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USOCAT

**ITALIAN CATALOG OF
OBJECT SIGHTINGS
UNIDENTIFIED SUBMERGED**

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USOCAT PROJECT

The UsoCat project, born in March 1995, on the initiative of the curator Marco Bianchini (member of CISU - Italian Center for Ufological Studies) is aimed at collecting all reports relating to observations of USO (unidentified submerged objects) in seas, rivers and lakes Italians.

CLASSIFICATIONS

For the classification of reports, the following four categories were adopted:

A - Objects and lights completely submerged throughout the sighting (those that are considered actual USE).

B - Objects that enter the water, whether they fall (which also fall under the CrashCat), or whether they dive after having performed some evolutions, or whether they dive and then re-emerge to disappear into the sky (for classification purposes, the way with which the first contact with the water element occurs).

C - Objects that come out of the water (it doesn't matter if they later re-enter it).

D - Objects sailing or stationary on the surface of the water.

APPENDIX A – This appendix contains all reports regarding sightings of ghost submarines and ghost ships, as well as cases regarding strange marine accidents and discoveries of military material in the water.

These are borderline cases, which fall more properly into FortCat, but which are equally taken into consideration by the editor of UsoCat, even if they are then included in the catalog in a separate appendix.

Generally, cases of ghost submarines or ghost ships are cataloged separately only when the sources never mention UFOs, but in particular submarines of unknown nationalities. In the appendix concerning strange accidents and ghost submarines, all the discoveries of military material which have occurred in water (acoustic buoys, projectiles, torpedoes) are also catalogued, again only when UFOs are never specifically mentioned in the sources, otherwise they are more properly in the UsoCat (see more in-depth explanation below).

APPENDIX B - In addition to these borderline cases, the information that is part of the so-called

"usological folklore" is also collected, i.e. those stories and legends concerning alleged alien bases under the surface of Italian seas and lakes, also included in the separate appendix (see the stories that tell of alien bases at the bottom of Lake Trasimeno in Umbria).

All the information regarding cases included in these two appendices is collected and cataloged for the pure spirit of completeness. Obviously from a ufological point of view the news, listed in Appendix B, has no scientific value; they are traditionally part of the subject and are that mixture of "folklore and mythology" that every branch of knowledge must possess.

APPENDIX C – In the last appendix it seemed useful and interesting to collect all the information relating to curiosities related to the sea and UFOs: for example, an American patent for a USO is catalogued, or strange reports of underground seas and oceans. It is essentially a short appendix in which all the curious and unreliable information is collected, which however can be potentially interesting for the complete study of the USO phenomenon. This appendix also includes reports of USO sightings which occurred outside from Italian territorial waters but which have ships flying the Italian flag as protagonists.

Some news has no direct relevance to the phenomenon of UFOs and USOs, but concerns strange marine phenomena that have occurred in Italian territorial waters and therefore it was deemed useful to catalog them anyway (see for example the phenomenon of the Panarea whirlpools at the end of 2002).

SOURCES

All known sources relating to each case have been included in the catalogue, even if they are not in the curator's possession.

Generally, most of the sources relating to USO sightings come from the press and, with very rare and sporadic exceptions, there are no direct investigations by investigators. It is often the case that second-hand sources have erroneously indicated some details such as the date of the sighting, the witnesses, the objects observed and occasionally even the places: some examples exist in the 1970s, especially in the famous Adriatic wave of 1978. By carefully reading the various newspaper articles of the time, it is possible to notice similarities between the individual episodes narrated.

As regards book sources, it is curious to note that there are no specialized texts on the USO. Even

the historical "InvisibleResident" by Ivan T. Sanderson and some texts by Keel, which however do not catalog the sightings or enumerate classification methodologies, tend to propose only theories of life under the sea. In Italy no text on the subject has ever been published. The various books that deal with ufology, in general, always have a chapter on the USO, but they limit themselves to including the usual famous foreign cases (perhaps with the classic connection to the Bermuda Triangle), the Gorgona case of 06/22/1979 and some mention of the Adriatic wave of autumn-winter 1978. There are no references to serious or scientific studies, but these texts only try to attract the public's attention by mixing the mystery of UFOs with that of the sea. At the end of 2003, a text by Roberto Pinotti entitled "Unidentified Submerged Objects" was published by the Olimpia editions of Florence; unfortunately, as is the author's habit, the text is only a collage of his previous books, with entire chapters on the Bermuda Triangle, on alien bases under the sea and little or nothing on case studies. The Italian cases cataloged by Pinotti do not even reach 30. Unfortunately, therefore, the cataloging work was not simple and above all it is not complete due to the absolute lack of serious sources and accurate investigations.

CLARIFICATIONS

To classify a given event, its initial behavior is taken into consideration. For example, when a witness sees a light coming out of the water and then after several evolutions re-enters it, the case will be labeled "C". However, if the witness sees underwater lights moving for a certain time and eventually coming out of the sea, the case will be classified as "A".

For easily understandable reasons, only territorial waters are taken into consideration (according to international law - 12 nautical miles), and therefore the curator will be able to evaluate, at his discretion, whether or not to include a given sighting. This is caused by the fact that in many reports the witness indicated a stretch of sea, but was unable to establish the distance from the coast, without precise reference points. However, indicatively, the Tyrrhenian, Ionian, Ligurian and Adriatic seas in their entirety are considered territorial waters, for the sole purpose of including a case in the UsoCat, and as far as the Mediterranean is concerned, only that which borders the Italian coasts. No problem arises for lakes and rivers, as they are internal waters.

As regards the individual summaries of the cases, it is necessary to point out that these are often very short because the sources in the editor's possession are truly scarce; very often these are

journalistic blurbs of very few lines and nothing more. However, everything reported in the description of the sighting is what emerges from the sources.

EXCLUSIONS

All reports of objects and lights prior to January 1, 1900 are excluded from the UsoCat.

This is due to the fact that cases prior to 1900 are considered to be the responsibility of PreUfoCat and since, in the opinion of the editor of the catalogue, these must be analyzed and investigated with investigative methodologies different from those of modern ufology. In any case, just out of curiosity, only one of the cases prior to 1900 has been found and most likely it didn't even happen in Italian territorial waters.

As regards category "B" (that of objects entering the water), falls from the sky of objects such as animals, blood, sand, etc. are excluded. which fall more properly into FortCat. In fact, it is believed that cases of artificial objects or of meteoric origin must be included. The falls of ice fragments are included as the CrashCat also catalogs such episodes and therefore it was deemed appropriate not to conflict with another CISU catalogue, in which there is a specific category which concerns the UsoCat (category "C " CrashCat which collects cases of objects fallen into the sea).

Cases in which only columns of water, wave motions or underwater bubbles were observed, without the sighting of lights or objects, are not included in the catalogue.

Also excluded from the catalog are stories regarding sightings and legends of sea monsters, snakes and so on, since these episodes fall within the scope of cryptozoology and therefore in FortCat.

However, as regards the phenomenon of incandescent stones, often identified as pieces of phosphorus bombs, it is necessary to specify that these are cataloged only when they are seen falling into the sea or are recovered in the water. In the latter case, the sighting input must not be the observation of the actual stone, but of the light emanating from it or any movements of the object.

Radar-only phenomena without visual contact with the object are also excluded.

ADRIATIC WAVE 1978

As regards the wave of sightings that affected the Adriatic coast in the autumn-winter of 1978, only

the cases relating to observations of lights or objects have been included; in relation to the observations of water columns, seismic, gaseous and radar phenomena, these were not taken into consideration, since they do not fall within the actual UsoCat and since there is a specific study project relating to this famous wave of the Adriatic Sea.

Certainly the Adriatic phenomenon is undoubtedly one of the most interesting in the entire Italian UFO panorama and the hope is that it can be analyzed in great detail and with scientific investigation methodologies, something which unfortunately has never been done at the time of facts. The writer's belief is that the majority of sightings of the Adriatic Flap are not the result of actually observed phenomena or strange underwater anomalies (gas bubbles, methane, earthquakes) as claimed by many, but rather originate from tensions and relationships which, in that period, had been created between fishermen and the coastal authorities.

POSSIBLE IDENTIFYING CAUSES

The editor deemed it useful to give each case a specific personal evaluation label which is divided as follows:

1 - **Insufficient information** : the cases distinguished in this way do not have sufficient information to proceed with any scientific analysis; most sightings are marked with this label because the information in our possession is few or second-hand, often only journalistic and there have been no direct and accurate investigations. The few investigations present are the result of the ufological culture of the seventies. Meager reporting forms, mostly filled out by very young people, whose only interest was to increase sightings, without trying to delve into any aspect in depth. A sighting can, in the opinion of the curator, be declared unidentified only when all other possible or probable identifying causes have been excluded and only after a thorough investigation. It is inconceivable for modern ufology to declare an object or light unidentified, about which there is no precise information and on which no investigation has been carried out with a scientific investigative methodology. Finally, it is useful to remember that most of the objects seen falling into the sea have never been identified or recovered.

2 - **Possible explanation** : this label has marked the cases in which it is possible to evaluate some hypotheses, which can reasonably explain the sighting.

3 - **Probable explanation** : in this case there is a concrete probability, given the methods of

sighting and an analogical reconstruction of the event, that the phenomenon can be traced back to a specific and probable explanation.

4 – **ISO (identified submerged object)** : the phenomenon has been identified with the utmost certainty and there are no doubts about its nature.

5 – **USE (unidentified submerged object)** : in this case we are in the presence of sufficient information regarding the events that took place, the witnesses, the place, the weather conditions, etc. and there does not seem to be any possible or probable explanation of the phenomenon in the current state of knowledge. Only very few cases are so marked and this happens when there is a lot of news or there have been serious investigations carried out according to a scientific investigation methodology.

In general, it was possible to notice how some events can be traced back to an explanation as follows:

A - The cases concerning this category can generally be explained by natural phenomena such as cetaceans, fish or artificial phenomena such as submarines, torpedoes, towed sonars, ROVs, sailing just under the surface of the water, or by the activity of divers .

B - The objects that enter the water can be of all types, but the most typical examples, with which some reports are explained, are meteoric phenomena, fragments of satellites, sounding balloons or parts of them, parachutes, airplanes, etc.

C - The third category is the one that creates the most problems, since there are only two objects that can come out of the water: missiles launched by submerged units and signal rockets; the latter do not come out of the sea, but are launched from its surface, even if in the distance the optical effect they can generate in an observer is that they have come out of the water. Other objects that come out of the sea can only be cetaceans that jump and then return, but in the catalog there is no case that can be traced back to this hypothesis, which is otherwise very extreme and remote.

D - The objects in the fourth category can be traced back to observations of cetaceans or large fish swimming on the surface, like whales when they breathe, and from boats of any kind or rocks or any other drifting object (logs, algae, plastic, etc.) which are not recognized by witnesses.

As regards the category of objects that enter the water, it must be said that the editor of the catalog would have ventured some plausible or at least possible hypotheses, but he often limited himself to

classifying them as "insufficient information", since with this classification they had been included in the CrashCat; it was deemed appropriate to conform to the indication in the CrashCat catalogue, precisely to avoid future inconsistencies and incompatibilities between the two study projects.

PLANES DRILLING INTO THE SEA

A curious phenomenon that is numerically very interesting is that of false alarms relating to planes that were seen crashing into the sea. Generally these stories have the same common thread, namely the presence of a small tourist plane, clearly in difficulty, with a trail of smoke coming out of the back and which after a dive is seen diving into the sea.

This is a curious phenomenon since it is not concentrated in a particular period of time, but includes the entire UsoCat in its entirety, even if the 1990s are particularly prolific in these reports. Every time there are search and rescue operations carried out by air and naval means and coordinated by the competent Port Authorities. However, there is not a single case in which these research operations have given positive results.

Personally I believe that the majority of similar reports can be explained by errors of perception or false alarms and in any case the entire phenomenology must, in the editor's opinion, be included in a sociological aspect and be studied as such.

FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

It is not easy to indicate what the future prospects of UsoCat may be. There would be many, starting with retrospective investigations of individual cases, especially those relating to the 1978 wave, about which so much has been written in the newspapers, but on which at the same time there are no serious and accurate inquiries or investigations. The fishermen, the main witnesses of USO sightings, are not easy people to approach and the chances of being able to meet and interview them are slim.

A good starting point, but for the sole purpose of researching sources and expanding the number of reports, is to carry out research in library archives on old period newspapers, which often carry articles and short articles that are interesting more from a historical and of cataloguing, rather than from a scientific point of view.

Despite the great interest that the USO and any mystery related to the sea arouses in people and ufologists, the percentage of USO sightings compared to UFOs is very low.

Excluding the 1978 wave, with a normal relapse in 1979, reports from subsequent years are truly rare, especially in recent years, with an average of around 2 cases per year. Certainly this does not facilitate a phenomenon, which interests and fascinates everyone in a superficial way, but which has never been studied in depth.

The objective of the curator of this catalog is to continuously and annually update the sightings and above all the sources of the individual episodes; draw up a complete catalog with detailed and precise summaries of each report; contact colleagues in other countries who manage similar USO catalogues, to increase exchanges of material and above all of research methodologies; finally, the most important future perspective is to directly investigate at least the most sensational and potentially interesting episodes, to try to explain what happens under the waters of the Italian seas and lakes.

FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

The phenomenon of USOs is very particular, since it occurs in an extremely different element from that of UFOs and requires specific investigative procedures for researchers to be identified, also in consideration of the fact that most of the witnesses are usually professional fishermen, who spend half of their life at sea and who are therefore experts on everything that happens in the hydrosphere and around them.

It does not appear that there have ever been serious researchers specialized on the subject (apart from the American Ivan T. Sanderson - mostly for the original and curious theories, rather than for serious scientific research) and therefore also the normal procedures of investigation have never been directly specified and described. Suffice it to say, unlike what happens with sightings of objects in the air, that in the sea there is the element of water which in itself requires in-depth analysis. An object entering or leaving the sea or sailing on or under its surface creates a wave or splashes of water, which are objective and visible data. If a vessel is nearby it is affected by the wave and roll. When a report comes from a ship, we must remember that it always has a radar, often a sonar, sophisticated instruments such as GPS, echo sounders and therefore the possibilities of scientific research increase exponentially; coordinates, longitude, latitude, radar tracks, depth,

sea strength, salinity and so on are often available to researchers. Precisely because of this environment, for the particularity and sometimes the experience of the witnesses (for example, there are millions of people on earth, but in principle the sea is navigated and lived by those who know it), for the lack of points of reference, for the equipment on board ships, it is appropriate and necessary to equip oneself with a "usological" investigation methodology which must necessarily be different from the classic and well-tested one, which is used in

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Italian catalog of sightings of unidentified submerged objects

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
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Description of sighting	Case eliminated because some sources locate it off the Cypriot coast and therefore outside Italian territorial waters.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
160	??/??/???	Imperia	TO	Insufficient information	"La Riviera" dated 07/11/1995.
Description of sighting	Of this sighting there is only a short paragraph which tells, generically and without any detail, of an unidentified submerged object sighted by a Carabinieri patrol boat. The author of the article only mentions the fact that the Secret Services were also interested in the sighting.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
164	??/??/???	Lake Trasimeno	C	Insufficient information	"La Nazione" of 02/03/1995; "La Nazione"

		(PG)			Umbria edition of 01/27/1995.
Description of sighting	A well-known lawyer from Perugia, while he was hunting with his son near Lake Trasimeno, observed a "furrow" of light, a ball of light that emerged from the waters of the lake and quickly headed towards the sky until it disappeared (it is probable that the observation occurred in January 1995).				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
208	???/??/????	Off the coast of Genoa	D	ISO – Oil platform	“Il Resto del Carlino” dated 08/09/2002.
Description of sighting	A witness who was standing on a lay-by on the motorway from Genoa to Ventimiglia photographed a sailboat far away on the sea. When developing the photograph he noticed that suspended over the water there was also a strange object that reflected the rays of the setting sun. Only a few days later, passing through that area again, was he able to notice that the photographed object was none other than an oil tanker docking platform, which is positioned in front of Genoa airport. The case is likely from the 1990s, although the date is not reported exactly. Finally, the newspaper reported in the sources also publishes the photo in question, where both the sailing boat on the left and this reflection of the sun on the right can be seen on the sea.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
237	???/??/?? ??	Island (ME)	C	Insufficient information	Pinotti “Unidentified submerged objects” ed. Olympia, pp. 71/72.
Description of sighting	In 1995, while Roberto Pinotti was on holiday, he received the testimony of a lady who, a few years earlier, had observed, in the evening, an enormous luminous body which, after having emerged from the sea and taken off on the surface of the water, had flown away in the silence more absolute.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
243	???/??/????	Mili Marina (ME)	B	Insufficient information	“The Journal of Mysteries” n. 28 of July 1973, page. 9 .

