slovenian minority is legally protected to a certain extent in the provinces of Gorizia and Trieste, but the same does not apply to the province of Udine.

1.3.3.1 The Slovenian alphabet

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>A</th>
<th>a</th>
<th>E</th>
<th>e</th>
<th>J</th>
<th>j</th>
<th>O</th>
<th>o</th>
<th>T</th>
<th>t</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>B</td>
<td>b</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>f</td>
<td>K</td>
<td>k</td>
<td>P</td>
<td>p</td>
<td>U</td>
<td>u</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C</td>
<td>c</td>
<td>G</td>
<td>g</td>
<td>L</td>
<td>l</td>
<td>R</td>
<td>r</td>
<td>V</td>
<td>v</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Č</td>
<td>č</td>
<td>H</td>
<td>h</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>S</td>
<td>s</td>
<td>Z</td>
<td>z</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>D</td>
<td>d</td>
<td>I</td>
<td>i</td>
<td>N</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>Š</td>
<td>š</td>
<td>Ž</td>
<td>ž</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
1.3.3.2 Pronunciation

See "Toponymic Guidelines for Cartography - Slovenia".

1.3.3.3 Geographical names

In the region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia, a number of place names adopted from Slovenian dialects have been assimilated into Italian and therefore lack the diacritical marks which were once recorded in the original spelling. In areas where only Slovenian is spoken and in bilingual ones, proper Slovenian place names occur frequently in road signs alone or together with Italian or Italianized forms.

But the Italian census statistics only give Italian toponyms, whereas, in the case of South Tirol, bilingual names are given, and for the Aosta Valley, nearly only French names. Also the official basic maps 1:25 000 and 1:50 000 only record Italian names.

In a few recent maps produced by private cartography firms the Slovenian forms of some place names appear in latter position separated from the Italian forms put in former position by means of a shilling/mark.

1.3.4 Other non Italian dialects spoken in Italy

In some parts of Italy there are other non Italian dialects spoken by a few minorities. They are chiefly the Ladin and the Sardinian dialects, followed by the following ones: Provençal, Croatian, Catalan, Greek, and Albanian, used in some much smaller areas.

1.3.4.1 Ladin dialects

Ladin, which belongs to the Roman group of the Indo-European family, is the fourth national language of Switzerland beside the three official languages, German, French and Italian.

In Italy some Ladin dialects, often very much diverging from each other, are spoken in two distinct areas:

a) in the Dolomitic area, especially in the four valleys of Badia, Marebbe, Fassa, and Gardena (the autonomous region of Trentino-South Tirol) and in the valleys of the North-Western section of the province of Belluno (the region of Veneto);

b) in the historical region of Friuli, that is to say in the Northern and Middle parts of the autonomous region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia.
As already referred to, the differences among Ladin dialects are very strong, owing to the difficult connections among the several valleys in the past, so that each dialect was formed in isolation, from already different forms of vulgar Latin. As a matter of fact, there are some scholars who do not recognize any unity in the Ladin dialects, and refuse to confer them the status of a language.

1.3.4.2 Sardinian dialects

All over in the island of Sardinia, that is an autonomous region, Sardinian dialects are spoken, except in some small areas where a Catalan dialect (Alghero and its surroundings) and two Ligurian dialects (areas of Carloforte in the island of San Pietro; and of Calasetta in the island of Sant’Antioco) are normally used.

Sardinian is one of the languages of the Roman group derived directly from Latin. Owing to the insularity of the region it preserved a striking and clear archaic look both in its structure and in its vocabulary, so that it appears to be the Roman language most similar to Latin. Some of the most evident peculiarities of this language with regard to Italian are the plural forms ending with the consonant s and the articles su, sa, sos, sas derived from the Latin pronoun ipse instead of from the pronoun ille as in other Roman languages.

No one among the Sardinian dialects spoken in the region is standardized, just as in the case of Ladin, so that it is not deemed appropriate to speak of a language.

1.3.4.3 Provençal dialects

These are very similar to those used on the French side of the Western Alps; in Italy they are spoken in the upper parts of some valleys in the region of Piedmont along the border with France, and moreover in the small area of Guardia Piemontese (the region of Calabria). The valleys of Piedmont where Provençal dialects are spoken are the following: Vermenagna, Gesso, Maira, Varaita, Po, Pellice, Chisone, Dora Riparia.

1.3.4.4 Croatian dialects

These are connected with those spoken in the Republic of Croatia, where the Croatian language is official, and are used in three municipalities (Acquaviva Collecroce, Montemitro, and San Petrice del Molise) of the province of Campobasso, in the Molise region.
1.3.4.5 Catalan dialects

It is linked with the Catalan dialects used in Catalonia, that is to say in the North-Eastern part of Spain, where Catalan is the official language beside Spanish; in Italy it is spoken only in the small area of Alghero and its surroundings (the region of Sardinia).

1.3.4.6 Greek dialects

Greek is the official language of Greece and one of the two official languages of Cyprus. In Italy it is spoken in the form of a few rather archaic dialects in the Southern parts of the two regions of Apulia and Calabria.

1.3.4.7 Albanian dialects

Albanian is the official language of the Republic of Albania. In Italy some Albanian dialects are spoken in many areas of South Italy, especially in the regions of Abruzzo, Molise, Apulia, Basilicata, and Calabria, and in the autonomous region/island of Sicily.

1.3.4.8 Geographical names

In the region of Sardinia, a large part of names both of inhabited places and of other geographical features is written in Sardinian and accurately recorded in official documents and in the basic topographical maps issued by the Istituto Geografico Militare. The situation is very different in the regions where Ladin is spoken: Ladin place names are numerous only in the local toponymy but almost all names for important objects are now Italian or Italianized. Nearly the same is valid for the Provençal toponymy. Owing to the late immigration of Croatian, Catalan, Greek, and Albanian people, that is to say when the Italian region was already densely populated, only very few place names have been recorded in these dialects and all these names are of rather recent origin. Place names like Napoli (from the Greek form Neapolis) and a few others of ancient origin are an exception to the rule.

