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## **Action C.2: Report of a study of Croatian speleological and caving legislation**

### Abstract:

Speleological activities is define by the Act of protecting of nature proclaim by Croatian parliament in 2005 with minor revision in 2011. This act regulates who, how and when can do speleological exploration and cave visit. In Republic of Croatia exists two national speleological associations which coordinate activities of speleological sections and clubs. The first is Caving commission of Croatian mountaineering association which coordinate 24 speleological sections and clubs and Croatian Speleological Federation which coordinate also 24 clubs. Some clubs, 3 of them are not associated in any national association. Cave rescue is in responsibility of Croatian Mountain Rescue Service, Cave rescue commission as a national emergency service. According to Act of protecting of nature each of national associations request annual permission for caving in the territory of Republic of Croatia for associated clubs. This permission is valid to all activities without announcement accepts in territory of National Parks, Parks of Nature and Natural Reserves. In National Parks, Parks of Nature and Natural Reserves are necessary for each visit or exportation is necessary permission. Both of national caving associations have their own similar program for education. All of the caving section and clubs are territorially in the parts where karsts are, all southern parts of Croatia from Karlovac, and isolate island of karsts in Pannonian plain like Ivanscica, Medvednica and Papuk mountains. Since all caving sections and clubs have permission for whole Croatian territory it's impossible to made territorially distinction of responsibilities for exploration of each section or club.

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Best regards,

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### **Appendix:**

- Laws in Croatia about caving and speleology

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