Description of sighting	Mr. Giovanni D'Amico from Messina wrote to Il Giornale dei Misteri reporting that, on an unspecified date, after having been in Mili Marina fishing, and on the way back home, he met a man aged 35-40 who was coming to him meeting shouting that a plane had fallen into the sea. The witness then observed the sea and, about 700-800 meters away, saw a round object rising into flight, without any noise or hiss, and then disappearing after about half a minute.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
156					
Description of sighting	Case eliminated because, from a careful examination of the sources, it turned out to be the same sighting as case no. 196.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
002	???/??/1927	Corbola (RO)	B	Insufficient information	Journal of Mysteries n. 212 pages. 59; report by P. Fiorino; circular "Blitz" 24, 2; "ItaCat" case no. 2701.
Description of sighting	A little girl, about 12 years old, while she was going alone in the morning to get some water for drinking use at the Po' river, saw a shiny, round object coming from above, which sank into the water about seven meters above sea level. meters away from her. After a couple of minutes the witness saw a great bubbling in the water and the object re-emerged, flying away and disappearing in the sky. The little girl also saw a small man inside the object who gave the impression of being seated, being visible only from the neck up. His facial features were human and he did not have a helmet. The object, which also emitted a hissing sound, had a diameter of 2-3 meters. This is certainly one of the best investigated cases of USO sightings in Italy and only the remoteness of the phenomenon prevents any objective evaluation.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
357	???/??/1938	Ostia (RM)	C	Insufficient information	News appeared in a post on the "Close Encounters" Facebook page on 01/23/2023.
Description	Mr. Claudio I. was in a bar in Ostia Lido when he saw a picture hanging on the				

of sighting	wall with a drawing depicting a UFO; he asked the barmaid and she told him that his grandfather was a fisherman. Once, together with other people, he was offshore in broad daylight when a large object came out of the water and remained suspended near the boat for several minutes. It was shaped like a crushed egg, similar to a Tic Tac candy. The barmaid said that the painting was made by her grandfather who could neither read nor write; it all happened in 1938.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
143	01/09/1946	Off the coast of Ancona	B	Insufficient information	“SvenskaDagbladett” Stockholm dated 04/09/1946; “Giornale d'Italia” of 03/09/1946; Gross Loren E. “Ufo's: A history. 1946; Theo GostRockets, Enlarged Third Edition, Fremont (California), at the Author 1998, pp. 63 and 85 for the note; CrashCat case no. 168; Stilo Giuseppe “The Dawn of a new era” Upiar edition, pag. 84..
Description of sighting	One of the few Italian cases, apart from the Adriatic wave of 1978, which was also cited by the foreign press. Some fishermen reported seeing a ghost bomb, a large and mysterious projectile falling into the sea, sending a conspicuous cloud of vapor upwards. The hypothesis launched by the newspapers of the time was that it was a German type V rocket, launched from a base in Yugoslavian territory.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
219	11/11/1948	Strait of Messina	D	Insufficient information	“Messina News” of 11/13/1948; SUF card no. 5658.
Description of sighting	An object was seen sailing on the surface of the water. It had a high speed and with its movement it continuously surfaced. It was around 10 am and he crossed the entire strait. Witnesses were numerous citizens of Reggio Calabria.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
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003	1950s	Pietra Ligure (SV)	C	Insufficient information	Letter from M. Orlandi dated 06/24/1995.
Description of sighting	A military pilot, interviewed by the ufologist Marco Orlandi, regarding an object observed in flight, said that he had witnessed another observation in the 1950s, when he was a child. He saw a white, red and green flashing object that came out of the sea, heading first east and then west; it subsequently stopped in the air and darted away. He recalls that at least three thousand people witnessed the sighting and numerous articles appeared in the local press.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
221	??/04/1950	Voltri (GE)	C	Possible flares	"IL Secolo XIX" of 04/25/1950.
Description of sighting	Some fishermen saw some lights, similar to flares or flares, rising from the sea about a mile from the coast. The most likely hypothesis is that it was a military exercise or patrolling actions to suppress smuggling.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
004	03/31/1950	Riccione (RN)	B	ISO - False	"Il Messaggero" of 04/02/1950; "Corriere della Sera" of 04/02/1950; "IlMattino dell'Italia Centrale" of 04/02/1950; "Il Progresso d'Italia" of 04/01/1950 and 04/02/1950; "L'Avvenire d'Italia" dated 02/04/1950; "Il Corriere dell'Informazione" dated 02/04/50; newspaper clipping dated 02/04/1950; notes by R. Cabassi; "ItaCat" case no. 5003; CrashCat

					case no. 003; Stilo Giuseppe “Search the skies!” and. UPIAR, pp. 83-86.
Description of sighting	The crew of the trawler Maria Grazia observed a flying object coming from the Carpegna mountains, which was initially confused with a plane. The strange device, which was flying without making any noise, with a sudden dive, headed towards the sea. The object, falling, hit violently on the beach and, after a fearful leap, sank, raising a gigantic wave about two thousand meters from the stern of the vessel. The object was later described as having a flattened, light-colored egg shape. Naturally, numerous boats headed to the site of the alleged impact for rescue operations. The mystery was revealed on April 2nd when it was confirmed by a newspaper that it had simply been the usual April Fool's prank.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
168	04/01/1950	Head Goalkeeper (LT)	B	Probably fake	Stilo Giuseppe “Search the skies!” and. UPIAR, p. 266.
Description of sighting	The ufologist Giuseppe Stilo tells us in his book about a multicolored object that was seen descending towards the sea, in the very early morning of April 1st. The author raises the doubt that it may have been a fake for the so-called "April Fools' joke".				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
144	08/19/1950	Marina di Pisa (PI)	B	Insufficient information	“Giornale dell'Emilia” of 20 and 21/08/1950; “Corriere della Sera” of 08/20/1950; “L'Avvenire d'Italia” of 08/20/1950 ;CrashCat case n. 154; Giuseppe Stilo “Scrutinize the skies” ed. Upiar, p. 151.
Description of sighting	Numerous people saw, at 11.45 am, about four miles from the mouth of the Arno river, a small two-seater tourist plane of unknown nationality flying over the sea and sinking after losing its speed. After fruitless searches, it seemed that the plane was of French nationality and came from Ventimiglia. Some workers who witnessed the disaster even reported that after the impact with the water, the plane				

	had floated for about twenty minutes before sinking completely.
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145	08/25/1950	Cervia (RA)	B	IFO – perceptual error	“Giornale dell'Emilia” of 26 and 27/08/1950; CrashCat case no. 155.
Description of sighting	A plane was seen falling into the sea about five miles from the coast. The swimmers noticed that the plane was falling until it skimmed the surface of the sea and, fearing that it had fallen, they alerted the authorities. The sources of August 26 clearly indicate that the plane had sunk, while those of the following day report that the plane, after checks, had landed at Miramare airport.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
005	???/??/1952	Francavilla (CH)	C	Insufficient information	"Morgana" no. 1 page 8; "ItaCat" case no. 5205.
Description of sighting	While he was fishing a man saw a dark cigar, about six meters in diameter, silently emerge from the surface of the Faro River, at a distance of about 100 meters from him. The object hovered above the surface of the water for a few minutes and then took off upwards with a puff of gray smoke.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
292	07/25/1952	San Pietro a Vico (LU)	D	Insufficient information	Passport to Magonia by Jacques Vallee, p. 199, n. 95,1969; Flying Saucer Review, June 1977, p. 31; “The Journal of Mysteries” n. 8, November 1971, pp. 26-29 and n. 30, September 1973, p. 15 and n. 39, page. 69 and n. 66, September 1976, p. 17 and n. 90 of September 1978; AA.VV. “UFOs in Italy” vol. I, ed. Tedeschi, pp. 137-143; “ItaCat” by Maurizio Verga, case n. 5202; “La Nazione” of 09/26/1952 ; Tambellini Moreno “Aliens in Italy” ed. Mediterranean, pp. 28-29 ; Stilo Giuseppe “Ultimatum to the

					Earth” ed. Upiar, pp. 289-297; “UFO News” n. 67, July-August 1975, pp. 4-9; “La Nazione” Lucca edition of 16/01/1965; investigation by Siro Menicucci; “Northern News Mail” of 09/27/1952; Jimmy Guieu “Lessoucoupesvolantesviennent d'une autre monde” ed. Fleuve Noire, 1954, pp. 73-75.
Description of sighting	On the night between the 24th and 25th, Mr. Carlo Rossi, aged 53, resident in San Pietro a Vico, witnessed a disconcerting event. Rossi, being a passionate fisherman, went fishing that night in the Serchio, a river not far from San Pietro a Vico. Walking along a path in the dark along the river, he was attracted by an unusual phenomenon; from one point of the river an unnatural light spread. Intrigued by the fact, Rossi approached the point from which the light came, remaining in the shelter of the embankment; thinking he was hallucinating, he saw suspended over the river and at a low altitude, a strange circular vehicle that seemed to be supplied with water through a long tube that was drawn from the river. The enormous object was hovering silently in the air with a system of propellers. Rossi judged that the object had a diameter of about 25 meters. It resembled a round disk with a thickness of two meters and was painted black. All around, on the thickness, there were oval openings like mouths. In the center was a turret that projected three meters below the disk and half a meter above. It was transparent as if made of glass or plastic. The turret was as large as a room and must have had a diameter of five meters; inside you could see four thin tubes connected with a large cylinder in the middle. A bluish flame, with orange flashes similar to a blowtorch, passed from one cylinder to another, alternately rising and falling. The glow came from the transparent turret and therefore reflected on the surface of the disk, making it luminous. That strange device had five propellers underneath, halfway out of the black circle, all arranged around it, equidistant from each other. In the upper part, however, there were three propellers: one as large as the entire circumference of the disk, the other two on an increasingly smaller scale. The object emitted a slight buzz, like a "silk rustle". Suddenly a porthole opened in the upper part of the turret and a human figure looked out and peered around, who probably identified the witness, since he stuck out an arm as if to point it out to someone who was inside the object. It was at this point that Rossi, shaken by the torpor into which he had fallen at the vision, fled by throwing himself headlong down the embankment slope. As soon as he reached the bottom, he saw above his head a green ray suddenly cut through the air in his direction, feeling at that moment a shock throughout his body, as if he were hit by an electric shock . Terrified, he threw himself to the ground. Raising his head, he saw the disc rise over the embankment and rapidly gain altitude, disappearing at frightening speed in the direction of Viareggio. Given the historical importance of the case, we transcribe in full the article published by La Nazione Italiana on 09/26/1952 by Beppe Pegolotti (1906-1990), a Florentine journalist known for decades in Tuscany for his reporting sports. Here is the text, almost in its entirety: “Lucca, 25. – The other day, a man showed up at the Public Prosecutor's Office to				

talk about flying saucers. The speech was linked to a strange incident which, according to him, would have put his life in danger. Since flying saucers, and everything related to them, do not have, at least for now, a legal personality or a well-defined personality, no denunciation has been put on paper. The man, logically, was only told to report other episodes, perhaps more "concrete", that could occur. We were able to approach that man... and have him repeat the whole story. In fact, we went with him to the scene of the "bad crime". The scene is a stretch of the Serchio, facing the town of San Pietro a Vico, four and a half kilometers from the center of Lucca.

The night of July 24th. Here: we are on the river, near the high embankment that protects the wonderful countryside cultivated with vegetables and orchards. The closest house is that of Bandoni, known as Geppetto, and is located three or four hundred meters away, on the road called "del Brennero". The place is actually called Piana dei Tacchini. Over there, beyond the river, the Apuan mountains dominate, you can see Ponte a Moriano with the entrance to the Garfagnana and, above, the Convent of the Angel, of the Passionist friars. The watercourse, near a winding bend, is forty meters wide and deep. That's enough. Let's give the narrator the floor and listen to him without comments. The man says: "It was the night of July 24th or 25th, I don't remember well. I am a passionate fisherman, I used to come here with the scales, like many other times. What time? It must have been three o'clock. There was no moon. I was coming from that path, from Geppetto's house and, having arrived at the embankment, I saw a light. What happened? I remained under the embankment and headed towards the point where the light came from. So, I arrived at this very point and then I climbed up to see who was there, at that very unusual hour, shining a light on the river. I was down here, so I stuck my head out...". The man repeats the scene seriously. He leans over the embankment and continues: "There was a flying saucer. As? It really was there. No, not sitting on the water! The propellers were in motion and the disc was, like a helicopter, one meter from the surface. I'm not joking, I know what I'm saying. I remained at least ten minutes watching him, with great attention. The flying saucer supplied itself with water, because a hose hung from the lower end of the turret and dipped into the river. I had the opportunity to observe many details, I could draw it perfectly and I can tell you without a doubt that certain photographs that appeared in some newspapers, photographs of disks that appeared in the sky of Sarzana for example, do not give any idea of what it is about. You will understand: I saw him, at my convenience, at a distance of fifteen metres. Look, judge the distance for yourself: the disc was there!... ". A record, then. Again the narrator speaks: "How big was he, how was he made? Here you are. It had a diameter that I judged to be twenty-five meters. A record, really round, without bells and whistles. Its thickness was two meters. Painted in black. All around, on the thickness, there were oval openings, like mouths. I would say that from those the disc sucked air which was probably used to drive the engine. In the center there was a turret. It protruded three meters below the disc and half a meter above. It was transparent, as if made of glass or plastic. This turret must have had a diameter of five meters, it was as big, in short, as a room. Inside you could see four thin cylinders connected with a large cylinder in the middle. A bluish flame, with glimmers of orange, similar to a blowtorch, passed from one cylinder to another, alternately rising and falling. The glow came

from the transparent turret and was therefore reflected on the lower surface of the disk, making it luminous. That flying saucer had five propellers underneath: propellers that came out halfway from the black circle, arranged round and round, equidistant from each other. In the upper part, however, higher than the top of the turret, there were three propellers: one, the lowest, as large as the entire circumference of the disk, the other two, in scale, increasingly smaller...". Minute, very detailed description, no doubt about it, but the best is yet to come. Let's hear: Danger escaped. "I was here watching and I was no longer able to move. The disc was also motionless, suspended between air and water. The engine made no noise. Just a subdued buzz, like a rustle of silk. And you had to listen to it. Suddenly, however, something new happened. A porthole opened at the top of the turret which is not transparent. And from that porthole a man appeared, in full light. Yes, a man. How was it made? He had a diving suit. He spent a few moments peering around then suddenly made a move as if to point at me. He stuck out an arm. He had seen me. Maybe I had raised my head too high on the bank. I threw myself down the embankment and, almost at the same time, I saw a green ray pierce the night, above the embankment, in my direction. I felt a shock throughout my body and, looking up, I saw the flying saucer disappearing. Yes, it disappeared with the speed of lightning. It was like following the path of a tracer bullet. In a fraction of a second it disappeared high up, towards Viareggio!" . Therefore, not the slightest trace remained of the presence of the flying saucer. If only the water supply pipe had remained! Nope... The man must have fled away with almost the same speed as the disc, such was his fear. He says he entered the house with his heart in his throat. He says he didn't even say a word to his wife. And he would never have opened his mouth, he added, if another sensational event hadn't happened to him about ten days ago. It went like this: Chapter two "In broad daylight, at four in the afternoon, I come to fish in this same place and I find another fisherman there. He had a short cane, wore a blue overall, was very thin, tall, with a tapered nose and gray eyes. He immediately looks me up and down, then comes and sits next to me as I scale the scales. Start chatting. "How did he speak? In Italian, but with a foreign accent. American accent? No. We Lucca people recognize it well. I would not know. I thought he was a Nordic. So, he sits down and talks about fish. Then, out of the blue, he asks me if I have ever seen airplanes or things that fly on the river. I hasten to say no. Then he goes quiet, stares at me with gray eyes, offers me a cigarette. I take it mechanically. It is a long, thin cigarette, with the brand in gold. It lights it up for me. I take two puffs and immediately feel like I'm dying. My head is spinning, my vision is blurring. And, mind you, I'm an avid smoker !... I immediately put out the cigarette, I pretend to put it in my pocket, but the man in the suit grabs me by the wrist, snatches the cigarette from my hand, breaks it into pieces, throws it into the river...". Terrible. And then? And then the stranger ran away and our man, as soon as he recovered, went home stunned. He wanted to vent. He couldn't take it anymore. He told the story to his wife who at first looked at him astonished and then sent him to tell it to the chaplain of the church of San Pietro a Vico, Don Giuseppe. The man was convinced he felt in danger, he connected the two, he saw the stranger as an attacker. Why did he want to hurt him? Eh, because that foreigner had to be "a friend of the flying saucer". He therefore escaped the discharge of the "death ray", he escaped the poisoning of the "witness-suppressing cigarette".