2 - NAMES AUTHORITIES AND NAMES STANDARDIZATION

There exists no specific law covering place names in Italy. The power of decision for so-called administrative names in different categories belongs to the regions according to a decree of the President of the Italian Republic dated 14th January 1972 (No. 1). Since the names of geographical features other than inhabited places
of administrative category are recorded in the basic topographic maps of Italy in the scales 1:25,000 and 1:50,000 issued by the Istituto Geografico Militare, they are considered official and are usually reproduced in private cartography too.

3 - SOURCE MATERIAL

3.1 Maps

The official basic topographic maps of Italy are those produced by the Istituto Geografico Militare (I - 50122 Firenze, via Cesare Battisti 10) and are listed below. More information are available under:


- Carta topografica d'Italia serie 25 (Topographic map of Italy: series 25)
The series is composed of 2298 elements named "sezioni" (sections), which have a format of 10' in longitude and 6' in latitude. The series is not yet completed. Sections are elaborated with numeric or analogic aerophotogrammetric survey and drawn with automatic or manual methodologies. The geographic format of a section is submultiple of the map of Italy at scale 1:50 000 (a quarter) and it covers an area of 150 square kilometres about.

- Carta topografica d'Italia serie 50 e 50/L (Topographic map of Italy series 50 and 50/L)
The series is composed of 636 elements named "fogli" (sheets), which have a format of 20' in longitude and 12' in latitude. The series is not yet completed. This cartography is derived from the survey at scale 1:25 000.

- Carta "Il Mondo (JOG) 1501" serie 250/G (Map "The World (JOG) 1501" series 250/G)
The map is composed, as for the first part under the Italian competence, of 39 sheets at scale 1:250 000, which have the format of 2° (at North of 40° N) or of 1°30' (at South of 40° N) in longitude and 1° in latitude.
The aeronautical information, overprinted in violet, are added by the Aeronautical Geotopographic Information Centre (CIGA). It is printed in 7 colours and is updated every six years.

- Carta d'Italia serie 250 (Map of Italy series 250)
The map is composed of 15 sheets at scale 1:250 000, with variable format according to the extension of the administrative regions.

- Carta "Il Mondo 1404" serie 500 (Map "The World 1404" series 500)
The map is composed, as for the Italian competence, of 14 sheets at scale 1:500 000, which have usually a format of 4° in longitude and 2° in latitude.

- Carta "Il Mondo 1301" serie 1000 (Map "The World 1301" series 1000)
The map is composed, as for the Italian competence, of 6 sheets at scale 1:1 000 000, which have the format of 6° in longitude and 4° in latitude.
- Carta topografica d'Italia serie 25/V (Topographic map of Italy series 25/V)
  The series is composed of 3545 elements named "tavolette" (sheets), which have a format of 7°30' in longitude and 5' in latitude. The series is completely, but not updated at present.

- Carta topografica d'Italia serie 100/V e 100/L (Topographic map of Italy series 100/V and 100/L)
  The map is composed of 276 elements named "fogli (sheets), which have a format of 30' in longitude and 20' in latitude. The series is completely published, but not updated at present.

- Spaziocarta serie 50/S (Spacemap series 50/S)
  The map is composed of 636 sheets 1:50 000, which have a format of 20' in longitude and 12' in latitude. It is carried out from the panchromatic digital data worked out by the HRV sensors placed on the SPOT satellites. On the images, opportune corrected both under the geometric and radiometric aspects, it is transferred the toponomy of the most inhabited places and of the most significant orographic and hydrographic elements. It is printed in black and white.

In addition to these series, numeric cartographic data are produced in vector, raster, and matrix format. Vinyl resin relief models, the so called "relief maps" (carte in rilievo), are produced too.

The official nautical charts are prepared by the Istituto Idrografico della Marina (Genova, Passo Osservatorio 4) and cover all the Italian seas at different scales for different purposes.

Some administrative regions, moreover, are producing a series of maps (Carta tecnica regionale, that is a technical regional map) in the scales 1:5 000 or/and 1:10 000, which cover only a part of the own regional territory in digital form too.

3.2 Gazetteers

In 1997 the Istituto Geografico Militare has produced the lists of names recorded in the basic topographical maps in the scale 1:25 000.

Besides a complete list of names of inhabited places can be found in the regional volumes of the last Censimento Generale della Popolazione (General Census of Population), taken in 1991; the volumes are issued by the Istituto Centrale di Statistica (Rome, via Cesare Balbo, 16).

There is also a work issued by the Touring Club Italiano (Milano, corso Italia 10) in 1993: Annuario Generale dei comuni e delle frazioni d'Italia (General Year-Book of Italian municipalities and their territorial subdivisions), which, however, gives the situation for 1991.

Rich in place names, but not complete, there is the indice dei nomi (Place Names Index) of the Atlante Stradale d'Italia at scale 1:200 000 in three volumes, issued and updated by the Touring Club Italiano regularly.
Other two gazetteers issued by Istituto Geografico De Agostini (Novara, Corso della Vittoria 91) are included in the Grande Atlante d'Italia (Great atlas of Italy) at scale 1:300 000 and in the Atlante Stradale d'Italia (Road atlas of Italy) at scale 1:200 000. The last one is updated every year.

4 - GLOSSARY OF APPELLATIVES, ADJECTIVES AND OTHER WORDS NECESSARY FOR THE UNDERSTANDING OF MAPS

4.1 General remarks

Owing to the presence in Italy of so many place names written in languages other than Italian, the geographical generic terms, too, are very numerous. In order to avoid a too long and articulate list of such generic terms, the French, Franco-Provençal, Provençal, German, and Slovenian geographical generic terms are not presented here, as they can be easily found in the Toponymic guidelines for map and other editors issued by the Countries concerned. Only the most important and most widespread Italian terms, together with some Ladin and Sardinian ones distinguished from Italian terms by means of the letters (L) and (S) put in brackets, are given here.

