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**Standard for acquisition and  
management of  
KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING  
ARCHEOLOGICAL HERITAGE**

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Summary of norms currently in use or under development (April 2016)

<p><b>DOCUMENTATION OF STRATIGRAPHIC INVESTIGATIONS</b></p> <p><i>Norme per la redazione della scheda del saggio stratigrafico</i> (Norm for compilation of the stratigraphic record sheet), edited by Franca Parise Badoni and Maria Ruggeri Giove, Rome, 1984</p> <p><a href="http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/103">http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/103</a></p>	<p>The methodological approach is still valid.</p> <p>The SAS catalogue sheet for documentation of stratigraphic investigations has since been updated to ICCD version 3.00 (see below, "Catalogue sheets").</p> <p>The TMA catalogue sheet for documentation of lots of material has also been updated to ICCD version 3.00 (see below, "Catalogue sheets").</p> <p>The ICCD is currently preparing a Stratigraphic Unit record sheet (see below, "Detailed study norms").</p>
<p><b>CATALOGUING OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROPERTIES</b></p> <p><b>Catalogue sheets:</b> These are norms that provide for the organised collection of data on cultural properties (descriptive, technical, geographic, bibliographic, etc.). Each compiled sheet is assigned a unique "NCT" code, identifying the cultural property at the national level. The NCT codes are the basis for management of the entire <i>Cataloguing System</i>.</p> <p>The ICCD has issued a series of cataloguing norms for the different types of properties, organised under the various disciplinary sectors (see box to the right).</p> <p>For each norm, at the web links indicated, there are Excel files showing the data structure, as well as</p>	<p><b>Catalogue sheets for Immovable archaeological properties (version 3.00, currently in use) and their areas of application</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CA - Archaeological complexes:</b> Monumental complexes consisting of more than one structural unit (settlements, fortified centres, sanctuaries, bath complexes, etc.), for cataloguing regardless of their state of conservation. <a href="http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/37">http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/37</a></li> <li>• <b>MA - Archaeological monuments:</b> Individual structural units (tower, domus, temple, etc.), for cataloguing regardless of the state of conservation. <a href="http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/38">http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/38</a></li> <li>• <b>SAS - Stratigraphic investigations:</b> Stratigraphic sequences exposed in archaeological contexts. <a href="http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/39">http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/39</a></li> <li>• <b>SI - Archaeological sites:</b> Territorial areas containing archaeological remains. <a href="http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/40">http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/40</a></li> </ul>

<p>with additional documents explaining the structure, the norms for compilation and the main terminological instruments.</p>	<p><b>Catalogue sheets for movable archaeological properties - (version 3.00, currently in use) and their areas of application</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AT - <i>Anthropological materials</i></b> Biological materials in archaeological and palaeontological contexts <a href="http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/1">http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/1</a></li> <li>• <b>NU - Numismatic properties</b> Coins and other numismatic materials (pre- and para-monetary items, seals, medals, coinage punches, dies and balances). <a href="http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/18">http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/18</a></li> <li>• <b>RA - <i>Archaeological materials</i>:</b> Movable objects from archaeological contexts (jewels and jewelry, clothing, tapestries, architectural elements, painted works, archaeobotanical and archaeozoological materials, sculpture, tools, objects of daily use, etc.). <a href="http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/4">http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/4</a></li> <li>• <b>TMA – <i>Table of archaeological materials</i>:</b> Lots of materials from archaeological contexts. <a href="http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/5">http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/5</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Authority files:</b> Norms for the acquisition of information concerning the entities (e.g. <u>Authors</u>, <u>Bibliographic references</u>) and events (e.g. <u>Archeological excavations</u>, <u>Archaeological surveys</u>) related to the cultural property. The authority files serve as national references for the normalization of data in the entire cataloguing process.</p>	<p><b>Authority files for archaeological properties (version 3.00, currently in use)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DSC - Archeological excavations</b> <a href="http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/59">http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/59</a></li> <li>• <b>RCG - Archaeological surveys</b> <a href="http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/60">http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/60</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>DETAILED STUDY NORMS</b> Cataloguing norms for use in description of specialist aspects, to be attached to the catalogue sheets (formal, technical, content aspects, etc.).</p>	<p>In preparaton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EP - Norm for epigraphic documents</b></li> <li>• <b>TM - Norm for wall-construction types</b> <a href="http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/427/programma-tecniche-murarie-criteri-di-descrizione-delle-tecniche-murarie-storiche">http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/427/programma-tecniche-murarie-criteri-di-descrizione-delle-tecniche-murarie-storiche</a></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>US, USM, USR</b> - Norms for stratigraphic units</li> </ul>
<b>CENSUSES AND NOTE-TAKING</b>	<p><b>MODI</b> - <i>Notation form</i>      Norm for simplified data acquisition (<a href="http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/105">http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/105</a>), definito per attività di censimento and preparatory information-gathering prior to cataloguing      The data recorded in the MODI can later be transferred to the different types of catalogue sheets.</p> <p>Application in archaeological contexts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Impact-assessment and salvage archaeology (see Circular 10, Directorate General for Archaeology, 2012, <a href="http://www.archeologia.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/184/archeologia-preventiva">http://www.archeologia.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/184/archeologia-preventiva</a> and the Guidelines decree currently in preparation).</li> <li>- heritage inventories;</li> <li>- organisation of lots of materials;</li> <li>- application of radio-frequency IC (RFID);</li> <li>- preliminary recording of materials in contracted excavations;</li> <li>- data exchanges between the National Numismatics Portal and SIGECweb (<a href="http://www.numismaticadellostato.it/">http://www.numismaticadellostato.it/</a>)</li> </ul>
<b>TERMINOLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS</b>	<p>Some of the more important instruments include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thesaurus for the definition of movable archaeological materials  <a href="http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/74">http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/74</a></li> <li>• Thesaurus for the definition of archaeological artefacts  <a href="http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/78">http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/473/standard-catalografici/Standard/78</a></li> </ul> <p>In preparation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vocabulary for the compilation of the MTC (Materials and techniques) field of the RA catalogue sheet;</li> <li>• Thesaurus for the definition of archaeological complexes and monuments (CA and MA catalogue sheets).</li> </ul>

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Regarding production and management of photographic and multimedia documentation in support of cataloguing, see:

<http://www.iccd.beniculturali.it/index.php?it/490/normative-per-la-documentazione-fotografica-e-multimediale>

For the ICCD norms on data structuring and transfer, see:

<HTTP://WWW.ICCD.BENICULTURALI.IT/INDEX.PHP?IT/489/NORMATIVE-PER-IL-TRASFERIMENTO-DEI-DATI>