	The man who told these things lives in San Pietro a Vico and, with his wife, his son, his daughter-in-law and a grandson. He is fifty-three years old, having been born in Saltocchio, near Ponte a Moriano, in 1899. He lacks his left arm, which was removed in a railway investment in 1926, and works with agricultural machinery in the Lucca countryside. His first name is Carlo, we don't say his surname because we had to promise him not to publish it. We asked about him on the spot. Everyone, even Don Giuseppe, spoke to us of him as a person considered normal. The story cannot be explained. “ A serious person – added Don Giuseppe – perhaps a little cheerful, with a hint of jokingness”. Pranksterry." Pegolotti's article was accompanied by a striking and accurate drawing, the author of which is not cited, but who was presumably a collaborator of the Florentine newspaper. It shows a disc of reduced thickness, smooth, with four elongated "portholes" placed along the edge. Three small tripal helices protrude from the lower part, placed parallel to the water, and, in the center of the disk itself, always below, a sort of large and long cylinder marked by some stripes. At the bottom, under the cylinder, what presumably had to be the "tube" immersed vertically in the waters of the Serchio. As for the upper part of the disk, in the centre, corresponding to the lower "cylinder", its "extension" was visible, i.e. a cabin with a hatch, presumably with a transparent window, wide open to the left and, inside, the face and shoulders of a man who appears to be wearing a pilot's helmet on his head. Finally, above this "cabin", there is an even more peculiar element: a long vertical beam along which three two-bladed propellers of progressively smaller dimensions are placed.
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006	02/08/1952	Ancona	B	Probable meteorite	"Space Review" n. 1 pp. 1-2; "ItaCat" case no. 5206.
Description of sighting	A flaming object, as bright as the sun, was seen sinking into the sea off the Adriatic coast. There are no Italian sources on this case and it is rather strange that a foreign magazine as famous as Space Review even covered it.				

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180	08/09/1952	Barcellona Pozzo di Gotto (ME)	D	Insufficient information	Torre Pietro "Mysterious phenomena in the sky of the province of Messina" second part, Oreste Ragusi Editore, pag. 15; "The

					News of Messina and Calabria” of 12/08/1952; Stilo Giuseppe “Ultimatum to the earth” ed. Upiar, p. 186.
Description of sighting	During a Saturday in August, on a beach crowded with people, some swimmers observed a strange body coming from Milazzo and heading south-west, towards the beach, crossing the waters about 500 meters away from the coast. The object had a fusiform self-propelled body, lead gray in colour, prominently emerging on the sea surface and followed by an imperceptible trail. Some people estimated that the object was traveling at a speed of about 140 km/h.				

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007	09/09/1952	Brenno (VA) – Lake Lugano	B	Insufficient information	"La Provincia" Como edition of 11/09/1952; "La Prealpina" of 10/09/1952; "Il Messaggero" of 11/09/1952; "Il Tirreno" of 11/09/1952; "Il Secolo XIX" of 11/09/1952; "Corriere del Ticino" of 10/21/1954; Vesco Renato "Critical look at flying saucers" in Rivista Aeronautica n. 126 of June 1953; Vesco Renato "Operazione Plenilunio" ed. Mursia; "ItaCat" case no. 5207; CrashCat case no. 008; Stilo Giuseppe "Ultimatum to the earth" ed. Upiar, pp. 272-275.
Description	Numerous people, who were in different locations, had the opportunity to observe				

of sighting	a phosphorescent object, which rotated on itself . Some have also described it as a glowing metallic ball , like a silver sphere, or like a bicycle wheel. The object, having lost its propulsion force and its phosphorescence, after having lowered from 800-1,000 meters to 500 meters, shattered into many pieces, with the exception of the central body which sank into the waters of Lake Lugano, between Selvapiana and Morcote. A fisherman who was on a boat reported hearing a dull thud, like a noise coming from above.
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161	???/??/1953	South of Sicily	C	Insufficient information	Edwards Frank "The truth about flying saucers" ed. Longanesi, p. 225.
Description of sighting	Indeed, one of the most famous ufologists in the entire history of world ufology tells, in his famous and rare volume, of an enormous, disc-shaped object that emerged from the sea a few miles from the Italian coast. Witness to the sighting would have been a ship operating a coastal service, loaded with passengers.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
125	05/01/1953	Marina di Pisa (PI)	B	Insufficient information	"Giornale dell'Emilia" of 01/06/1953; CrashCat case no. 178; "UFO" CISU magazine n. 27 of August 2003, page. 48.
Description of sighting	A fisherman observed an object which, after having flown over the coast for a long time, sank about three thousand meters from the coast, creating a large column of water. The curious fact is that the following morning another fisherman, while walking on the shore in search of suitable land for shellfish fishing, found enormous footprints on the sand coming out of the sea. These footprints, large in size and different in shape from those left by a man, headed towards a nearby pine forest and at a certain point became very deep. An American officer stationed at the Logistical Command in Livorno also witnessed the event.				

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332	03/22/1954	between Capo Mulini	B	Insufficient information	"La Nuova Sardegna" of 03/23/1954.

		and Acitrezza (CA)			
Description of sighting	An unknown plane parachuted an object about a mile from the coast, which then disappeared in the waters between Capo Mulini and Acitrezza. A boat from the Guardia di Finanza and a plane from the Augusta Rescue Center went to the site, but the searches yielded no results.				

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175	10/14/1954	Barbamarco (RO)	D	Insufficient information	AAVV. "UFOs in Italy" Corrado Tedeschi Editore, vol. 2, pp. 96-97; "La Gazzetta Padana" of 10/16/1954; "Il Gazzettino" of 10/16/1954; "Epoca" of 10/20/1954; CUN electronic archive April 2002.
Description of sighting	A fisherman, named Giuseppe Pregnolato, while he was busy repairing his nets, saw an ovoid-shaped flying body, followed by a colorful trail. The object, which was flying very slowly and carrying out some evolutions for which, according to the testimony, seemed to be commanded, lowered itself with an oblique trajectory onto the canal, skimming the surface of the water and the reeds, as if it was preparing for a glide and a landing. It subsequently recovered. Strange traces formed by a strip of milky liquid were then found in the same area.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
171	10/16/1954	Strait of Messina	C	Insufficient information	AAVV. "UFOs in Italy" Corrado Tedeschi Editore, vol. 2, page. 128; "Giornale di Sicilia" of 10/17/1954; CUN telematic archive April 2002.
Description of sighting	Several people, from both sides of the Strait of Messina, saw a bright circle in the afternoon at an apparent altitude of about two thousand meters. For about ten minutes, the object rapidly lowered towards the sea and then rose again to a very				

	high altitude. The entire movement was repeated three times, until the light disappeared at high speed in a south-west direction, towards Etna.
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178	10/19/1954	Gorizia	D	Insufficient information	“IL Messaggero” of 10/21/1954; J. Vallee “Passport to Magonia”, page. 234; CUN electronic archive April 2002.
Description of sighting	A short internet entry about a disc that was seen landing on the Soča River. Unfortunately there are no other details or direct investigations, nor journalistic articles. There is a source from the scholar J. Vallee who, in his very famous "Passport to Magonia", mentions a sighting by a Filippo Corridoni of a disk of about 10 meters in diameter which was found, again on 10/19/1954, near the Isonzo river. In this case, probably the same, there is no mention of any contact between the object and the water. Unfortunately, the sources in our possession are conflicting and do not allow us to be certain that this sighting can be included in the UsoCat, but at the same time they cannot exclude it either.				

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008	10/24/1954	Castiglione della Pescaia (GR)	D	Insufficient information	“Il Giornale del Mattino” of 26/10/1954 and 27/10/1954; “Il Tirreno” of 10/26/1954; “Il Messaggero” of 10/26/1954; “Corriere di Tripoli” of 10/26/1954; “Il Giornale del Mattino” of 10/26/1954; The Journal of Mysteries n. 12, page. 9; Albertini collection from the year 1958; AAVV “UFOs in Italy - vol. II –

					The 1954 wave” ed. Germans, p. 180; “Itacat” by Maurizio Verga, case n. 42; “Beyond the sky” n. 16 of 05/15/1958; Progetto Italia 3 by Paolo Fiorino, case n. 029; UFO case study 1954 by Siro Menicucci
Description of sighting	In a swamp, the laborer Ulderigo Cardinali, while he was cleaning the ditches, heard a buzz. As soon as the fog cleared, he saw something, like a strange machine, crouching among the reeds of the swamp. Thinking it was a crashed plane, he got closer, realizing that it was a very shiny plate. Nearby was a small being, of short stature, dressed in unusual clothes and colored between brown and yellow. The being quickly climbed back onto the disc which took off again at dizzying speed. The witness stated that the object could have had a diameter of about two meters, while the being was less than one meter and forty centimeters tall. At the moment of departure the object grazed the top of the reeds.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
009	10/25/1954	Marotta (PS)	B	Insufficient information	"Nazione Sera" of 10/25/1954; "Alto Adige" of 10/30/1954; "Voce Adriatica" of 10/26/1954; "Giornale del Mattino" of 10/26/1954; "Gazzetta Padana" 10/26/1954; "Il Gazzettino" of 10/26/1954; AAVV "Ufos in Italy", vol. 2, ed. Germans, p. 185; CrashCat case no. 011.
Description of sighting	Some people, including Mr. Domenico Portavia, observed an object heading towards the south-west; the cigar-shaped, red object was very fast and flew about a mile from the coast. Suddenly it fell into the sea, raising a high and foamy wave. The sea at that point was only twelve meters deep, but the search operations				

	carried out with some fishing boats gave no results.
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010	12/11/1954	Arquà Polesine (RO)	B	Insufficient information	"Gazzettino Sera" of 11/13-14/54; "Il Tempo" of 11/14/1954; AAVV "Ufos in Italy", vol.2, ed. Germans, p. 354; "ItaCat" case no. 5432; CrashCat case no. 014.
Description of sighting	A twenty-three year old fisherman, Mr. Dante Stoppa, while he was fishing, saw an object, in the shape of a large almost transparent meatball and about three meters wide, descending at high speed. Having skimmed the surface of the water, the object reared up, then sank, raising a column of water and making a noise compared to that of a hot iron placed on a damp cloth. From the water, which remained boiling for a few minutes, a dense cloud of steam was released. Some farmers who were about a kilometer from the impact site confirmed having seen the vapor cloud.				

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011	11/19/1954	Taormina (ME)	B	ISO - weather balloon	"Corriere di Sicilia" of 11/12/1954; "Giornale di Sicilia" of 11/21/1954; "Il Messaggero" of 11/21/1954; "Giornale del Mattino" of 21/11/1954; "Voce Adriatica" of 11/21/1954; "Il Nuovo Corriere" of 11/21/1954"; "Gazzetta del Veneto" of 11/20/1954"; "Island Newspaper" of 11/20/1954; "La Tribuna del Mezzogiorno" of 11/21/54; "New

					York Herald Tribune” of 12/10/1954; AAVV "Ufos in Italy", vol. 2, ed. Germans, p. 370;Blanco Antonio “The photo of Taormina: unexpected developments” in “UFO Forum” n. 12 of March 1999; Torre Pietro “Mysterious phenomena in the sky of the province of Messina” Oreste Ragusi Editore, Part One pag. 18-19, second part page. 20-21; D. Menzel, "The world of flying saucers", 1963 (p.205); Flying Saucers - UFO Reports", n.1, 1967 (page 51); "FlyinSaucers", special issue of Look magazine, 1967; Search, n.134, spring 1978; M. Sachs, "The UFOEncyclopedia", 1980 (page 318); Astronomy, September 1997; TheUFO Register,vol.6,nov. 1975 (photographic case catalogue); article by Ole Henningsen published in "UFO-NYT" 1975; letter from O. Henningsen dated 17/1/00 to Edoardo Russo; "UFO Photographsaround the world", edited by Stevense
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					Roberts, 1985; Life Science March 2000: "UFONotiziario" n.11 April 2000.
Description of sighting	Several people were able to observe for a few minutes two objects evolving in the sky, almost touching the surface of the sea. A newspaper described them as platforms surmounted by a central turret. On the sea these two objects sent reflections of whitish light and for a few minutes they traveled a few kilometers on the surface of the water in perfect synchronism. After a while, they did a wheelie almost touching the balconies of some hotels in Taormina. Subsequently, one of the two objects reared up again and disappeared behind the mountains, while the second object fell into the sea, sinking about three hundred meters from the beach. The phenomenon was observed by many tourists including a journalist from the New York Herald Tribune who took some photos, which were then published by the American newspaper. Two Carabinieri, with their boat, then headed to the site of the impact and recovered a large, floppy nylon casing weighing approximately 100 kilograms. This last circumstance, as well as that of the photo, were denied by a careful retrospective investigation by CISU members Antonio Blanco, Salvatore Foresta and Antonio Rampulla, according to which the casing was recovered not by the Carabinieri, but rather by the fishermen Cosimo and Antonio Carnabuci, witnesses of the facts, who delivered the object to the local Guardia di Finanza station. The investigators then ascertained that the author of the famous image, which went around the world through the press, was not - as believed until then by some - an American journalist from the "New York Herald Tribune", but the photographer Giuseppe Grasso and that the photo - taken from the seafront of Giardini-Naxos and not from the Belvedere balcony of Taormina, as everyone had always believed - was artfully retouched to give greater prominence to the "records". Not only that: in-depth research carried out in the newspaper libraries local authorities, also allowed the discovery, in the local press of the time, of in-depth journalistic reports on the case, containing other images of the event, including a second photo of the "discs" which was practically unknown and another depicting the floppy casing of one of the recovered weather balloons, despite those who, for almost 35 years, have continued to pass off their image as that of real flying saucers. This case demonstrates how an accurate retrospective investigation, based on a scientific investigation methodology, can identify and clarify many aspects of a case considered by the press and by a certain ufology to be "mysterious".				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
012	11/27/1954	Replaced (CT)	B	ISO - weather balloon	"Sicily" news from Catania from 28/11/1954; CrashCat case no. 015.

Description of sighting	In the sky of Riposto a white object was observed which, as it grew, slowly approached the ground. The object then headed south-east, lowering towards the sea. Four fishermen, moved by curiosity, headed by boat towards the impact site and managed to recover a sounding balloon.
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013	07/12/1954	Genoa-Pegli	B	Insufficient information	"La Nazione Italiana" of 08/12/1954; "Gazzetta del Popolo" of 08/12/1954; "Corriere della Sera" of 08/12/1954; "Corriere di Sicilia" of 08/12/1954; "L'Avvenire" of 08/12/1954; SUF card no. 5534; CrashCat case no. 019.
Description of sighting	In the morning, a witness saw a dark-coloured object of an unspecified shape fall into the sea with a high flame. Numerous vessels, including two tugboats from the Port Authority of Genoa and the motor vessel Augustus attempted a search operation. However, given the bad sea conditions, nothing was found.				

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014	08/23/1955	Stromboli (ME)	B	ISO meteor	"Il Mattino" of 08/24/1955; "Gazzetta del Sud" of 24 and 25/08/1955; "Tribuna del Mezzogiorno" of 08/24/1955; "Giornale di Sicilia" of 08/24/1955; "Giornale del Mattino" of 00/24/1955; Torre Pietro "Mysterious phenomena in the

					sky of the province of Messina” Oreste Ragusi Editore, second part, page. 22-23; CrashCat case no. 089; SUF card no. 5628.
Description of sighting	Many people saw a large fireball fall into the sea at 7.22pm, at a distance from the coast estimated at between 10 and 20 km. Some boats felt a jolt. The object left a noticeable trail behind it and flew at very high speed. After about 50 seconds and according to other versions after four minutes of observation, a loud bang was also heard.				

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192	11/17/1955	Off the coast of Gorgona (LI)	B	Insufficient information	“Merchant courier” of 11/18/1955.
Description of sighting	Numerous separate reports reported to the Port Authority of La Spezia that a plane had fallen into the sea 15 miles off the coast of La Gorgona island. The crew of the Panamanian tanker Driade observed a plane crash with a large flame that had gone out at sea; at the same time some fishermen on the Viareggio coast had noticed the same blaze, alerting the police. The search operations involved tugboats, planes that took off from both La Spezia and Vigna di Valle airport, as well as the two minesweepers Magnolia and Verbena, but naturally the rescue attempt was unsuccessful.				