Terms are given also in feminine forms and in plural, especially adjectives, when necessary. In these cases singular forms are separated from the plural by means of a semi-colon (;), masculine forms are separated from the feminine by means of a comma (,): e.g. alt-o, -a; l, -e show respectively the following forms of the Italian adjective alto (high): singular masculine (alto), singular feminine (alta), plural masculine (alti), plural feminine (alte); Ligur-e; -i show respectively the singular form (both masculine and feminine) and the plural (both masculine and feminine) of the Italian adjective Ligure; Liguri (Ligurian). The same occurs with many substantives: e.g. lag-o; -hi show respectively the singular form and the plural one of the Italian noun lago (lake); laghi (lakes).
4.2 The list of Italian, Ladin and Sardinian generic geographical terms with a few adjectival modifiers, prepositions, and conjunctions

- abbazia: abbey
- abiss-o; -i: abyss
- abruzze-s-e; -i: relating to the Abruzzo region
- acqua; -e: water
- acquedott-o; -i: aqueduct
- acut-o-a; -i, -e: sharp
- adriatic o-a; -i, -he: Adriatic, relating to Adriatic Sea
- aeroporto: airport
- agh-e; -is (L): river
- agli: by the; on the; near the (masculine plural)
- agrigentin-o,a; -i,-e: relating to Agrigento
- agro: plain
- al: by the; on the; near the (masculine plural)
- al: by the; on the; near the (masculine singular)
- albanes-e; -i: Albanian
- albergo: hotel
- alessandrin-o-a; -i,-e: relating to Alessandria
- all': by the; on the; near the (masculine and feminine singular)
- alla: by the; on the; near the (feminine singular)
- alle: by the; on the; near the (feminine plural)
- allo: by the; on the; near the (masculine singular)
- alp-e; -i: shepherd's hut in the Alps; mountain pasture area
- Alp-e; -i: Alps
- alpin-o-a; -i,-e: alpine; relating to the Alps
- alt-o-a; -i,-e: high
- altipiano/altopiano: plateau; highlands
- altur-a; -e: height
- ambasciata: embassy
- anatuzu (S): swamp
- anconetan-o-a; -i,-e: relating to Ancona
- anconitan-o-a; -i,-e: relating to Ancona
- anfiteatro: amphitheatre
- antic-o-a; -hi,-he: ancient
- aostan-o-a; -e,-i: relating to Aosta
- appenninico-o,-a; -i,-he: relating to the Appennines
- Appennin-o; -i: Appennines
- apuan-o-a; -i,-e: relating to the Apuanian Mountains
- aquilian-o-a; -i,-e: relating to L'Aquila
- arcipelag-o; -hi: archipelago
- arc-o; -hi: bow
- arcu/arcu genna (S): pass
area di servizio
aren-a; -as (S)
aretin-o,-a; -i,-e
argin-e; -i
arsenal-e; -i
artificial-e; -i
ascolan-o,-a; -i,-e
astigian-o,-a; -i,-e
atesin-o,-a; -i,-e
atta (S)
autosi cad-a; -e
avellines-e; -i
aza (S)
baccu (S)
bacin-o; -i
badde/baddi (S)
baia
baita
banatzu/benatzu (S)
banchina
banc-o; -hi
bannaxi (S)
bares-e; -i
barrier
basilica
bass-o,-a; -i,-e
bassofondo
bassopiano
bastione
battada (S)
becco
bellunes-e; -i
beneventan-o,-a; -i,-e
bergamasc-o,-a; -hi,-he
bianc-o,-a; -hi,-he
biblioteca
bielles-e; -i
blanc (L)
bocc-a; -he
bolognes-e; -i
bolzanin-o,-a; -i,-e
bonifica
borgata
borgo
bosc-o; -hi

service station
sand
relating to Arezzo
embankment
arsenal
artificial
relating to Ascoli Piceno
relating to Asti
relating to the river Adige
peak; top
motor-way
relating to Avellino
peak; top
basin; valley
basin
basin; valley
bay; gulf
alpine hut
swamp
dock; quay
bar
swamp
relating to Bari
barrier
basilica
low
shallow
lowlands
rampart
little plateau
peak
relating to Belluno
relating to Benevento
relating to Bergamo
white
library
relating to Biella
white
mouth
relating to Bologna
relating to Bolzano
reclaimed land
village; suburb; little town
village; suburb; little town
wood; forest
brescian-o,-a; -i,-e relating to Brescia
brindisino,-a; -i,-e relating to Brindisi
brughiera
bruncu (S)
bucca (S)
burrone
bus (L)
ca'
cabu (S)
cadin (L)
cagliaritano,-a; -i,-e relating to Cagliari
cala
calabrese; -i Calabrian, relating to the Calabria region
calabro,-a; -i,-e Calabrian, relating to the Calabria region
caldaro,-a; -i,-e hot; warm
calle path; calle (narrow street in Venice)
campagna country; land
campaan-o,-a; -i,-e relating to the Campania region
campeggio camping
campo; -i field
campobassano,-a; -i,-e relating to Campobasso
canal-e; -i canal
capanna hut
capisia/capitlla/capizza (S) peak; top
capo head; cape; point
cappella chapel
carnico,-a; -i,-he Carnic
carella,-e; -i relating to Carrara
casa; -e house
cascata; -e fall
cascina farmstead
casertano,-o,-a; -i,-e relating to Caserta
casteddu
castello; -i castle
catanese; -i relating to Catania
catanzares-e; -i relating to Catanzaro
caten-a; -e chain; range
cattedrale cathedral
cava quarry
cavalcavia fly-over bridge
caverna cave
cavallaro,-a; -i,-e hollow
terra chea (S) valley
tercen-e; -i central; middle
tercentro centre
certosa
charterhouse
related to Cesena