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015	01/27/1956	Trani (BA)	B	Probable weather balloons	"Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno" dated 29/01/1956 ; CrashCat case no. 020.
Description of sighting	Numerous bodies (up to twelve) were observed in the sky above Bari. One was even chased, in an interception attempt, by a military plane taking off from Amendola airport. According to unofficial and unconfirmed reports, two of these bodies fell into the sea at 4.40 pm and about 1,500 meters from the coast. An attempt to recover them by a fishing boat was unsuccessful. The press office of the IV ZAT (Territorial Air Zone) launched the very credible hypothesis that it had been sounding balloons. In fact, in those days, American technicians began extensive meteorological experiments to study air currents. It is therefore probable that some of these balloons were deflected by the bad weather conditions of those days.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
157	June 1958	Casal Borsetti (RA)	C	Insufficient information	"Il Carlino" of 11/13/1986; "The Dark Threshold" of 04/29/2016.
Description of sighting	Mr. Giovanni Mantovani, when he was an anti- aircraft soldier, at 1.30 pm, saw the sea boil about a thousand meters from the coast and suddenly appear a black object, full of tubes, without windows or sails, clouded by a whitish vapor . The seabed was only 20 meters deep and that area was closed to navigation. The witness then climbed into the anti-aircraft targeting binoculars and noticed that the object was suspended over the water and disappeared. As it passed, however, the object caused, beneath it, a formation of small pointed waves, as if a magnet was attracting sea water upwards.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
191	01/29/1959	Viareggio (LU)	B	Insufficient information	"Il Secolo XIX" of 01/30/1959.
Description of sighting	A report of a military plane that had crashed into the sea led to a minesweeper and some private motorboats patrolling the entire stretch of sea in front of Viareggio. Subsequently, in the afternoon, the search operations were suspended and the San Giusto airport command declared that it had only been a false alarm.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
016	02/05/1960	Capo Passero (SR)	B	Insufficient information	"Giornale d'Italia" of 02/09/1960; "Rome" of 02/06/1960; "CISAER Newsletter" January-May 1960; "ItaCat" case no. 6002; "Rome" of 6/2/1960; "The Tower of Babel" unspecified date of 1963; "Corriere della Sera" of 02/06/1960; CrashCat case no. 023; "Corriere di Sicilia" of 02/06/1960.

Description of sighting	In the early afternoon, an object wrapped in a cloud of smoke crossed the sky at very high speed, then sank into the sea. The body, which at times appeared to be incandescent, skimmed the surface of the water for about half a mile, in a south-west direction, before disappearing. The point of impact with the sea was about two hundred meters from the coast.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
017	10/02/1960	Olbia (SS)	B	Insufficient information	"The Tower of Babel" unspecified date of 1964; "La Stampa" of 02/11/1960.
Description of sighting	A four-engine plane was seen falling into the sea, at 09:55, about eight miles off the coast of Asinara. The two minesweepers, Castagno and Quercia, and the torpedo Libbra, sent for the rescue operations, found nothing.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
270	03/29/1960	Off the island of Elba (LI)	B	Probable perceptual error	"Il Tirreno" of 03/30/1960".
Description of sighting	Some fishing boats from the Viareggio compartment reported via radio that they had seen a plane crash off the coast of Marina del Campo, but that they could not specify the type of aircraft or its nationality. The dramatic radiogram, which reached the radio station, had no confirmation. No alarm was received by the maritime authorities of Livorno regarding a missing plane.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
133	11/17/1960	Off the coast of Nicotera (CZ)	B	Possible meteorite	"Gazzetta del Sud" of 11/18/1960 and "La Tribuna del Mezzogiorno" of 11/18/1960; "Corriere della Sera" of 11/18/1960; CrashCat case no. 190; APRO Bulletin years 1955-1963.
Description of sighting	The manager and the station master of Nicotera heard a prolonged and high-pitched hiss and at the same time noticed a trail of smoke in the sky heading				

	at high speed towards the sea, about five miles from the coast. Upon contact with the water, a high column of foam rose up. The two witnesses (there were however many others) immediately notified the authorities and the rescue operations continued until dusk, after which they were suspended as nothing had been found and there were no reports of missing planes. The main hypothesis was therefore that of the meteorite.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
190	??/04/1961	Monte Silvano (PE)	C	Probably fake	"Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno" of 11/14/1978.
Description of sighting	This is probably the most bizarre sighting in the entire catalogue. A few lines of newspaper tell how the aeronautical journalist Bruno Ghibaudi observed a group of UFOs coming from the sky which were intercepted and attacked by other UFOs that had emerged from the sea waters. Most likely it was a fake, told to enrich some aeronautical history of the time.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
018	12/04/1961	Pescara	B	Possible meteorite	Investigation by E. Morricone of 07/18/1979; AAVV "Ufos in Italy", vol.3, ed. Upiar, page 67; CUN electronic archive April 2002.
Description of sighting	The crew of the trawler "Santa Ameria" observed a luminous red body, which moved with a trajectory from south-southeast to north-northwest. The object was then seen descending, creating purple-orange rings around it that looked like small rainbows. This sphere, as it lowered, became larger and larger and, finally, suddenly disappeared when it touched the surface of the sea. A few minutes later a second object, this time lenticular in shape, seemed to follow the same trajectory as the previous one. During its descent it swayed and left a trail of flame red behind it.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
019	03/06/1961	Savona	C	Insufficient information	"Incom Week" of 01/06/1963; R. Pinotti "Ufo: man's mission" ed. Armenia, pp. 137-138;

					"ItaCat" cason. 6101; R. Pinotti "Ufo: Italian chessboard" ed. Oscar Mondadori, page. 102; AAVV "Ufos in Italy", vol. 3, ed. Upiar, p. 72; R. Pinotti "Unidentified Flying Objects" ed. Oscar Mondadori, pp. 97-98; R. Pinotti "Unidentified Submerged Objects" ed. Olympia, p. 69.
Description of sighting	Four people who were taking a boat trip on a small motorboat, at 06:35 in the morning, while they were stopped offshore with the engine off, suddenly saw that the wave motion was increasing. Fearing that it was an oil tanker, they got up and noticed about a kilometer away from them the sea swelling like a large bubble, while long waves spread out in a circle. After a few seconds the four witnesses saw that an object was emerging from the center of the bubble with the lower part resembling an overturned plate and the upper part ending in a cone. When emerging from the water the object seemed to repel the water itself as if there was a cushion of air. Immediately after emerging completely, the object stopped for a few seconds in the air at about 10 meters above sea level and, after some swaying, a halo formed around the base and moved away quickly and with an oblique trajectory with respect to the sea surface, disappearing to the north-east.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
128	21/11/1961	Capo Colonna (KR)	B	Insufficient information	"Gazzetta del Sud" of 23/11/1961"; "Gazzetta del Popolo" of 22/11/1961; "Il Secolo XIX" of 22/11/1961; CrashCat case no. 193.
Description of sighting	A witness (a craftsman according to one source and a farmer according to another) observed a plane of unknown nationality which, after losing altitude, crashed into the sea. Some aircraft, two Guardia di Finanza patrol boats, other boats and an oil tanker took part in the rescue operations but, as almost always				

	happens in these cases, nothing was found.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
193	??/03/1962	Salsomaggiore Terme (PR)	D	Insufficient information	"Gazzetta di Parma" of 03/28/1962.
Description of sighting	The traffic policeman Delendati, together with a certain Mr. Barilli, during a fishing trip on the banks of the Po', around 5.30 pm, observed a circular object of a yellowish colour, which reached the surface of the water, having a diameter of a few meters. Suddenly the disk rose and headed towards Cremona, disappearing at high speed into the clouds.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
228	11/07/1962	Lake Maggiore	D	Insufficient information	"The Age of Aquarius" n. 13 of November December 1972, page. 35.
Description of sighting	The engineer Boni, in the company of his cousin, was walking along the shore of Lake Maggiore, when he observed a boil in the waters of the lake, which moved parallel to the shore. This bubbling was at a distance of about 100 meters from the witnesses and a splash was distinctly heard. Suddenly the two saw that this boiling and movement of the water was caused by a dark mass, which was defined as a large cetacean. The observation lasted for several minutes, until this trail and the dark mass that was generating it were at such a distance as to be lost from sight.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
020	12/14/1962	Intra (NO)	C	Insufficient information	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 22 pages. 17; "Cielo e Terra", year 3, n.36, April 1972; "The Age of Aquarius" n. 13 of November December 1972, page. 35.
Description of sighting	The captain and two sailors of a ferry, which operated between Intra and Laveno, spotted two disc-shaped objects which, having emerged from the lake, remained stationary in mid-air, about twenty meters from the surface of the water, about a kilometer apart. After four minutes, without any noise, they tilted their axis vertically and, with a flicker, disappeared into the sky.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
021	10/16/1963	San Menaio (FG)	B	Possible satellite fragment	“Stampa Sera” of 17-18/10/1962; "The Tower of Babel" of 02/08/1969; “Freedom” of 10/17/1963; “Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno” of 10/18/1963, page 5; CrashCat case no. 096.
Description of sighting	Some people reported to the authorities the fall of an unspecified object into the sea, which raised a large column of water upon impact. There were different descriptions of the object: some simply defined it as a meteorite, others a rocket and still others reported that it was a large parachute, with something hanging from it; finally others said it was a plane on fire. The usual recovery operations with planes and ships led to nothing.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
022	01/09/1964	Sant'Eufemia Lamezia (CZ)	D	Possible RPV or acoustic buoy	"Rome" of 12/01/1964; "ItaCat" case no. 6402; "Il Messaggero" of 10/01/1964; "Il Secolo XIX" of 10/01/1964; "Il Mattino" of 11/18/1964; "Il Mattino dei Giovani" of 12/12/1984; “Giornale d'Italia” of 12/01/1964; "Clypeus", year 2, n° 1, January 1965; AAVV "Ufos in Italy", vol. 3, ed. Upiar, pp 120-121; A. Perego "The extraterrestrials

					are back" ed. CISAER, pp. 43-44; R. Pinotti "Ufo: Italian chessboard" ed. Oscar Mondadori, pp. 100; R. Pinotti "Unidentified Flying Objects" ed. Oscar Mondadori, page. 96; CUN electronic archive April 2002; Pinotti "Unidentified submerged objects" ed. Olympia, pp. 51-52.
Description of sighting	At approximately 10.30 pm, from the veranda of a restaurant, the waiters and some customers saw in the sea, not far from the shore, numerous intense phosphorescent lights, blue in color and circular in shape, which were performing strange evolutions. Seven witnesses decided at that point to take a boat and head to the point where these lights could be seen, also because it was not possible to identify the phenomenon from the beach. Having boarded the "Santa Maria" boat, they approached the lights, but they moved away and sank shortly after. Only one of these remained afloat on the surface of the sea, interrupting its evolution. It appeared to be a metallic body shaped like a dolphin, with three antennas about a meter high protruding from the front, similar to a dolphin head. At that point one of the witnesses, Mr. Ettore Java, hit the object with an oar and all the occupants of the boat were hit by an electric shock. Immediately afterwards the object disappeared, plunging into the sea. After the septa, recovered from the shock, moved away, they were able to see that the lights had reappeared on the surface of the sea and that they were moving away towards the horizon, leaving behind a streak of flaming light. The hypotheses of the time suggested by the newspapers were that it was some military device used in naval exercises. Without a doubt it is one of the most interesting cases of the entire Italian USO panorama, since in addition to the observation of a luminous phenomenon, there was also a close contact between the witnesses and the object and an interaction between the latter and the seven unfortunate. Some sources indicate that the sighting occurred on 01/08/1964.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
278	05/01/1964	Siena: Arbia Island	D	Insufficient information	"Giornale del Mattino"

					Florence edition, 05/03/1964
Description of sighting	A fisherman, who was on the bank of a small river in Isola d'Arbia, saw a cylindrical object that lowered in altitude, skimmed the water of the river and then rose at high speed into the sky, to disappear behind the clouds.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
218	10/07/1964	Bergeggi (SV)	D	Insufficient information	Witness letter to SUF; SUF card no. 130/1.
Description of sighting	The witness, Robatto, in the company of his wife and son, who were on the beach, saw a spherical object that glided over the sea giving the sensation of touching it. The sphere had a dark part and a silvery, very bright part. After gliding, the object regained altitude and moved away at high speed.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
023	??/06/1965	Sant'Eufemia Lamezia (CZ)	D	Insufficient information	"Il Giornale d'Italia" of 10-11/06/1965; AAVV "Ufos in Italy", vol. 3, ed. Upiar, p. 121.
Description of sighting	Two witnesses told the press that they had observed some objects intermittently emitting bluish flashes on the surface of the water. Unlike what was hypothesized in previous editions of UsoCat, it is excluded that this is case no. 022. In fact, the newspaper article cited in the sources, before talking about this specific episode, mentions similar phenomena that occurred about a couple of years earlier. The book source "Ufo in Italy" also reports the names of the two witnesses, also cited by the press and which do not coincide with those of case no. 022.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
024	Summer 1965	Catholic (RN)	C	Insufficient information	R. Pinotti "Ufo: man's mission" ed. Armenia, p. 137; R. Pinotti "Ufo: Italian chessboard" ed. Oscar Mondadori, page. 101; "ItaCat" case no. 6501; R. Pinotti

					“Unidentified Flying Objects” ed. Oscar Mondadori, page. 97; R. Pinotti “Unidentified Submerged Objects” ed. Olympia, pp. 68-69.
Description of sighting	A well-known radiologist from a private clinic, while on his dinghy at 08:30 in the morning, observed first one, then two and in sequence five luminous discoidal objects emerging from the sea. The objects flew away, in rapid succession, with an inclined course of about 45° above the horizon, without there being any noise. It all happened about two kilometers away from the witness.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
197	03/07/1965	Off the coast of La Spezia	B	Insufficient information	“Il Secolo XIX” of 07/04/1965; “Corriere della Sera” of 07/04/1965.
Description of sighting	Numerous vehicles would have long searched for a tourist plane which would have crashed into the sea about a mile from the coast. A Milanese witness on holiday was the first to raise the alarm, claiming to have seen the plane fall. The tug Chitone, the patrol boat CP 226 and the minesweeper Mandorlo as well as two helicopters headed to the area. The naval and air searches, which lasted for a long time, did not, however, yield any positive results. Only the pilot of a helicopter declared having noticed an oil slick on the sea, but he also added that it could have been fuel unloaded from some merchant ship.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
025	12/12/1965	Capri (NA)	B	Probable parachute weather	“Corriere d'information” of 12/13-14/1965; “Corriere della Sera” of 12/14/1965; “Carlino Sera” of 12/13/1965; “Rome” of 12/13/1965; “Il Mattino” of 12/13/1965; “Il Messaggero” of 12/13/1965; CrashCat case no.

					075; book "Soucoupes Volantes et civilisations d'outre-espace" by Guy Tarade, page 230.
Description of sighting	Some people claimed to have seen an object shaped like a parachute fall into the sea. A photographer, Willy Colombini, managed to take some photos. Unfortunately, these were not published, but a newspaper faithfully reports the description of what remained imprinted on them: an object was clearly visible above a huge swimmer. They were three black dots on a single vertical. The most central one was larger and with a hemispherical shape; the two smaller ones seemed to be tied by a thread. Numerous boats, including the motor ship Mergellina, carried out a search at sea, which however did not yield any positive results. From the detailed description of the photographs, which were developed in the presence of the Carabinieri and a marshal of the Italian Air Force, it is probable that the object seen falling was a parachute, perhaps one of those used for some meteorological experiments. Update: the photos taken by Colombini were later found and delivered by his nephew Armando Bellelli, who published them on Facebook; in these you can see three spherical objects, one below the other, which seem to descend towards the sea, supporting the hypothesis of a series of meteorological balloons. This is the report of the investigation carried out by CISU ufologist Salvatore Foresta: "Willy Colombini, witness and author of the photos of an object seen falling into the waters off the island of Capri (NA) on the afternoon of 12 December 1965. Reconstructing everything, Willy Colombini, Roman actor and screenwriter, was on the island of Capri, in particular on the terrace of the "Quisisana" hotel, to photograph the actress Mary La Tour, when, following the indication of her assistant, she noticed an object emerging from a cloud which, after having remained suspended in the air for two minutes, fell into the sea off the coast of the island. Colombini photographed the entire sequence and immediately afterwards notified the Port Authority which sent a ship (probably a patrol boat) and a seaplane to the area. The searches, however, would prove fruitless. Immediately afterwards Colombini took the roll of film to a development and printing shop, but the material was seized from him by some Air Force and Navy officers with the excuse of national security. The witness was only able to keep three tests for himself. The military also asked the witness not to tell anyone anything. The Port Authority would then communicate the news of the sighting to the press and in the following days some articles were published, without photos, in which it was said that the object could be a parachute or a weather balloon. Some of the newspapers also spoke of smuggling, given that some witnesses had declared having seen what appeared to be signal rockets. According to Colombini, the photographed object could not have been a parachute or a sounding balloon, as it seemed to him that it was proceeding as if "guided" and certainly not transported by winds or anything like that. Even falling into the sea seemed intentional to him. It seems strange to me that the military first advised Colombini not to talk about the matter with anyone, and then communicated what had happened to the press by				