cesenat-e; -i
basin; valley

di chiad (L)
field

di chiamp/chiamp (L)
valley

di chi (L)
house

di chiesa
church

related to Chieti

di chiet (L)
kilometre

di ciampani (L)
peak

di cia (L)
house

di cim (L)
peak

di cimitero
cemetery

di circonvallazione
ring-road

di cischiel (L)
castle

di città
town; city

di cidadella
citadel; fortress

di cidadina
small town

related to the town

di clap (L)
stone; mount

di col/cicol (L)
rounded hill

di colac/collaz (L)
rounded hill

di coll-e; -i
hill

di collin-a; -e
hill

related to Como

di comac-o,-a; -i,-he
municipal

di comun-e; -i
municipality

di conc (S)
cave

di conc-a; -he
basin; valley

di confin-e; -i
border; boundary; frontier

related to Cremone

di confin di Stato
national boundary

di consolato
consulate

di contrà/contrada
street

di convento
convent; nunnery; friary

di cornetto
little horn; peak

di corno
horn; peak

di corrente
stream

di corso
main street; avenue

di cort-o,-a; -i,-e
short

related to Cosenza

di cost-e; -i
coast

di costier-a; -e
crater

di crater-e; -i
relating to Crema

di cremasc-o,-a; -hi,-he
relating to Cremona

di cremones-e; -i
crep (L) rock; peak
crepaccio crevasse
crest-a; -e ridge
crete (L) mount; peak
croc-e; -i cross
croda peak
crotone-lat-e; -i; crotone-s-e; -i relating to Crotone
crusc (L) cross
cuccereddu (S) hill
cuccuru (S) peak; summit
cuell; -is (L) hill
cuneens-e; -i relating to Cuneo
dal (L) of the (masculine singular)
da le (L) of the (feminine singular)
darsena basin
de (L) of
degli of the (masculine plural)
dei of the (masculine plural)
del of the (masculine singular)
del-s (L) of the (feminine plural)
dell' of the (masculine and feminine singular)
della of the (feminine singular)
delle of the (feminine plural)
dello of the (masculine singular)
delta delta
dente peak
depressione hollow
di-exa (S) of the (feminine singular)
de-sas (S) of the (feminine plural)
de sos (S) of the (masculine plural)
destr-o; -a; -i; -e right
de su (S) of the (masculine singular)
di of the
di dentro inner
di fuori outer
dig-a; -he dam
di li (S) of the (masculine plural)
di lu (S) of the (masculine singular)
di mezzo middle; central
dipartimento department
di sopra upper
di sotto lower
dla (L) of the (feminine singular)
dles (L) of the (masculine and feminine plural)
dogana customs
dolina
domu (S)
dorsale
doss-o; -i
dun-a; -e
duomo
ega (L)
emilian-o,-a; -i,-e
ennes-e; -i
>quidistanza
Est
estern-o,-a; -i,-e
estuario
faro
ferrares-e; -i
ferrovi-a; -e
fiorentin-o,-a; -i,-e
fium-e; -i
flumin (S)
foc-e; -i
foggian-o,-a; -i,-e
foga / foghe (S)
fontan-a; -e
font-e; -i
forca / forcola
forcella
forces (L)
forest-a; -e
forlives-e; -i
forra
forte
fortezza
foxi (S)
fredd-o, -a; -i, -e
friulan-o,-a; -i,-e
frontier-a; -e
frumini (S)
fruncu (S)
frusinat-e; -i
fumarol-a; -e
funicolare
funivia
funtana (S)
furcela/furcella (L)
furcia (L)
galleria
garganic-o,-a; -i,-he tunnel relating to the promontory of Gargano
gen / gena (S) pass
genoves-e; -i relating to the Genoa
ghiaccia-i0; -i glacier
igliara (S) basaltic upland
giardino botanico garden; park
giardino zoologico botanical gardens
giogo zoological gardens
giulian-o,-a; -i,-e summit; top; mountain ridge
gli relating to the Venezia Giulia region
rrelating to the Venezia Giulia region
goli gorge
golfo bay; gulf
gorizian-o,-a; -i,-e relating to Gorizia
gran big; great
grec-o,-a; -i,-he big; great
groppa Greek
grossetan-o,-a; -i,-e rounded top
gross-o,-a; -i,-e relating to Grosseto
bigr
i grotta cave
gruppo mountain group
grutta (S) cave
grux (S) cross
gurgu (S) deep gorge
guglia peak
gutturu (S) gorge
i the (masculine plural)
ian-a; -as (S) the (masculine singular)
iana (S) relating to Imperia
ili in
imperies-e; -i in
in in costruzione under construction
inferior-e; -i lower
insenatura inlet; creek
intal (L) in the
intern-o,-a; -i,-e inner
ionic-o,-a; -i,-he Ionic, relating to Ionian Sea
irpin-o,-a; -i,-e relating to the Irpinia region
is (S) the (plural)
ischia (S) ridge
isernin-o,-a; -i,-e relating to Isernia
isol-a; -e isle; island
isolat-o; -i block of houses
isolott-o; -i islet; small island
istmo isthmus
janna (S) pass
jof (L) mount; peak
ju (L) pass; top
juel (L) pass
l' the (masculine and feminine singular)
lac (L) lake
lag-o; -hi lake
lagun-a; -e lagoon
lagunar-e; -i relative to one lagoon
land-a; -e barren land; moor; heath
tre (L) cave
largo square
larg-o,-a; -hi,-he large; broad
latinens-e; -i relating to Latina
latitudine latitude
laziale relating to the Lazio region
le the (feminine singular)
lecces-e; -i relating to Lecce
lech (L) lake
Levante East
lid-o; -i shore
ligur-e; -i Ligurian, relating to the Liguria region
lis (L) the (masculine singular)
litoral-e; -i coastal
livello medio del mare mean sea level
livornes-e; -i relating to Livorno
lo the (masculine singular)
lodigian-o,-a; -i,-e relating to Lodi
lombard-o,-a; -i,-e Lombard, relating to the Lombardia region
longitudine longitude
lu (S) the (masculine singular)
lucan-o,-a; -i,-e Lucan, relating to the Basilicata region
lucches-e; -i relating to Lucca
lung-o,-a; -hi,-he long
macchia scrub
macerates-e; -i relating to Macerata
Madonna the Virgin Mary
maggior-e; -i greater
malga shepherd’s hut in the Alps
mannu (S) big
mantovano, relating to Mantova
marchigiano, relating to the Marche region
mare
marghine (S)
marina
marinero, relating to Massa
marittimo, relating to the Mediterranean
mare
masses, relating to Matera
materano
mediana, relating to the Marche region
mediano, central; middle
medi-ore, central; middle
mediterraneo, Mediterranean
meridiano, meridian
meridionale, Southern
Meridione
messinese, relating to Messina
metalliferous, gas pipeline
metropolitana
metropolitan, metropolitan
mezzanino, central; middle
miglia, mile
minanes, relating to Milan
miniere, mine
minor, lower
moderno, relating to Modena
molinare, mill
molisano
molare, relating to the Molise region
monastero
monte, mount; mountain
montanaro, mountain (attributive)
monte, mount; mountain