	mentioning the name and surname of the witness, with the risk that he could be contacted by any curious people or UFO associations. already existing at the time”.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
280	06/18/1966	Taranto	D	Insufficient information	“ St. Louis Post-Dispatch” dated 6/20/1966.
Description of sighting	Three fishermen, Nicola Millarte and the brothers ConteCosimo and Pasquale, who were fishing off the coast of Taranto, saw a disc-shaped object, similar to a flaming plate, which was floating near their boat. Twice the object zoomed above the waves. The object chased the fishermen's boat, who, terrified, fled towards the beach. Once they landed, the three fishermen saw that for a third time the object rose on the waves and became larger . Soon after, it flashed out of the sea and disappeared, leaving a trail of bubbling foam behind it.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
026	06/28/1966	Argentario (GR)	B	Insufficient information	"La Stampa" of 07/07/1966; "Il Resto del Carlino" of 06/29/1966; "Il Secolo XIX" of 06/29/1966; "Il Gazzettino" of 06/29/1966; "Il Mattino" of 06/29/1966; R. Pinotti "Ufo: man's mission" ed. Armenia, p. 134; CrashCat case no. 026.
Description of sighting	During a collective sighting throughout Liguria of numerous very fast bodies that had an apparent diameter of 25-30 metres, the motor fishing vessel "Ochetta", at 05.20 hours, observed, about 30 miles south of Monte Argentario, three bodies bright, surrounded by a white halo. Shortly afterwards, the fishermen noticed that some incandescent fragments broke off from them and sank into the open sea.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
335	07/15/1966	Portovenere (SP)	TO	Probably fish	“Il Giornale d'Italia” of 07/16/1966.
Description	Numerous swimmers first observed and then were "struck" by millions of very				

of sighting	thin white needles that were underwater and suddenly jumped out. People were screaming in fear and pain, as their costumes were covered in these thin, stinging white needles. Some divers claimed that these needles formed a single moving white cloud underwater. The event happened between Tino and the island of Palmaria. It was probably a flock of garfish.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
027	09/14/1966	Santa Margherita Ligure (GE)	D	Insufficient information	"Il Secolo XIX" of 09/15/1966; A. Perego "The extraterrestrials are back" ed. C ISAER, p. 99; "ItaCat" case no. 6604; SUF card no. 143/4/2.
Description of sighting	Seven people, including Eng. Alessandro Alexandri and his two daughters, while they were on board a yacht, saw a large ball of green light on the horizon, on the surface of the water. As they got closer, they noticed that it was an ovoid object, with three lights (green, yellow and pink), completely silent. The object then rose, moving in short lateral jerks, then stopped in the sky and finally disappeared from view at 06:55.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
182	10/25/1966	Ponza (LT)	B	Insufficient information	"Il Resto del Carlino" of 10/26/1966; Il Secolo XIX" of 26/10/1966.
Description of sighting	Two fishermen, who were on a motorbike on the mainland, observed a small plane swoop down from behind Mount Core towards the sea. Having reached the center of a stretch of sea, they observed a column of smoke and high sprays of water. Searches carried out by helicopters, planes and boats gave no results. The official explanation was that it was a bomb used by poachers and that the two witnesses had first observed a plane flying low and then the spray caused by the bomb.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
153					
Description of sighting	Case eliminated because it was a ghost submarine sighting, already cataloged in Appendix A.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
245	???/??/1967	Capo Scaletta Zanclea (ME)	C	Possible reflection	Investigation by Pietro Torre.
Description of sighting	The witness, Pietro P., about 10 years old at the time, looking towards the Calabrian coast with his parents, felt for an instant a dazzling light without a defined shape, like a flash, and had the sensation of seeing "something" that escaped from the waters of the Strait. The witness does not remember if his family also saw the phenomenon. The date on which the sighting occurred was generically indicated by the witness as "one of the years at the end of the sixties, perhaps 1967". He recalls that in that period there was a submarine in the port of Messina, hence the hypothesis of an "exercise missile launch", even if this may seem strange given the proximity of densely populated centres. The witness does not exclude that, as the Sun was close to setting, it may have been a reflection of sunlight on a distant specular surface, perhaps a window in the Reggio Calabria area, opposite the observation point.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
254	01/29/1968	Strait of Messina	D	Insufficient information	Unspecified newspaper from January 1968.
Description of sighting	From various locations, around 5.45pm, a large blaze was noticed at the southern mouth of the Strait of Messina. The glow lasted about a minute and a half and was also observed from Reggio Calabria airport. Control and rescue operations began immediately, but there appeared to be no missing planes or ships in the area.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
196	02/02/1968	Off the coast of Marsala (TP)	D	Insufficient information	"La Stampa" of 02/03/1968.
Description of sighting	Four fishermen reported having seen, during a fishing trip, a large blinding blaze about 500 meters from where they were. They then added that a few minutes before the blaze they saw a plane flying above them. After notifying the authorities, they returned to port, fearing that the phenomenon was linked to a recent earthquake.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
028	03/22/1969	Port of Ascoli	B	Insufficient	ANSA dispatch

		(AP)		information	n. 165/1 of 22/3/1969; CrashCat case no. 076.
Description of sighting	A witness declared that he had observed, at about three thousand meters above sea level, a plane crash, break up and then catch fire; after which the object was seen quickly entering the sea, a few kilometers away from the coast. The same scene was also described by two women , a traffic policeman and three other observers, who declared they had seen first a long white line in the sky and then a large glow. However, the search operations, also carried out with a Guardia di Finanza helicopter, did not yield any results.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
029	???/??/1970	Sigonella (CT)	C	Insufficient information	R. Pinotti "Ufo: Italian chessboard" ed. Oscar Mondadori, page. 101; R. Pinotti "Unidentified Flying Objects" ed. Oscar Mondadori, page. 97; Pinotti "Unidentified submerged objects" ed. Olympia, p. 68.
Description of sighting	A pilot officer of the Italian Air Force, during an interview, reported that he had had the opportunity to read a report relating to the emergence from the sea and the subsequent flight of some objects, in front of the NATO base in Sigonella. Unfortunately there is no other data and even the year of the sighting is uncertain, given that the officer only declared that he had read the report a few years before.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
236	???/??/1970	Punta Ala (GR)	D	Insufficient information	R. Pinotti "Unidentified submerged objects" ed. Olympia, pp. 10-12.
Description of sighting	We don't have much news about this case and it's all second and third hand. The event dates back to the 1970s when the owner of a villa overlooking the sea, after a dinner with friends, was chatting with them in the garden. Suddenly all the guests saw in the distance on the sea a series of lights arranged in a row, which				

	were initially mistaken for a large yacht. After a few minutes the lights became much larger and increased in intensity, as if the object was moving towards them in the sea, that is, towards land. Suddenly the object, growing larger and larger, rose from the surface of the sea and headed inland. The witnesses seemed to observe a large dark mass with an oblong and compact shape, similar to a railway carriage which, during its passage, obscured the stars. Finally the object disappeared behind a mountain behind the witnesses and on the opposite side of the sea. The next morning, the owner of the house was able to observe, in the same point where she had seen the lights the previous night, a Navy ship at anchor and a group of sailors patrolling the coast.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
272	03/06/1970	Savona	C	Insufficient information	"Skylook" n. 31, June 1970, p. 10.
Description of sighting	Messrs. Giacomo Barra, Giuseppe Pordoi, Filippo Marin and Silvano Guardinfante were on a boat off the coast of Savona when suddenly the engine stopped working and the boat began to roll due to the waves. Shortly afterwards, at a distance of about one kilometer, the four witnesses observed a large spherical object that emerged from the sea and stopped about 10 meters from its surface. It seemed as if he were surrounded by a cushion of air, as the water slipped off without touching him. Suddenly it disappeared at high speed towards the north-east.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
030	??/07/1970	San Benedetto del Tronto (AP)	C	Possible missile	Investigation by A. Loreto of 01/28/1975; AAVV "Ufos in Italy", vol. 3, ed. Upiar, pp. 172-173.
Description of sighting	A witness, Mario Imperatori, an official from the Prefecture, declared that he had seen a large object, silvery-grey in colour, similar to a priest's hat, which rose from the sea about three thousand meters away from him, and then disappeared quickly towards the west, flying at very low altitude and almost touching the surface of the sea. The observation lasted a few seconds and the object, which took about five seconds to disappear, left behind it a luminous trail, like a flash of magnesium and always remained surrounded by a brilliant white halo.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
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031	04/08/1971	Milazzo (ME)	C	Insufficient information	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 100 pp. 5-6pm.
Description of sighting	A young boy, who was with some companions and with the rector and two teachers of a summer camp, witnessed a rather singular event. The sea, about ten kilometers away from them, seemed to sink; suddenly a ripple formed in the shape of an equilateral triangle with, instead of the three vertices, three sea vortices. These vortices seemed to reverse the direction of rotation and extend in height up to the highest clouds. Only when the three columns of water disappeared was it possible to observe three lights in the clouds. From the central point of this triangle in the sea, a luminous globe suddenly appeared with a sort of transparent cap, as if it were made of glass. Three women in shiny overalls and four men with elongated helmets were noticed inside. The object rose vertically until it was inserted between the three flashing lights from before and the whole formation moved towards the coast. It was at this point that the witnesses were able to better see some interesting details. The flashing lights went out and the object, rotating on itself, emitted rainbow-colored lights. The central body had a diameter of about six meters and in the median area it presented a series of rotating and luminous circular crowns, with twelve small circular windows and emitted a thin whistle similar to a high-pitched and prolonged buzz. Subsequently the object moved inland and precisely towards the Etna volcano. There is also an interesting and detailed drawing made by the main witness. Unfortunately, no accurate investigations have ever been carried out, given that this is undoubtedly one of the most interesting cases in the entire Italian UFO history.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
032	02/07/1972	Loano (SV)	B	Insufficient information	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 22 pages. 17; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 51 page. 17; notes by G. Robatto; "ItaCat" case no. 7203.
Description of sighting	Many people witnessed a strange scene that occurred about two hundred meters from the coast. An object, shaped like a flying saucer, dived into the sea and disappeared after receiving light signals that appeared under the surface of the sea. The sources compare the case to a stranded submarine that was unable to exit a Norwegian fjord and therefore fired several light signals. The object had a diameter greater than 100 meters, topped by a dome and with some spheres on the base. A bartender confidentially declared to the investigator who carried out on-site investigations that according to the Carabinieri it was a weather balloon. This sighting is also associated with the one that occurred two years earlier when two women from the town saw two three-metre-tall divers emerge from the water, wearing black overalls and masks on their faces, who left footprints on the sand				

	of about half a meter before taking off. . One of the two women was hospitalized due to shock and the news spread throughout the town that it had been a prank played by two students.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
217	06/01/1973	Off the coast of Savona	D	Insufficient information	“The Arcana” n. 24 of May 1974; SUF card no. 148.
Description of sighting	Just a very brief note from the Florentine UFO Section (SUF) relating to a fireball at sea, seen by Mr. Luciano Alimenti and numerous other people. This is probably the same case as in n. 035.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
181	Spring 1973	Off the Aeolian Islands (ME)	D	Insufficient information	CUN report; “Ufoctline” aperiodic newsletter by CUN Sicily, Year 3, n. 1 of 11/04/2002; AAVV “Ufos in Italy” the great wave in the period 1973-1976, Corrado Tedeschi Editore, pp. 75-76.
Description of sighting	The crew of a fishing boat, made up of five sailors, who were on a swordfish fishing trip, noticed a low light on the horizon. The boat came close enough to collide with the floating object, which had the shape of a flying saucer, surmounted by a hemispherical dome. It had a maximum diameter estimated at four-five meters, a height from the water level of 1.5 meters and an opaque smoke black colour; the dome was transparent as crystal and inside it lights were clearly visible that emanated from panels similar to command posts. No occupants were sighted. The object floated, rolling and pitching just like any other vessel.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
162	05/18/1973	Maliscola	C	Insufficient	“UFO Newsletter” of

		(NA)		information	February 1979, page. 13; SUF card no. 2650; R. Pinotti “Unidentified Flying Objects” ed. Oscar Mondadori, pp. 103-104; R. Pinotti “Unidentified Submerged Objects” ed. Olympia, pp. 78-79.
Description of sighting	Two witnesses, Carmine Arcucci and Giovangiuseppe Lenci, while they were on the beach to observe the fireworks and a pyrotechnic show, saw, about fifty meters from the coast, at the water's edge, a luminous object in the shape of a plate surmounted by a dome, which seemed to him to have emerged from the sea. The object was hovering no more than three meters above the ground, with a flight axis inclined 30° to the horizon. The two witnesses, scared, got into the car to escape but all the lights didn't work, neither the headlights nor those on the dashboard. They remained motionless and afraid to observe the object, whose dome emitted an intense dazzling white light. The underside appeared to be metallic and glowing. There was also a red light that rotated at the base of the dome, giving the optical effect of a light band. The object emitted an intense rhythmic noise, similar to that produced by a gozzo-type vessel, which was heard throughout the sighting. In about three minutes the object traveled the distance that separated it from the car and when it was on top of it the two witnesses were able to estimate the size at about eight to ten metres. After having remained above the machine for a few seconds, both the noise and the brightness evidently weakened because the object had risen vertically until it disappeared; the weather conditions were excellent and the sky was starry. The following day, due to fright, Mr. Arcucci developed slight albinism in his hair, which was all black.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
216	06/24/1973	Ventotene (LT)	C	Insufficient information	“letter from the witness to the SUF dated 06/24/1973; SUF card no. 268.
Description of sighting	A witness on the ground and a fisherman saw a white light smaller in size than a light from a plane flying over the horizon. After about ten minutes, a light of the same size was seen rising from the sea and heading towards another light that was coming towards it from the zenith. Once the two lights reached each other, they stopped for about an hour at an angular height of 60° above the horizon.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
033	07/24/1973	Mondragone (CE)	B	Insufficient information	Newspaper clipping from 07/25/1973; CrashCat case no. 090.
Description of sighting	A white plane was seen by numerous people, including two Carabinieri, first spiraling into the sky and then falling into the sea. The stretch of sea where the alleged plane crashed is only twenty meters deep, but the terrible weather conditions hindered the search operations which, as always, gave no results. As always happens, no airport reported the disappearance of one of its planes.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
034	10/19/1973	Sea off the coast of Genoa	D	Insufficient information	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 70 pp. 4-7; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 177 pp. 17-18; R. Pinotti "Unidentified Submerged Objects" ed. Olympia, pp. 79-81.
Description of sighting	The Dr. Da Pozzo, who was taking part in the Genoa-Menorca-Genoa regatta, was involved in a storm with high waves and a mistral wind of over 50 knots. Around 6.30 pm, when he was tired from the effort of steering the boat in the rough sea, he saw about a mile away from him that, in a certain point, the waves were breaking in an anomalous way. It was as if an undertow had formed due to the presence of a large obstacle. Thinking of a submarine, he approached and noticed a long object, about one hundred meters long, without any superstructure. As he tried to turn to approach the object, he saw two bright disk-like objects stationary in the sky. Not having the courage to pass under them, the witness veered again, realizing that the floating object had disappeared. He then had the impression of being followed by the two lights so he maneuvered for a few minutes, until, looking up at the sky, he no longer saw anything. After a few minutes the two objects reappeared and actually seemed to follow the boat. One was white, while the other was green and they accompanied the vessel downwind, about a mile away, for about an hour, after which they disappeared as suddenly as they had appeared.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
276	09/12/1973	Marina di Pietrasanta: Tonfano (LU)	B	Possible meteor	AAVV "Ufos in Italy" the great wave in the period 1973-1976, Corrado Tedeschi Editore, pag. 130; SUF document no. 780.
Description of sighting	Mr. AC, at 9.00 pm, saw a bright orange globe in the sky, which seemed to be sometimes round and sometimes flattened in shape. The object, which increased in size as it proceeded, went from a stationary to an oscillatory position, like a pendulum. He disappeared over the horizon, giving the witness the impression that he had dived into the sea.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
200	???/??/1974	Santa Margherita (Sardinia)	D	Insufficient information	Case study 1974 drawn up by Giorgio Metta.
Description of sighting	Just a very short paragraph that talks about a report collected by the Turin group Radio Spazio 4, relating to an object that apparently landed on the surface of the water. Unfortunately there is no further information.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
035	06/01/1974	Bergeggi (SV)	B	Insufficient information	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 51 page. 17; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 72 pages. 18; "ItaCat" case no. 7401; "Il Secolo XIX" dated 01/08/1974 ; "The Arcana" n. 24 of May 1974; CrashCat case no. 033; SUF card no. 1721.
Description of sighting	A pensioner who was on the terrace of the case observed a fireball falling towards the sea and disappearing after impact with the water. Having alerted the authorities, numerous naval vessels patrolled the stretch of sea for about four				

	hours, but found nothing. The object, which was also observed with binoculars, left behind a white trail, shorter than that typical of airplanes and of an irregular shape.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
279	02/18/1974	Olbia (SS)	D	Insufficient information	Unknown newspaper dated 02/20/1974.
Description of sighting	The Greek merchant ship "Omega", of 497 tons of tonnage, sank during the night off the eastern coast of Sardinia. The only survivor was the commander Domenico Barone, aged 26, who declared that the boat, before sinking, hit an unidentified solid object. Seven crew members were reported missing.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
167	03/18/1974	Milazzo (ME)	TO	Insufficient information	Torre Pietro "Mysterious phenomena in the sky of the province of Messina" First part, Oreste Ragusi publisher, pp. 70-71; SUF card no. 719; AAVV "Ufos in Italy – the great wave in the period 1973-1976" Corrado Tedeschi Editore, pp. 147-148.
Description of sighting	At approximately 10.30 pm, three university students, while they were chatting on the top of a small hill from which you can see the sea, observed, no more than a hundred meters from them as the crow flies, two elongated whitish shapes in the shape of cigar, whose dimensions seemed to be ten meters long and four meters wide. Initially they thought that the two shapes were suspended in the air, but looking carefully, they believed that they could be under the surface of the water. The two objects seemed to float, swaying, stretching and shrinking; the contours appeared to be jagged and resembled those of a sponge. The sighting ended when the three boys got tired and left the hill.				