montanoso, hill
morenico, moraine
morenico, morainic
tunica
tunin (L)
museo, museum
napoletano, relating to Naples
naviglio
nazionale, national
nazionale, nation
necropoli
negli
nei
nel
nella
nelle
nello
ner-o,-a; -i,-e
nevos-o,-a; -i,-e
nissen-o,-a; -i,-e
Nord
novares-e; -i
nud-o,-a; -i,-e
nuores-e; -i
nuov-o,-a; -i,-e
nuragh-e; -i (S)
occidental-e; -i
Occidente
odla (L)
oleodotto
oltre
oratorio
oriental-e; -i
Oriente
oristanes-e; -i
ospedal-e; -i
Ovest
padovan-o,-a; -i,-e
padru (S)
apaes-e; -i
pal/pala (L)
ap-al-a; -e
palazz-o; -i
palermite-n-o,-a; -i,-e
palla
palud-e; -i
parallel-o; -i
parc-o; -hi
parco nazionale
pardu (S)
parmigian-o,-a; -i,-e
passaggio a livello
passo
patnu (S)
necropolis
in the (masculine plural)
in the (masculine plural)
in the (masculine singular)
in the (masculine and feminine singular)
in the (feminine singular)
in the (feminine singular)
in the (masculine singular)
black
snowy
relating to Caltanissetta
North
relating to Novara
naked
relating to Nuoro
new
megalithic building
Western
West
peak
oil pipeline
beyond
oratory
Eastern
East
relating to Oristano
hospital
West
relating to Padua
plain
village
mount; peak
peak; summit
palace
relating to Palermo
rounded top
marsh; fen
parallel
park
national park
plain
relating to Parma
level crossing
pass
plain
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Term</th>
<th>Translation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>pattada (S)</td>
<td>little plateau; mesa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pauli (S)</td>
<td>swamp</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>paves-e; -i</td>
<td>relating to Pavia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pedra (S)</td>
<td>mountain; stone</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pendenza</td>
<td>steep; slope</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pendula (S)</td>
<td>fall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>penisola</td>
<td>peninsula</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>perda (S)</td>
<td>mountain; stone</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>per-aditta (S)</td>
<td>megalithic stone; menhir</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>periferia</td>
<td>suburbs; outskirts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>perugin-o,-a; -i,-e</td>
<td>relating to Perugia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pesares-e; -i</td>
<td>relating to Pesaro</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pescares-e; -i</td>
<td>relating to Pescara</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>piacentin-o,-a; -i,-e</td>
<td>relating to Piacenza</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plana</td>
<td>plain</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>piano</td>
<td>plain</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pianura</td>
<td>plain</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>piazza / piazzale</td>
<td>square</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>piazzetta</td>
<td>little square</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>picco</td>
<td>peak</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>piccol-o,-a; -i,-e</td>
<td>little; small</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>picen-o,-a; -i,-e</td>
<td>relating to the Piceno region</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pletra-e; -e</td>
<td>rock; stone</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pieve</td>
<td>country church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>piemontese</td>
<td>relating to the Piemonte region</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pineta</td>
<td>pine-wood</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pisano-o,-a; -i,-e</td>
<td>relating to Pisa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>piscina</td>
<td>swimming-pool</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pissandol; -s (L)</td>
<td>fall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pistoiies-e; -i</td>
<td>relating to Pistoia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pitzu / pizzu (S)</td>
<td>peak; top</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plz (L)</td>
<td>peak</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pizzo</td>
<td>peak</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plaia (S)</td>
<td>beach</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plan; -s (L)</td>
<td>plain</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plan / planu (S)</td>
<td>plateau</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>plan-e; -is (L)</td>
<td>plain</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>poggio</td>
<td>hill</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ponente</td>
<td>West</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pont-e; -i</td>
<td>bridge</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pontile</td>
<td>wharf</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pordenones-e; -i</td>
<td>relating to Pordenone</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>port-a; -e</td>
<td>gate</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>porta / portedd (S)</td>
<td>pass</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>portella</td>
<td>pass</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
porto
post-o; -e
posterior-o; -i
potentino-o,-a; -i,-e
pozzo-o; -i
pra (L)
prato; -is (L)
prateria
pratese; -i
prata; -i; -i
pratiero (L)
principale; -i
profondità
profondo-o,-a; -i,-e
promontorio
provincia; -e/-ie
provinciale; -i
pugliese
punta
quartiere; -i
ragusano-o,-a; -i,-e
ravennato-e; -i
rada
reato-o,-a; -i,-e
reggiano-o,-a; -i,-e
reggiano-o,-a; -i,-e
regionale; -i
regionale; -i
rifugio
rio
riminese; -i
rione; -i
ripieno; -i
riserva naturale
ristorante
riu (S)
riu (L)
riva; -e
riviera
roccia; -e
rodigno-o,-a; -i,-e
roggia
romanino-o,-a; -i,-e
romagnolo-o,-a; -i,-e
ros (L)

harbour; haven
mail; post
back
relating to Potenza
fountain; well; oil-well
field; meadow
meadow
grassland
relating to Prato
meadow
field; meadow
principal; main
depth
deep
cape; promontory
country; district; province
provincial
relating to the Puglia region
cape
city-district; quarter
relating to Ragusa
relating to Ravenna
inlet
relating to Rieti
relating to Reggio nell'Emilia
relating to Reggio di Calabria
regional
province; region
shelter; refuge
brook; river; stream
relating to Rimini
city-district; quarter
level ground; terrace
nature reserve
restaurant
river; stream
stream
bank; shore
coast
rock; peak
relating to Rovigo
irrigation ditch
Roman, relating to Rome
relating to the Romagna region
red
ross-o,-a; -i,-e  red
rotond-o,-a; -i,-e  round
rovin-a; -e  ruin
runcu (S)  peak; top
rup-e; -i  cliff; rock
ruscello  brook; stream
sa (S)  the (feminine singular)
sacriatio  memorial church
sacr-o,-a; -i,-e  holy
salentin-o,-a; -i,-e  relating to the Salento region
salernitan-o,-a; -i,-e  relating to Salerno
salin-a; -e  salt-works
saltu / sartu (S)  country
San  Saint
Sant-o,-a; -i,-e  sanctuary; pilgrimage church
santuario  Sardinian, relating to the Sardegna region
sard-o,-a; -i,-e  the (feminine plural)
sas (S)  mountain; rocky top
sass (L)  relating to Sassari
sassares-e; -i  peak; stone; mountain
sasso; -i  relating to Savona
savones-e; -i  scale
scala  slope
scarpat-a; -e  excavation
scav-o; -i  ridge
schina (S)  ski-lift
sciovia  cliff; reef
scoglier-a; -e  reef; rock
scogl-io; -i  sand bank
secc-a; -he  pass
sedda (S)  chair-lift
seggiovia  conventional signs
segni convenzionali  conventional signs
sella  pass
selva  forest; wood
senes-e; -i  relating to Siena
sentiero  path
serr-a; -e  gorge; ridge
settentrionale  Northern
Settentrione  North
siciliano  relating to the Sicilia region
sinagoga  synagogue
sinistr-o,-a; -i,-e  left
siracusano,-a; -i,-e  relating to Syracuse
sobborg-o; -hi  suburb
sondrasc-o,-a; -hi,-he relating to Sondrio
sondries e; -i on; upon
sopra
sorrent-q; -i on spring
sos (S) the (masculine plural)
sotterrane-o,-a; -i,-q underground (attributive)
sotto under
sottomarin-o,-a; -i,-e submarine
spendula (S) fall
spexin-o,-a; -i,-e relating to La Spezia
spiaggia beach
spond-a; -e bank; coastline
stadio stadium; sports ground
stagn-o; -i pond
statal-e; -i relating to the State
stazion-e; -i station
stazione ferroviaria railway station
stazzu (S) farm
strad-a; -e road; street; way
strett-o; -i canal; strait
strett-o,-a; -i,-e narrow
su on; upon
su (S) the (masculine singular).
Sud South
suel (L) pass
sugli on the; upon (masculine plural)
sui on the; upon (masculine plural)
sui on the; upon (masculine singular)
sull' on the; upon (masculine singular)
sulla on the; upon (masculine singular)
sulle on the; upon (masculine singular)
sullo on the; upon (masculine singular)
superior-e; -i upper
superstrad-a; -e highway
tarantin-o,-a; -i,-e relating to Taranto
taviele (L) field
teatino,-o,-a; -e,-i relating to Chieti
teatro theatre
teleferica
telegrafo
temp-io; -li
teramano,-o,-a; -i,-e relating to Teramo
terme thermal baths
ternano,-o,-a; -i,-e relating to Terni
terr-a; -e country; land.
testa — head; peak
Tiberin-o-a; -i-e Tiberine
related to the Ticino river
Tirrenico — relating to Tyrrhenian Sea
tor (L) — peak
torines-e; -i relating to Turin
torond (L) — rounded mountain
torre — tower
torrente — stream
toscan-o-a; -i-e Tuscan, relating to the Toscana region
traforo — tunnel
trapanes-e; -i relating to Trapani
treno navetta — shuttle service train
trentin-o-a; -i-e relating to Trento and to the Trentino region
trevisan-o-a; -i-e relating to Treviso
triestin-o-a; -i-e relating to Trieste
turond (L) — rounded mountain
tudines-e; -i relating to Udine
umbr-o-a; -i-e Umbrian, relating to the Umbria region
urban-o-a; -i-e urban; city (attributive)
urbanat-e; -i relating to Urbino
Valdostan-o-a; -i-e relating to the Valle d’Aosta region
valico — pass
vallat-a; -e valley
vall-e; -i valley
vallo — wall
vallone — valley
varesin-o-a; -i-e relating to Varese
vecchio-ta; -i-e old; ancient
venet-o-a; -i-e Venetian, relating to the Veneto region
venczian-o-a; -i-e relating to Venice
verbanes-e; -i relating to Verbano
vercelles-e; -i relating to Vercelli
verd-e; -i green
verones-e; -i relating to Verona
versant-e; -i slope; versant
vert (L) — green
vesuvian-o-a; -i-e relating to the Vesuvius
vett-a; -e summit; top, peak
vi-a; -e road; street; way
viale — avenue; boulevard
vibones-e; -i relating to Vibo Valentia
vicentin-o-a; -i-e relating to Vicenza
vicol — alley; lane
vill — country-house; villa
5 - MAIN ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE BASIC TOPOGRAPHICAL MAPS OF ITALY (Carta topografica d'Italia) in the scales 1:25 000 and 1:50 000.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Abbreviation</th>
<th>Decoding</th>
<th>English equivalent</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>A. ; A.i</td>
<td>Altip; -i</td>
<td>Alps</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>altop.o</td>
<td>altipiano/altopiano</td>
<td>plateau; highlands</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>arcip.go; arcip.ghi</td>
<td>arcipelago-o; -hi</td>
<td>archipelago</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>b.</td>
<td>baia</td>
<td>bay; gulf</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>b.o; b.i</td>
<td>bosc-o. -hi</td>
<td>wood; forest</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>b.co; b.chi</td>
<td>banc-o. -hi</td>
<td>bar</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>b.go</td>
<td>borgo</td>
<td>village; suburb; little town</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c.o</td>
<td>capo</td>
<td>head; cape; point</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cast.o; cast.i</td>
<td>castell-o; -i</td>
<td>castle</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c.va</td>
<td>cava</td>
<td>quarry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>centr.e; centr.i</td>
<td>central-e; -i</td>
<td>central; middle</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ch.sa</td>
<td>chiesa</td>
<td>church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c.le</td>
<td>colle</td>
<td>pass</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c.le; c.li</td>
<td>coll-e; -i</td>
<td>hill</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>coll.a; coll.e</td>
<td>camp-o; -i</td>
<td>hill</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c.ma; c.me</td>
<td>cim-a; -e</td>
<td>peak</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>com.e; com.i</td>
<td>comun-e; -i</td>
<td>municipality</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c.po; c-pi</td>
<td>campi-o; -i</td>
<td>field</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>d.e</td>
<td>dorsale</td>
<td>ridge</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dol.na</td>
<td>dolina</td>
<td>dolina</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>f.e</td>
<td>forte</td>
<td>fort</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>f.; f.mt</td>
<td>fium-e; -i</td>
<td>river</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>for.a</td>
<td>foresta</td>
<td>wood; forest</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>f.te</td>
<td>fonte</td>
<td>spring; well</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>g.</td>
<td>golfo</td>
<td>bay; gulf</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gall.a</td>
<td>galleria</td>
<td>tunnel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gh.io; gh.i</td>
<td>gr.iacciaio; -i</td>
<td>glacier</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gr.</td>
<td>gran</td>
<td>big; great</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gr.de; gr.di</td>
<td>grand-e; -i</td>
<td>big; great</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gr.ta</td>
<td>grotta</td>
<td>cave</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
6 - ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