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215	03/27/1974	La Maddalena Island (SS)	D	Insufficient information	“La Nuova Sardegna” of 29/3/1974; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 51, June 1975, p. 17; “The Journal of Mysteries” n. 50, May 1975, p. 15; SUF card no. 1191/B; AAVV “Ufos in Italy – The great wave in the period 1973-1976” Corrado Tedeschi Editore, page. 150.
Description of sighting	Some boys who were fishing and some soldiers guarding a powder magazine saw a dark shape moving on the surface of the water. After a while the strange object submerged. The sources also report subsequent searches by numerous boats and 40 frogmen of the US Navy.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
186					
Description of sighting	Case eliminated because it was a ghost submarine sighting, already cataloged in Appendix A.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
147	07/19/1974	Cannizzaro (CT)	D	ISO – waste bag	“La Sicilia” Catania news of 07/20/1974.
Description of sighting	An object with changing colors and indefinable shapes was observed moving on the surface of the water by numerous people standing on the beach and on the rocks. The object came from the north, carried by the currents and headed south. A boy, intrigued, dived in, recovered the object and identified it as a waste bag, which was opened and where, inside, a postcard depicting the cathedral of Orvieto was also found, addressed to a girl from Messina.				

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214	??/11/1974	Rose Garden of Abruzzi (TE)	C	Insufficient information	Morricone investigation of 7/18/1979; SUF card no. 2605; AAVV "Ufos in Italy – the great wave in the period 1973-1976" Corrado Tedeschi publisher, pp. 210-211.
Description of sighting	Some people noticed, for over a week, a long, rectangular object that rose from the sea and, after reaching a high altitude, lowered back into the sea. It had a dead-leaf movement and drew a very bright parabola in the sky, which began and ended in the sea. It always appeared at the same time, i.e. 4.30pm. One of the numerous witnesses observed it with a telescope and noticed that, during its ascent, it never went beyond the clouds.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
036	05/13/1975	Mosciano Sant'Angelo (TE)	B	Possible meteorite	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 63 pages. 23; CrashCat case no. 034; investigation by E. Morricone in 1975; SUF card no. 1567 .
Description of sighting	A young twelve-year-old boy, at 5.15 am, while he was at home, saw from the window a bright red fireball descending obliquely, heading towards a lake below. The object, which was seen gliding over the lake, had perfect edges, surrounded by an orange halo. By the time it disappeared, the part of the lake visible from the window had taken on colors between yellow, orange and green. During the sighting, a dog that was in the yard began barking.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
119	??/06/1975	Strait of Bonifacio (SS)	D	Probable buoy	"La Nazione" of 11/06/1975.
Description of sighting	The ship "Vento di Tramontana" in transit at the Strait of Bonifacio, reported to the Port Authority of Civitavecchia the presence in the sea of a floating object				

	adrift, with a protruding part of approximately two and a half metres, equipped with three spoilers painted in stripes red and yellow, one meter long and about eighty centimeters wide.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
037	06/20/1975	Genoa	B	Insufficient information	"Freedom" of 06/22/1975; "La Stampa" of 06/21/1975; CrashCat case no. 035; SUF card no. 1448.
Description of sighting	A luminous globe, also described as a large incandescent balloon, was seen falling into the sea, at about 3.00 pm, a few miles off the coast of the port. The report came from a university geophysicist who was carrying out normal surveys and who immediately reported the matter to the fire brigade.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
038	07/21/1975	Giulianova (TE)	C	Probably fake	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 79 pp. 4-6; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 58 pages. 17; "ItaCat" case no. 7508; "TraCat" case no. 75T08.
Description of sighting	Two witnesses, Gianni Ferrucci, member of a local ufological association GUA (Astro Ufological Group), and Walter Varani, while they were in a bathing establishment, saw a round and luminous object, white in colour, which seemed to have suddenly materialized on the fur of water, as if it had just emerged. The object rose towards the sky very quickly, describing a parabola oriented towards the north and remained visible for about three minutes. The object, after describing a large and high circle, descended towards the ground and disappeared behind a dense area of vegetation. As it approached the ground, the plants and dark outlines of the trees were illuminated. The following day the two went to the place of the alleged landing and found a large burn in the ground on the banks of the Salinello river.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
273	06/08/1975	Marina of	TO	Probable	"La Gazzetta del

		Gallipoli (LE)		phosphorus fragment	Mezzogiorno” of 07/08/1975; “Domenica del Corriere” of 08/28/1975; SUF case no. 1352.
Description of sighting	A Tuscan tourist saw some luminous objects on the shore; after having collected them and put them in his pocket, they became incandescent upon contact with each other, causing burns.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
213	11/28/1975	Mosciano S. Angelo (TE)	B	insufficient information	“Il Tempo d'Abruzzo” of 01/30/1976; Morricone investigation of 01/25/1976; SUF card no. 1532.
Description of sighting	Numerous witnesses, distinct from each other, saw a slightly elongated object which, after having flown over the cemetery of Mosciano S. Angelo, disappeared into the air. The object flew for about three minutes and had a round and elongated shape at the same time; its height from the ground was very low, below the light wires . Other witnesses stated that this mysterious light descended perpendicularly into a small lake where it immersed itself. After some time the same light would re-emerge.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
238	???/??/1976	Lentini (SR)	C	Insufficient information	Pinotti “Unidentified submerged objects” ed. Olympia, p. 81.
Description of sighting	Just a very brief piece of news regarding a series of repetitive sightings of luminous globes that seemed to come out of the sea and then head towards high altitude, throughout 1976.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
039	03/28/1976	Porto San Giorgio (AP)	C	Insufficient information	"Carlino Marche" of 03/31/1976; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 64 page 13; “Corriere di

					Napoli" of 03/31/1976.
Description of sighting	Numerous reports, both from witnesses on land and from fishermen at sea, have told of a very bright, oval-shaped object emerging from the sea. The object then gained altitude and headed very quickly towards the hinterland. The sighting was confirmation, according to the press, of the presence of a phantom alien base submerged in the waters in front of San Benedetto del Tronto.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
040	04/25/1976	Victoria (RG)	C	Insufficient information	"Sicily" of 04/27/1976; "ItaCat" case no. 7602.
Description of sighting	A farmer, intent on finishing his work, in the company of his wife, observed a very intense light in the sea three miles from the coast. The man looked at the object with binoculars and could see that the object had the shape of a ship emerging from the sea and giving off a dazzling light. At the two ends there were two large antennas. After about half an hour, the brightness began to fade and the antennas lowered to a horizontal position and at the same time the device lowered, disappearing into the sea.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
041	??/08/1976	Marina di Sorso (SS)	D	Probable cetacean	"ItaCat" case no. 7611; notes by G. Metta.
Description of sighting	Three boys saw a dark shape sailing quickly on the surface, about 200 meters from the coast. The object had an indefinite shape and was slightly semi-submerged, on the surface of the water. It was a dark color and its direction was from east to west. The investigator Giorgio Metta, in a letter to the undersigned curator of UsoCat, hypothesized that it could be a cetacean or a large basking shark.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
042	12/08/1976	Calignaia (LI)	TO	Insufficient information	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 70 pages. 17; "ItaCat" case no. 7609; SUF document no. 1653; AAVV "UFOs in Italy –

					the great wave in the period 1973-1976" pag. 245.
Description of sighting	At around 10.30pm, three keen fishermen, after hearing a dog barking, noticed a strange glow in the distance. After a while this glow became more and more distinguishable, taking the form of two luminosities coming from under the sea and no more than five to six meters apart. After a continuous alternation of colored lights (yellow, red and blue), two objects emerged from beneath the surface of the water and flew for a few moments, before sinking again. The color of the objects was dark gray and they had a four-pointed star shape. At the four ends there were lights.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
043	??/10/1976	Berra (FE)	B	Possible fake	Report by F. Zò; "ItaCat" case n. 7618.
Description of sighting	A 21-year-old student, while driving along a road, saw a strange hemispherical object flying at about twenty meters above sea level, silently and slowly. It was a white color like the full moon and passed over the vertical of the car. Its flight was inclined downwards and it disappeared into thin air near the banks of the Po river.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
296	01/15/1977	Montignoso (MS)	TO	Insufficient information	"La Nazione" Massa Carrara edition of 02/15/2019, page 2.
Description of sighting	Just a brief news report regarding the sighting of an object while underwater.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
044	??/03/1977	Sarnico (BG)	B	Insufficient information	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 75 pages. 13; "ItaCat" case no. 7707; "Brescia Oggi" of 04/02/1977 and 03/30/1977; "The Night" of 03/30/1977; Giuseppe Stilo

					“Ufo-crash made in Italy” in “UFO” n. 20 of July December 1997; CrashCat case no. 040.
Description of sighting	Some people, from different places, saw a hammer-shaped object, dark blue in color, falling into Lake Iseo, at the point where the Oglio river flows into the lake. At the moment of impact, which did not cause the usual splash, but rather a loud bang, a column of water rose up. The object split into two parts: one sank and the other splashed away, as if it was sliding on water. A lady said that she crossed the river against the current, with her rear part emerging, similar to a beak. There were also searches carried out by divers, who however found nothing strange.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
045	04/16/1977	Cologna Spiaggia (TE)	B	Insufficient information	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 114 pp. 12-14; "Il Tempo" of 06/08/1977; "The Argonauts" n. 115-116 of March-April 1994 ; SpectraScouts patrol bulletin October 1977.
Description of sighting	A sailor who was on board his fishing boat, after having seen a strong glow in the sky, saw luminous bars descend which, describing a wide trajectory and moving in formation, plunged very quickly into the sea. These fiery objects plunged into the water horizontally and not vertically and before disappearing they took on a color similar to iron in embers. They had an apparent thickness of the diameter of the moon and to the naked eye they seemed a few millimeters apart from each other. The next morning another inexplicable phenomenon happened, that is, there seemed to be parallel red stripes in the sea, about a hundred meters away from each other and over a kilometer long. The water seemed to boil due to infinite silver squares and rectangles that appeared about twenty centimeters below the surface of the water. Furthermore, for several days the fishermen who sailed in that area suffered ailments such as headaches, tiredness and skin abrasions.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
275	04/24/1977	Pescara	D	ISO – Algae	“The Arcana” n. 72, May 1978, pp. 25-26.

Description of sighting	During the night, numerous people noticed, in front of the coast compressed between Pescara and Pineto, for a length of about thirty kilometres, the sea which had become phosphorescent, with flashes between blue and greenish clearly visible on the crests of the waves. The phenomenon lasted the entire night and gradually disappeared with the rising of the sun. Some patrol boats from the Port Authority went further offshore and found the cause of these flashes, namely the presence of algae and small crustaceans.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
201	??/07/1977	Giulianova (TE)	C	Insufficient information	SpectraScouts Patrol Bulletin October 1978.
Description of sighting	Only a little information on this case which however seems interesting: some fishermen, while they were fishing in front of the port of Giulianova, saw a small red light approaching the lines and then some columns of water, described by others as spheres of phosphorescent light , which rose in front of the port of San Benedetto.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
046	??/07/1977	Rose Garden of Abruzzi (TE)	C	Insufficient information	SpectraScouts Patrol Bulletin October 1978; "Morgana" no. 1 pp. 22-23; "ItaCat" case no. 7716.
Description of sighting	A boy who was taking a midnight swim swam up to some rocks near the shore. Once he climbed above the rocks, he observed a sphere with a diameter of half a meter that emerged from the sea, creating a noticeable foam on the surface of the water. The sphere stopped a short distance from the witness, remaining suspended in mid-air. After diving again and swimming closer to the shore, the boy turned and saw the sphere that had quickly risen towards the sky.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
155	July 1977	Sorso: Porchile (SS)	D	ISO – cetacean	“La Nuova Sardegna” of 07/22/1977.
Description of sighting	At dawn some tourists saw a dark floating mass about two kilometers from the shore. Some of them, with a small dinghy, approached the object. This turned out to be a large fish of about 10 metres. Once the fish was pulled ashore it was identified as a cetacean and in particular a male orca, which was anchored to the rocks. In the following days, the rotting carcass began to give off a bad smell and				

	was therefore thrown back into the sea, where the currents dragged it away.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
047	07/20/1977	Sip (SS)	TO	Possible satellite fragment	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 81 page. 17; "La Nuova Sardegna" of 07/22/1977.
Description of sighting	An underwater fisherman, Paolo Pintus, while he was under the surface of the sea, came across an object that was on the bottom, covered by thick marine vegetation; the boy then took the object and transported it to shore. This, taken over by the Carabinieri, turned out to be an aluminum cylinder, with a conical and tapered tip, fifty centimeters long. The case is included in UsoCat and not in Appendix A, since the press at the time clearly spoke of an object dropped by a passing UFO.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
048	07/26/1977	Imperia	B	Insufficient information	"Ufo News" of February 1979, pp. 6-7.
Description of sighting	Some amateur astronomers observed a bright orange object, at an angular height above the horizon of about 15°-20°, moving from east to west, with a very slow movement. Suddenly the object pulsed a few times, changed color becoming silvery and immersed itself in the sea. The stretch of sea where the object was seen entering became very bright, giving the impression that a light was sinking. A few minutes later, the object emerged and disappeared high into the sky at the zenith.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
049	07/31/1977	Imperia	B	Insufficient information	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 85 pages. 11; "La Stampa" ed. Liguria of 02/08/1977; "Gazzetta del Popolo" of 01/08/1977.
Description of sighting	An object was seen by numerous people who were on the seafront, fall into the sea and then resurface and then disappear at the zenith. The observation lasted about thirty minutes and was also witnessed by the Astronomical Observatory.				

	However, it is probable that it is the same case no. 048, even if the sources expressly indicate another date.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
126	August 1977	Off the coast of Viareggio (LU)	C	Insufficient information	CISU sighting questionnaire of June 1999.
Description of sighting	A sailor, Luciana Penna from Collegno (TO), on board her boat, while heading to the island of Capraia, saw a light rising from the sea. After calling the other people who were on board, all together they followed the light that moved horizontally towards the sea and, after performing some maneuvers , immersed themselves in the water. The witness indicated the light about 1 km away from the boat, with a height above sea level of about four hundred meters and with a stretch of sky covered of about 2 km.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
050	09/08/1977	Imperia	B	Insufficient information	"Il Resto del Carlino" of 01/13/1979; "ItaCat" case no. 7717.
Description of sighting	An object was seen falling into the sea and then re-emerging and disappearing at the zenith. However, it is probable that it is the same case no. 048, even if the sources expressly indicate another date.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
051	10/08/1977	Francavilla a Mare (CH)	TO	ISO fish (herring)	"Il Messaggero" of 11/08/1977; "Rome", year 116, n. 211 of 12/08/1977; "Giornale di Brescia" of 08/16/1977; "The nineteenth century" of 12/08/1977; "Corriere della Sera" of 12/8/1977; "Avvenire" of