6.1 General remarks

The Italian Republic is divided administratively in regions (regioni), which in turn are divided (except in one case i.e. the Aosta Valley) in two or more provinces (province). All the provinces are divided in municipalities (comuni: 6102), which can be sub-divided in two or more territorial parts (frazioni).
6.2 The regions

There are 20 administrative regions. Five of them, namely Valle d'Aosta, Trentino-Alto Adige, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Sicilia, and Sardegna, have an autonomy statute which was introduced some years after the Second World War in order to secure the rights of the various minority language groups and to preserve their own particular culture.

6.2.1 The list of the regions

The names of the two officially bilingual regions are given in the Italian form and in the non-Italian version separated by means of a shilling/mark. In brackets the English exonyms are given. Behind the semicolon the name of the capital town of each region is put with its English exonym in brackets. The regions from North to South and from West to East with the island regions listed last are:

- Valle d'Aosta/Vallée d'Aoste (Aosta Valley); Aosta/Aoste
- Piemonte (Piedmont); Torino (Turin)
- Lombardia (Lombardy); Milano (Milan)
- Trentino-Alto Adige/Trentino-Südtirol (Trentino-South Tyrol); Trento
- Veneto; Venezia (Venice)
- Friuli-Venezia Giulia; Trieste
- Liguria; Genova (Genoa)
- Emilia-Romagna; Bologna
- Toscana (Tuscany); Firenze (Florence)
- Marche (The Marches); Ancona
- Umbria; Perugia
- Lazio (Latium); Roma (Rome)
- Abruzzo; L'Aquila
- Molise; Campobasso
- Campania; Napoli (Naples)
- Calabria; Catanzaro
- Puglia (Apulia); Bari
- Basilicata; Potenza
- Sicilia (Sicily); Palermo
- Sardegna (Sardinia); Cagliari

The three regions of Trentino - Alto Adige/Trentino - Südtirol, Veneto, and Friuli - Venezia Giulia are also often called Tre Venezie or Triveneto. Abruzzo can also be called Abruzzi, but this last noun is less appropriate. Basilicata's other non-current denomination is Lucania.
6.3 The provinces

There are 103 provinces. Two of them, namely the provinces of Trento and Bolzano/Bozen, have an autonomy statute, similar to the one of the five autonomous regions.