					12/08/1977; "The Arcana", year 7, n. 3, March 1978, p. 20.
Description of sighting	Another curious sighting, which greatly affected the press of the time, occurred on 10 August 1977 in Francavilla a Mare (CH). From the shore of the beach some holidaymakers observed a bluish light moving frantically in the waves about a hundred meters from the coast. Rumors of alleged underwater UFOs immediately circulated and so a Roman tourist, who was also a skilled fisherman, rowed with a skate until he approached the mysterious light. And what happened at that point? Well, the witness, observing the light, did nothing but spear it, realizing at that point that all the commotion had been caused by a "regalecusglense" or a particular species of large herring.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
336	08/19/1977	Lido dei Pini (RM)	B	Insufficient information	Investigation by Gianluca Pititto of the "Contact International Italia" group.
Description of sighting	Mrs. Vincenza G, while she was with her two little girls, around 10:30 in the morning, and was heading home near the beach, saw a fusular object apparently made of metal, which was flying without making any noise or trail. It had three protrusions on one side. They looked like three round-shaped openings. After a few moments, the object disappeared from view because it was covered by some nearby houses. Immediately running to the beach, the witness saw that there was a certain excitement, as four sailors were describing a strange "accident" they had just experienced. While they were offshore, they observed an object similar to the one described by Mrs. Vincenza, which suddenly lowered over a yacht sailing towards Anzio a short distance from their boat. The object then moved sideways a few meters and then plunged into the sea. Until that moment the sea was a table, but after the impact it seemed to "tear" and created such waves that the young sailors had to return. The yacht was about 500 meters from the sailing boat and the object observed by the sailors had a discoidal shape, with three black "blobs". He entered the water very quickly and caused a very high splash of water.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
195	08/29/1977	Santa Margherita Ligure (GE)	D	Insufficient information	"The Work" of 08/30/1977.
Description of sighting	A large red glow was seen over the eastern sea by hundreds of people shortly after the end of a heavy downpour. Some thought it was a fire, but according to others it was a plane that crashed into the sea. Both hypotheses were immediately				

	discarded by the authorities, who suggested instead that it could have been a phenomenon caused by the many lightning strikes. Even in a nightclub some customers stopped dancing to go to the beach and see the phenomenon, which disappeared in about twenty minutes.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
052	10/13/1977	Manfredonia (FG)	B	Insufficient information	"Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno" of 10/14/1977; CrashCat case no. 041.
Description of sighting	Some independent witnesses observed an object, described as a plane, which exploded in the sky and then fell into the sea. After the explosion the object would have left a trail of black smoke. A fisherman also added the detail of having observed a parachute with a man hanging from it. Naturally, the searches carried out with naval vessels and two helicopters, one from the Carabinieri and the other from the Navy, gave no results.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
220	???/??/1978	Pescara	D	Insufficient information	witness's email dated 10/16/2002.
Description of sighting	An email from a person, who claims to be a recently retired soldier, tells of two photographs taken by a patrol boat of the Port Authority of Pescara way back in 1978 off the coast of Abruzzo. In both, a disc-shaped object appears to be portrayed which remains suspended on the sea waves, right on the surface of the water; the subject occupied 80% of the entire frame in both shots. The witness says that he managed to make two copies for himself, in 30x20 format, since at that moment he had been in charge of printing the photograms . These were then collected by a SIOS Navy officer coming from Rome and landed with other soldiers at the "Liberi" military airport. Unfortunately there are no other details. It is however probable that the case can be classified as part of the Adriatic wave and therefore that it occurred in the months of October-November 1978.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
053	???/??/1978	San Benedetto del Tronto (AP)	C	Insufficient information	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 162 pages. 10.
Description of sighting	An anonymous source, who appears to be a soldier from the Port Authority of San Benedetto, recounts a rather singular sighting: a small boat was found intact with				

	the lifeless body of a fisherman on board. The corpse showed very strong dehydration. The forensic doctors who dealt with the case indicated the time of death, which dated back to a couple of nights before, coinciding precisely with the sighting of an object from the sea at breakneck speed. It seems that both some sailors and the radar tracks of an unknown base or ship witnessed the sighting. The story continues in a science fiction way, meaning that a veil of secrecy fell on the matter on the part of the authorities, since that area was a stretch of sea in which alien spaceships tested new thrusters and often emerged and submerged. It therefore seems that the poor fisherman had entered an area closed to navigation. This case, which seems to have come from the pen of a science fiction novelist, is ideal for introducing us to the year 1978, a fundamental year for Italian ufology and for common sightings, especially those in autumn in the Adriatic. Above all it is emblematic because it reflects the mentality and ideas that ufologists and enthusiasts of the time had about the phenomenon.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
054	05/03/1978	Mass	B	Insufficient information	"La Nazione" of 06/03/1978; CrashCat case no. 042; "Ufo News" n. 49 February-March 2004 pag. 55.
Description of sighting	A witness who was on the beach had alerted the police by claiming to have seen a plane crash, about two miles from the coast. The rescue operations carried out with boats, planes and even with some divers, who searched a vast stretch of sea, yielded no results.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
244	04/16/1978	Off the coast between Patti and Vulcano (ME)	D	Insufficient information	"Gazzetta del Sud" of 04/17/1978; "La Voce di Milazzo" of 10/17/1978; notes by Pietro Torre.
Description of sighting	In conjunction with the violent earthquake which, in the middle of the night between 15 and 16 April 1978 (00:29 and 00:33), shook the area of the entire province of Messina, with a magnitude of 5.4 and an epicenter in the sea at off the Gulf of Patti, between Cape Calavà and the island of Vulcano, many people from the coastal towns heard an intense roar and "a blaze in the sea" was observed near the epicenter area. The phenomenon would fall within the so-called "seismic lights", the subject of discussion among scholars, but frequently observed in				

	connection with events of notable intensity. The same blaze was also observed from the island of Panarea.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
354	??/06/1978	Sardinia	B	Probable signal rocket	News published on the "Close Encounters" Facebook page on 04/11/2021.
Description of sighting	The witness Nicola P. was on the beach around 11pm in the company of 20 other students and professors. They were lying on the sand and singing, while admiring the starry sky and the full moon. At a certain moment they observed, in the direction of the moon, a luminous object descending slightly at an angle. He was very far from the witnesses and took about 12-15 minutes to reach the sea. He was surrounded by an orange glow and appeared to have entered the water.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
055	06/24/1978	Civitanova Marche (MC)	D	Probable vessel	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 97 pages. 17; "ItaCat" case no. 78025; "Ufo News" of October 1979, page. 38.
Description of sighting	The stylist Giovanni Salvucci noticed, around 00:30, a light sailing on the surface of the water and heading towards the shore; Below it was a spherical object approximately the size of the moon. The object seemed to be crushed towards the middle and at a certain moment it emitted a glow, which impressed the witness to the point of making him run away.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
056	Summer 1978	Riccione (RN)	B	Insufficient information	Notes by E. Russo dated 06/15/1995.
Description of sighting	A witness who wishes to remain anonymous, during an account of a sighting that occurred in June 1995, also said that, when he was 12 years old, he saw a red bowl descending into the sea and disappeared into it. It was around 10.30pm and he was with friends on the beach. Unfortunately there are no other details.				

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057	07/09/1978	Jesolo (VE)	D	Fake ISO	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 97 pp.7-10; "Il Gazzettino" of 15-16-18-20/7/1978 and 04-11/8/1978.
Description of sighting	The Venetian newspaper "Il Gazzettino" published numerous letters relating to as many sightings that occurred in the Jesolo area. One in particular was the story of two students who had observed a round, luminous and green thing that had landed in the lagoon. Only after some time it was discovered that all the letters had been sent by a research group, headed by Prof. Franco Cagnetta, psychoanalyst and professor of cultural anthropology at the University of Paris, who carried out a study on the creation of myth.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
058	07/09/1978	Venice	D	Insufficient information	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 112 pages. 13.
Description of sighting	A student at the Academy of Fine Arts in Venice saw a strange light on the lagoon and heard curious music. This is almost certainly the same case as n. 057, even if positioned in a different place, even if very close.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
163	07/30/1978	Torre del Greco (NA)	C	Insufficient information	Testimonial report.
Description of sighting	Three people, who were on the terrace of their house, saw a large luminous sphere hovering in the air a few meters from the surface of the sea. The object appeared so quickly that all three witnesses had the impression that it had emerged from the water. The globe was red in color and the higher it rose in altitude, the more its brightness increased, causing white streaks to appear, which were present only on one side. The object, approximately 1.5 km away, appeared to have an apparent size of 35-40 centimeters in diameter and was located at an angular height of approximately 45°. Suddenly it had a very strong acceleration and disappeared towards the hinterland. This is an "edge" case since the object was never seen in contact with water. The fact that it was also included in the UsoCat is only because all three witnesses had the clear sensation that it had emerged from the sea, even if they did not directly see this emergence.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
339	07/31/1978	Off the coast	B	Insufficient	Extract from the

		of Imperia		information	1978 CIRSUFO catalogue.
Description of sighting	About two kilometers from the mouth of Porto Maurizio, a discoidal object is observed; some witnesses instead described it as a sounding balloon. The object fell into the water and submerged for about half an hour; after these 30 minutes it resurfaced and regained altitude. It was white in color, bright and moved at low speed. Among the many witnesses present on the beach who observed it, there was the painter Giacomo Oddo who described it as an elliptical shaped object; after re-emerging, it rose vertically not very quickly, and then increased as it rose in altitude.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
151	August 1978	San Benedetto del Tronto (AP)	C	ISO - divers	E-mail from Marcello Pupilli dated 03/13/1997.
Description of sighting	Some people from the beach observed beams of light coming out of the sea and chasing each other in the sky; the story comes directly from an underwater fisherman who that very evening was with some friends at sea fishing for mussels. His fishing was done at night with torches mounted directly on his head. Once he came out of the water to catch his breath he saw a lot of confusion on the beach, with people running away, believing that those beams were either the sign of the devil or some signal left by UFOs. A few days later, while the fisherman was on the beach, he noticed the same beams of light coming out of the sea and, after waiting a few minutes, he saw that they were simply the torches used by his friends, who had returned to fishing again.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
120	08/16/1978	Monte del Lago (PG)	D	Insufficient information	Letter from the witness to the CRAU group of May 1981; SUF sighting card
Description of sighting	A red light coming from the north was seen stopping in the sky, descending and then stopping on the surface of the water. Subsequently the light went out and instantly turned back on a few kilometers away, before returning to the surface of the water again and disappearing once again. The light performed this maneuver several times, until suddenly it rose vertically at dizzying speed and disappeared into the sky. The same light was seen simply flying over the area the previous evening as well.				

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059	18-20/08/1978	Acciardi - Acciaroli (SA)	B	Probable meteorite	Investigation by A. Marasco of 06/17/1979.
Description of sighting	An amateur fisherman, at around 9.15pm, while he was on a boat with two friends, saw an intense white light descending perpendicularly a few hundred meters from him. The light reached the surface of the water and then disappeared with a bang. During its descent, the light, apparently the size of an orange, illuminated the entire surrounding area. The curious fact is that there are two identical versions of Marasco's report: one handwritten and the other typed. As mentioned, they are identical, except for the place of sighting which in one is Acciardi and in the other Acciaroli.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
295	09/15/1978	Fiumicino (Rome)	D	Insufficient information	"Ufo News" of September 1979; Lumières dans la Nuit, October 1981, Issue n. 208, p. 31, houses no. 34.
Description of sighting	The crew of the boat "Grifone", as well as other people, observed a dark object, which emitted white and red flashes and which performed several maneuvers on the surface of the sea, about 1,000 meters away from the witnesses; the sighting lasted about thirty minutes.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
060	09/16/1978	Naples	TO	Possible diver	Investigation by U. Telarico of 11/11/1978; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 140 pages. 15; "Ufo News" of February 1979, pp. 14-15; "Ufo News" of October 1979, page. 38 ; R. Pinotti "Unidentified Flying Objects" ed. Oscar Mondadori, pp. 105-106; R.

					Pinotti "Unidentified Submerged Objects" ed. Olympia, pp. 81-82.
Description of sighting	Two fishermen intent on fishing from the pier of the port of Naples, around 9.30/10.00 pm, saw the sea boiling about three meters from them. Numerous air bubbles with a diameter of over a meter appeared on the surface and at the same time they observed a beam of light coming from beyond the boats docked in front of them. The light was similar to that emitted by a torch and had a diameter of about 50-60 centimeters and colored the waters a bottle green color. Both the bubbles and the beam of light moved towards a nearby cliff, until both disappeared.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
061	09/28/1978	Pesaro	B	Insufficient information	"Carlino Marche" of 09/29/1978; CrashCat case no. 044.
Description of sighting	Two witnesses saw, in the distance, a large "spray" in the sea followed by a column of smoke. As always, the first hypothesis was that it was a plane that had fallen into the sea. Immediately notified, the Port Authority carried out a vast rescue operation (including with Navy ships and helicopters from Rimini) which, however, did not produce any results.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
062	10/23/1978	Cupra Marittima (AP)	D	Insufficient information	SpectraScouts Patrol Bulletin; "ItaCat" case no. 78046; "Morgana" no. 1 page 30; investigation by E. Morricone of 7/18/1979; "The Journal of Mysteries" n . 108 pages. 20; "Ufo News" of February 1979, page. 9; "Ufo News" of November 1979,

					page. 37; R. Pinotti "Ufo: Italian chessboard" ed. Oscar Mondadori, pp. 113-114; "The Argonauts" n. 115-116 of March-April 1994; investigation by Fabrizio Zò of Ferrara CUN of 11/11/1978; R. Pinotti "Unidentified Flying Objects" ed. Oscar Mondadori, page. 108; R. Pinotti "Unidentified Submerged Objects" ed. Olympia, p. 85.
Description of sighting	The crew of two fishing boats, the "Nuova Lucia" with Dino Vesprini and Rinaldo Spinozzi and the "Libertà" with Giuseppe Ricci, which were respectively five and a half miles and eight miles from the coast, saw a bright red light that moved in the sky. The light flew about thirty meters above the sea and, under the surface of the water, all the sailors could observe a very large dark shape. When the light passed about five hundred meters from the boat Nuova Lucia, no noise was heard, but the sea water moved, like when two ships meet and their respective wakes make the boats pitch. The other fishing boat also suffered heavy pitching, even though the sea was very calm. Ricci checked the radar to see if any ships were nearby, but this showed nothing. The light traveled a nautical mile in about five minutes.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
063	10/24/1978	Grottammare (AP)	TO	Possible cetacean	R. Pinotti "Ufo: Italian chessboard" ed. Oscar Mondadori, page. 115; "Ufo Newsletter" of February 1979, page. 10; "Ufo News" of November 1979,

					page. 37; "Il Messaggero" of 01/11/1978; investigation by E. Morricone of 07/18/1979; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 109 pages. 22; "L'Espresso" of 10/19/1978; "ItaCat" case no. 78047; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 346 of August 2000, pp. 70-71; investigation by Fabrizio Zò of Ferrara CUN of 11/11/1978; R. Pinotti "Unidentified Flying Objects" ed. Oscar Mondadori, page. 109; R. Pinotti "Unidentified Submerged Objects" ed. Olympia, p. 86.
Description of sighting	The fishermen Fausto Ricci and Florindo Soncini, on board the fishing vessel Rapepi (or according to other sources Repepe), saw for about thirty seconds, on the surface of the sea, which was calm, a large dark body similar to the hump of a whale. The shape, which was larger than the boat, i.e. over twenty meters in length, was about two hundred meters away from the stern and, after thirty seconds, immersed without any noise in a stretch of sea no more than twelve meters deep. The press reports do not agree with the investigation carried out by Morricone according to which the witness Ricci, during the entire sighting, was in the cabin, in the area there was mist with visibility of about two kilometres; furthermore, the fishermen, at that moment, were fishing and had their nets in the water and above all Ricci would have seen a gigantic column of water thirty meters high and twenty meters wide, about a mile to the left of the boat. As will often happen with the phenomenon of the 1978 Adriatic flap, as it was called, the existing sources will report different details for each individual case, thus making a precise and organic reconstruction of the facts particularly difficult.				

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064	10/27/1978	Grottammare (AP)	TO	Possible cetacean	"Ufo Newsletter" of February 1979, page. 10; R. Pinotti "Ufo: Italian chessboard" ed. Oscar Mondadori, page. 115; SpectraScouts Patrol Bulletin; "Il Messaggero" of 01/11/1978; "Morgana" no. 1 page 31; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 109 pages. 23; investigation by E. Morricone of 7/18/1979; "Ufo News" of November 1979, page. 38; "ItaCat" case no. 78049; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 346 of August 2000, pp. 70-71; investigation by Fabrizio Zò of Ferrara CUN of 11/11/1978; R. Pinotti "Unidentified Flying Objects" ed. Oscar Mondadori, page. 110; R. Pinotti "Unidentified Submerged Objects" ed. Olympia, p. 87 .
Description of sighting	The crew of the fishing vessel "Triglia", Nicola Paolini and Mario Ricci, saw the sea opening up, as if a large hull had quickly submerged and at the same time a powerful wave made the vessel bounce and list. The two witnesses then saw a large dark shape passing under the surface of the water. Some sources instead state that the shape was seen diving rapidly.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
065	10/27/1978	Piombino (LI)	C	Insufficient information	"ItaCat" case no. 78050; investigation by the CUN of Livorno; "Ufo Newsletter" of February 1979, page. 15; "Ufo News" of November 1979, page. 38; R. Pinotti "Ufo: Italian chessboard" ed. Oscar Mondadori, pp. 111-112; "Il Tirreno" of 10/29/1978; "Ufology" n. 1 page 40; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 109 pages. 23; Sturrock "The Ufo Enigma" page. 211; R. Pinotti "Unidentified Flying Objects" ed. Oscar Mondadori, page. 106; R. Pinotti "Unidentified Submerged Objects" ed. Olympia, pp. 82-84.
Description of sighting	Two fishermen who were on the coast at 6.45pm observed something moving rapidly through the water. The object had the shape of a rotating hemispherical dome and emanated a pulsating yellow light from inside. At the base it had a dark band and in the upper part of the dome it had a small, squat cylinder; a rectangular panel was located on the lower dark band. Its speed was fast and it traveled about 100 meters every five seconds and emitted a strange hum. The object, having reached about fifty meters from the witnesses, turned in a southerly direction towards the cliff and then stopped. Under the surface of the water, witnesses noticed a large and compact structure. At the same moment the two witnesses raised their eyes to the sky and saw a round, bluish object, pointed at the sides.				