6.3.1 The list of the provinces

The provinces are the following (listed in alphabetical order within their regions; in brackets the English exonyms are given):

- **Valle d’Aosta/Vallée d’Aoste**
  - Aosta/Aoste

- **Piemonte**
  - Alessandria
  - Asti
  - Biella
  - Cuneo
  - Novara
  - Torino (Turin)
  - Verbano-Ossio-Ossola
  - Vercelli

- **Lombardia**
  - Bèrgamo
  - Brescia
  - Como
  - Cremona
  - Lecco
  - Lodi
  - Mântova (Mantua)
  - Milano (Milan)
  - Pavia
  - Sondrio
  - Varese

- **Trentino-Alto Adige/Trentino-Südtirol**
  - Bolzano/Bozen
  - Trento

- **Veneto**
  - Belluno
  - Pàdova (Padua)
  - Rovigo
  - Treviso
  - Venezia (Venice)
  - Verona
  - Vicenza

- **Friuli - Venezia Giulia**
  - Gorizia
  - Pordenone
  - Trieste
  - Udine

- **Liguria**
  - Gênova (Genoa)
  - Imperia
  - La Spezia
  - Savona

- **Emilia-Romagna**
  - Bologna
  - Ferrara
  - Forli-Cesena
  - Mòdena
  - Parma
  - Piacenza
  - Ravenna
  - Reggio nell’ Emilia
  - Rimini

- **Toscana**
  - Arezzo
  - Firenze (Florence)
  - Grosseto
  - Livorno (Leghorn)
  - Lucca
  - Massa-Carrara
  - Pisa
  - Pistoia
  - Prato
  - Siena
- Marche
  - Ancona
  - Ascoli Piceno
  - Macerata
  - Pesaro e Urbino

- Umbria
  - Perugia
  - Terni

- Lazio
  - Frosinone
  - Latina
  - Rieti
  - Roma (Rome)
  - Viterbo

- Abruzzo
  - Chieti
  - L'Aquila
  - Pescara
  - Teramo

- Molise
  - Campobasso
  - Isernia

- Campania
  - Avellino
  - Benevento
  - Caserta
  - Napoli (Naples)
  - Salerno

- Calabria
  - Catanzaro
  - Cosenza
  - Crotone
  - Reggio di Calabria
  - Vibo Valentia

- Puglia
  - Bari
  - Brindisi
  - Foggia
  - Lecce
  - Taranto

- Basilicata
  - Matera
  - Potenza

- Sicilia
  - Agrigento
  - Caltanissetta
  - Catania
  - Enna
  - Messina
  - Palermo
  - Ragusa
  - Siracusa (Syracuse)
  - Trapani

- Sardegna
  - Cagliari
  - Nuoro
  - Oristano
  - Sassari
6.3.2 Cartographical representation of the province names

The provinces have the same names as their respective capital towns, except for Forlì-Cesena, Massa-Carrara, Pésaro e Urbino and Verbano-Cusio-Ossola, the capital towns of which are Forlì, Massa, Pésaro and Verbana respectively. Therefore, according to Italian cartographical tradition, the denominations of the provinces, except for the four latter cases, are not recorded in the maps when the names of the capital towns are put in evidence by means of an underlining or some other symbol.

In a few thematic maps, especially in those regarding road traffic, and in many road and/or tourist maps, cartographers prefer to put in the maps the car registration plate initials (capital town of every province), instead of the province denomination.

- Agrigento: AG
- Alessandria: AL
- Ancona: AN
- Aosta/Aoste: AO
- Arezzo: AR
- Ascoli Piceno: AP
- Asti: AT
- Avellino: AV
- Bari: BA
- Belluno: BL
- Benevento: BN
- Bèrgamo: BG
- Biella: BI
- Bologna: BO
- Bolzano/Bozen: BZ
- Brescia: BS
- Brindisi: BR
- Càgliari: CA
- Caltanissetta: CL
- Campobasso: CB
- Caserta: CE
- Catania: CA
- Catanzaro: CZ
- Chieti: CH
- Como: CO
- Cosenza: CS
- Cremona: CR
- Crotone: KR
- Cuneo: CN
- Enna: EN
- Ferrara: FE
- Firenze: FI
- Foggia: FG
- Forlì-Cesena: FO
- Frosinone: FR
- Gênova: GE
- Gorizia: GO
- Grosseto: GR
- Imperia: IM
- Isernia: IS
- L'Aquila: AQ
- La Spezia: SP
- Latina: LT
- Lecce: LE
- Lecco: LC
- Livorno: LI
- Lodi: LO
- Lucca: LU
- Macerata: MC
- Màntova: MN
- Massa-Carrara: MS
- Matera: MT
- Messina: ME
- Milano: MI
- Mòdena: MO
- Napoli: NA
- Novara: NO
- Núoro: NU
- Oristano: OR
- Pàdova: PD
- Palermo: PA
- Parma: PR
- Pavia  PV
- Perugia  PG
- Pesaro e Urbino  PS
- Pescara  PE
- Piacenza  PC
- Pisa  PI
- Pistoia  PT
- Pordenone  PN
- Potenza  PZ
- Prato  PO
- Ragusa  RG
- Ravenna  RA
- Reggio di Calabria  RC
- Reggio nell'Emilia  RE
- Rieti  RI
- Rimini  RN
- Roma  RM
- Rovigo  RO
- Salerno  SA
- Sassari  SS
- Savona  SV
- Siena  SI
- Siracusa  SR
- Sondrio  SO
- Taranto  TA
- Teramo  TE
- Terni  TR
- Torino  TO
- Trapani  TP
- Trento  TN
- Treviso  TV
- Trieste  TG
- Udine  UD
- Varese  VA
- Venezia  VE
- Vercelli  VC
- Verona  VR
- Verbania-Cusio-Ossola  VB
- Vibo Valentia  VV
- Vicenza  VI
- Viterbo  VT
Cartographical tables
Capital towns of region

Scale 1 : 6,500,000
Valle d'Aosta/Vallée d'Aoste
Capital towns of province
Lombardia

Capital towns of province
Trentino-Alto Adige/Trentino-Südtirol

Capital towns of province

Scale 1 : 1,500,000
Liguria

Capital towns of province
Emilia-Romagna

Capital towns of province

Scale 1 : 1,500,000
Marche

Capital towns of province

Scale 1 : 1,500,000

Pesaro

Pesaro e Urbino

Ancona

Macerata

Ascoli Piceno

N

S

W

E
Umbria
Capital towns of province

Perugia
Terni
Abruzzo

Capital towns of province
Capital towns of province

Puglia
Sicilia
Capital towns of province

Scale 1 : 1,500,000
Sardegna
Capital towns of province

Scale 1 : 1,500,000