	The two witnesses pointed their flashlight at this object and it apparently reversed its direction, pointing towards the two men who, frightened, ran away.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
203	30/10/1978	San Benedetto del Tronto (AP)	B	Insufficient information	"Il Messaggero" of 03/11/1978; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 110 pages. 16; "ItaCat" case no. 78051.
Description of sighting	The owner of the Gaetani oil mill had the opportunity to see the same phenomenon that was observed the following day and for which there are more details. The sources only report that it was the same sighting as case no. 066.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
066	31/10/1978	Acquaviva Picena (AP)	B	Insufficient information	"Il Messaggero" of 03/11/1978; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 110 pages. 16; "ItaCat" case no. 78051.
Description of sighting	Mr. Luciano Ficcadenti, in the company of his wife and two daughters, observed a blinding red disk that slowly descended from the sky until it touched the surface of the sea and disappeared into it. The sighting occurred on three separate occasions, at 6.20pm (when the electricity was also out), at 6.50pm and at 7.30pm. The same phenomenon was also seen at 8.15pm by a certain Giovanni Merlini and the previous day by the owner of the Gaetani oil mill.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
198	??/11/1978	Giulianova (TE)	D	Insufficient information	Investigation by the GORU group of La Spezia ; R. Pinotti "Unidentified Submerged Objects" ed. Olympia, p. 89.
Description of sighting	At around 8.00 pm, seven miles from the coast, the owner of the Laura Madre, who was skeptical about all the rumors regarding the Adriatic phenomena, noticed a large red light on the bow of the fishing boat . Thinking it was a signal buoy, he diverted his course, but later realized that it was not a buoy, but rather an				

	object on the surface of the water that gave off a light. The object moved continuously, according to the Laura Madre's maneuvers and despite the constant changes of course to avoid it, it was always under the boat. Panicked, the witness reversed course and was followed to the port by the red light, which continued to maneuver around the fishing boat. Finally, due to shock, the witness was rushed to hospital.
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293	03/11/1978	San Benedetto del Tronto (AP)	D	Insufficient information	The International UFO Reporter, Vol. 4. No. 3, October 1979, p. 18; APRO Bulletin December 1978, p. 4.
Description of sighting	The fisherman Antonio Pallesca, at four in the morning, while he was at sea, saw a reddish light on the surface of the water, which followed his boat. Frightened, he hauled up his nets and steered his ship towards land. The light accompanied him, first behind him then next to him, then in front of him. The light disappeared shortly before its arrival in port.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
204	06/11/1978	Grottammare (AP)	D	Insufficient information	"Ufo News" of January 1979, page. 8; "Ufo News" of November 1979, page. 38; "Ufo Newsletter" of February 1979, page. 10; "Morgana" no. 1 page 36; investigation by E. Morricone of 7/18/1979; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 112 pages. 15; COM telegraphic message. GROUP. DRAG. 5; R. Pinotti "Ufo: Italian

					chessboard" ed. Oscar Mondadori, page. 116.
Description of sighting	The same phenomenon seen by Pallesca (case no. 067) was also observed by the fishermen of the ships "Tornador" and "Aiace" (or "Alice" according to other sources). Unfortunately there are no other direct sources on this same case. It is certain, however, that it happened the evening before case no. 067.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
067	07/11/1978	Grottammare (AP)	D	Insufficient information	"Ufo News" of January 1979, page. 8; "Ufo News" of November 1979, page. 38; "Ufo Newsletter" of February 1979, page. 10; "Il Messaggero" of 8/11/1978; "Corriere Adriatico" of 10/11/1978; "Morgana" no. 1 page 36; investigation by E. Morricone of 7/18/1979; "People" of 03/12/1978; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 112 pages. 15; COM telegraphic message. GROUP. DRAG. 5; R. Pinotti "Ufo: Italian chessboard" ed. Oscar Mondadori, page. 116; "ItaCat" case no. 78053; "The Argonauts" n. 115-116 of March-April 1994; R. Pinotti "Unidentified

					Flying Objects” ed. Oscar Mondadori, pp.110-111; R. Pinotti “Unidentified Submerged Objects” ed. Olympia, pp. 87-88.
Description of sighting	The fisherman Antonio Pallesca, on board the "Libera" motor fishing vessel, observed an intense red light that remained to the east no more than three or four miles from the coast. Some sources speak of a distance from the boat of only two hundred meters, thus demonstrating once again the enormous confusion that exists regarding the events in the Adriatic in 1978. Subsequently, wanting to head offshore, Pallesca noticed another light, of white color, which appeared towards the ground. Since the sea was rising, the sailor decided to return to port; the two lights followed him for some time and then quickly moved away towards the north. The witness specified that the white light illuminated a very large shape that emerged on the surface of the water. The fact was also confirmed by the crews of the trawlers "Tornador" and "Aiace" (or "Alice" according to other sources) who saw a similar phenomenon the previous evening. At the same time as the sighting, some radars of other fishing boats in the area malfunctioned and gave no readings.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
068	07/11/1978	Silvi Marina (TE)	C	Insufficient information	"La Nazione" of 11/13/1978; "People" of 03/12/1978; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 112 pages. 15; "ItaCat" case no. 78054.
Description of sighting	The fisherman Roberto Cinchella, aboard the trawler "Padre Pio", saw on the calm sea, during a foggy night, a flash of red and a white spot and described the phenomenon as "if the sea was about to reunite with the sky". Other sources speak of a red flash that was seen rising from the sea. The on-board radar, however, stopped working and the witness radioed another colleague on board the "Aquila" motorboat, who confirmed the malfunction of the radar.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
069	08/11/1978	San	C	Insufficient	"Il Messaggero"

		Benedetto del Tronto (AP)		information	of 09/11/1978; "Morgana" no. 1; investigation by E. Morricone of 07/18/1979; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 112 pages. 16; "The Argonauts" n. 115-116 of March-April 1994; "ItaCat" case no. 78055.
Description of sighting	At 5.30 pm three sailors (Flaviano Mattiucci, Gennaro Mattiucci and Dino Focaracci), while they were fishing on board the "Exodus" saw at low altitude and for a few seconds a spherical light, of a color between red and yellow, which coming out of the sea, it seemed to return, after having completed a parabola in the sky. The light, which moved continuously and slowly, did not reflect its brightness on the sea. About an hour later the radar of another motor fishing vessel "Andrea Padre" reported something submerged that was moving and which seemed to be following the vessel.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
070					
Description of sighting	Case eliminated because a check of sources revealed it to be the same as no. 069, even if there are very slight imperfections in the sources, such as the name of the fishing vessel.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
071	09/11/1978	Silvi Marina (TE)	C	Insufficient information	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 277 pages. 64; "Ufo News" of January 1979, pp. 12-12; R. Pinotti "Ufo: Italian chessboard" ed. Oscar Mondadori, page. 118; "People" of 03/12/1978; "Roma" of 29/11/1978 ; " La Stampa" of 12/11/1978 and 29/11/1978; "Century of Italy" dated 12/11/78; "Today" n. 48 of 02/11/1978, page.

					24; "Il Messaggero" of 11-12-13/11/1978; "The Messenger" ed. Abruzzo of 11-12/11/1978 and 14/11/78; "La Nazione" of 12-13/11/1978; "Freedom" of 11/28/1978 and 11/12/1978; "Corriere Adriatico" of 11-12/11/1978; "Il Tempo d'Abruzzo" of 12/11/78; "Il Secolo XIX" of 12/11/1978; "Il Resto del Carlino" of 12-13/11/1978; "La Notte" of 11/11/1978 and 11/29/1978; "Il Giornale Nuovo" of 11/14/1978; "The echo of Bergamo" of 12/11/78; "Giornale di Brescia" dated 11/15/78; "La Notte" of 12/11/78 and 29/11/78; "Il Tirreno" of 11/16/78 and 11/12/78; "Il Lavoro" of 11/12/78; "Gazzetta del Popolo" of 12/11/78 and 29/11/1978; "Il Giornale di Vicenza" of 12/11/78; "Gazzetta di Mantova" of 11/28/78; "L'ora" of 11/11/1978; "Il Mattino" of 11/28/78; "La Sicilia" of 11/12/1978 and 11/29-30/78; "La Provincia" dated 29/11/78; "Corriere del Giorno" of 11/29/78; "Il Giorno" of 12/11/1978; "Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno" of 12-13/11/1978; "Il Giornale" of 12-13/11/1978; "Il Giornale di Sicilia" of 12/11/1978; "Corriere della Sera" of 12/11/78; "Il Giorno" of 11/13/1978; "Espresso
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					Sera” dated 11/1/1978; “Ufo News” of November 1979, page. 38; “The Journal of Mysteries” n. 112 pages. 16; “Ufo News Magazine” n. 1 page 25; “ItaCat” case no. 78056; “The Argonauts” n. 115-116 of March-April 1994; “Ufo Network” of February 200, pp. 64-70; “The Journal of Mysteries” n. 346 of August 2000, pp. 70-71; investigation by Fabrizio Zò of Ferrara CUN of 11/11/1978; investigation by the CUN of Prato; letter from the Defense General Staff to Giuseppe Stilo; ANSA dispatch n. 413/2 of 09/11/1978; “Ufo News” n. 46 August September 2003, page. 326; R. Pinotti “Unidentified Submerged Objects” ed. Olympia, p. 90; House of Lords “Debt on Unidentified Flying Objects” HANSARD, vol. 397, n. 23 of 01/18/1979; “ABC” Madrid newspaper of 11/15/1978.
Description of sighting	Certainly the most famous case of the entire Adriatic wave of 1978, although in truth there are much more interesting sightings. This case achieved great notoriety only because the crew of the Harbor Master's patrol boat witnessed the incident and therefore both journalistic and ufological sources of the time always considered the sighting to be reliable and safe. But, it is repeated, that throughout the entire Adriatic wave there were undoubtedly more strange and interesting cases. After this brief but necessary introduction, let's analyze what was observed that evening around 8.45 pm. The crew of the patrol boat CP 2018, commanded by Lieutenant Vitale Bellomo (although some sources report the name of Lieutenant Michele Rubino), saw a red sphere rising from the water at high speed, with an inclination of about 45°; the observation lasted only four or five seconds. The light remained still in the sky at an altitude of about 300-400 meters and then went out, leaving a bluish trail in the sky. The on-board radar reported nothing				

	and in that stretch the tide was just 23 meters deep. Only about two hours after the sighting there were magnetic anomalies on the on-board radar, but not during the observation of the light.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
072	11/13/1978	Giulianova (TE)	C	Insufficient information	"La Stampa" of 11/29/1978; "Morgana" no. 1; investigation by E. Morricone of 07/18/1979; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 113 pages. 20; "Ufo News" of November 1979, page. 38.
Description of sighting	The crew of the boat "Trozza" saw the sea boiling and the boat, with the engine at idle, began to sail very fast, to the point that it found itself turned over, with the bow facing land; the on-board radar had stopped working. At that point an object came out of the sea. This was described by other fishermen as a dull, pear-shaped, green ball that disintegrated in the air, resulting in luminous effects.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
073	11/23/1978	Silvi Marina (TE)	D	Insufficient information	"Il Tempo" of 11/26/1978; "Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno" of 11/26/1978; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 115 pages. 12.
Description of sighting	Numerous witnesses saw, from land, a green light that was stationary on the sea. The light was described as intense, persistent and diffuse and undoubtedly non-globular in appearance.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
074	11/29/1978	San Remo (IM)	C	Insufficient information	"La Stampa" of 11/30/1978; "Gazzetta del Popolo" ed. of Novara on

					11/30/1978; "Ufology" n. 2 page 39; "Il Giornale dei Misteri" n. 115 page 13.
Description of sighting	Witnesses Sergio Castori and Giorgio Sparenzani, who were fishing more than a mile from the coast, saw smoke coming out of the sea a few hundred meters from them. At the same point a whirlpool formed, from which a luminous object emerged at very high speed. Smoke was seen in the sea and an object flew out of the center at high speed.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
075	11/29/1978	Ventimiglia – Capo Mele (IM)	C	Insufficient information	"ItaCat" case no. 78062; "Il Secolo XIX" of 01-03/12/1978; "La Stampa" of 30/11/1978; "Ufo News" of February 1979, page 5; "Ufo News" of November 1979, page 40; "Ufology" n. 2 page 39; "Ufology" n. 6 page 36; "Il Giornale dei Misteri" n. 115 page 13; "Il Giornale dei Misteri" n. 116 page 13 ; Lumièresdans la Nuit, January/February 1982, Issue No. 211-212, p. 41, case No. 66
Description of sighting	Many fishermen, including Nicola Olivieri of the motor fishing boat "Principe degli Angeli", Calogero Portera of the "Santa Maria" and the crews of the "Nuovo Venere", "Fortuna Assistimi", "Marzo", "Alba Chiara", off the coast of Capo Mele, they saw nine white lights, similar to lightning, coming out of the sea in groups of three, all within the space of about ten seconds. The phenomenon repeated itself twice more, in about fifteen minutes. Olivieri was also able to observe the phenomenon with binoculars and described the lights as white and elongated fireballs, which were heading towards the north-east.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
185	December 1978	Venice	D	ISO – military exercise	"Messeggero Veneto" of 08/12/1978; "The Night" ed. Veneto of 09/12/1978".
Description of sighting	Some people observed objects moving on the sea and immediately thought they were UFOs. In truth, the mystery was immediately dissolved when the vehicles and strange men observed turned out to be Hovercrafts participating in a military exercise of the Lagooners, defined as an amphibious conquest. Naturally the newspapers of the time, in the wake of the Adriatic phenomena, spoke of UFO sightings.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
291	01/12/1978	Giulianova (TE)	B	Insufficient information	"Patrol SpectraScouts" Bulletin n. 3; Lumières dans la Nuit n. 212, Jan/Fen 1982, p. 41, houses no. 67
Description of sighting	Two people were in a car, at 01:35, when they saw a bright red object, about one and a half meters long, which flew slowly over the beach two hundred meters from the witnesses, moving from north to south. It had the shape of an overturned plate; then the object descended in a parabola and disappeared from the sight of the witnesses; the observation lasted more than five minutes.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
281	12/12/1978	Road between Marina di Montemarciano and marzocco (AN)	C	Insufficient information	"Corriere Adriatico" of 12/14/1978; SUF document no. 2712.
Description of sighting	A motorist from Falconara, who at 10.14pm was on the road that connects Marina di Montemarciano to Marzocca, in full electrical blackout throughout the area, noticed that suddenly the car radio stopped working and the headlights of the machine began to fade. At that point the witness saw a beam, which had come out of the sea, which stopped above his car. For about two or three minutes the car				

	remained stationary with the witness inside and then, just as everything had started, it started working again and the flash disappeared.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
076	12/13/1978	Catania	C	Insufficient information	"Sicily" of 12/15/1978.
Description of sighting	Some people telephoned the switchboard of the newspaper La Sicilia to report the sighting of a very bright, blue object that had risen from the sea, in a south-east position. The higher the object rose in the sky, the more its brightness increased. The phenomenon suddenly disappeared, suddenly turning off its light. A few hours later an identical phenomenon was observed. The observation was linked by the newspaper to the arrest of the well-known contactee Eugenio Siragusa, accused of plagiarism, fraud and rape.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
172	12/14/1978	Avigliana (TO)	D	Insufficient information	ANSA dispatch n. 573/2 of 12/14/1978.
Description of sighting	A very bright object was seen landing on the waters of Lake Avigliana and then disappearing. Other people instead reported to the Carabinieri that a very bright flying object was flying in the direction of Turin. The same ANSA news reports the unreliability of the report of the object seen landing on the lake.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
077	12/14/1978	San Benedetto del Tronto (AP)	C	Probable missile	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 289 pp. 64-65; investigation by Grandicelli Simone and Cabassi Renzo of 10/061995.
Description of sighting	It was 07:10 on 14 December 1978 and, like every morning, the photographer Sgattoni, from San Benedetto del Tronto, had gotten up early. After meeting some friends he returned home and while he was having breakfast one of the family members suddenly exclaimed "what's going on over there?". The entire family could notice, about a kilometer from the beach, an object similar in shape to a missile that was slowly rising from the sea towards the sky. As luck would have it, the witness was a professional photographer who, taking up his Pentax Spot Matic 2 (with HP 5 black and white film and 200 mm telephoto lens) and shot all				

	thirty-six exposures of the roll of film. The object continued its upward journey and, at a certain point, changed trajectory, tilted, headed north and increased its speed, before disappearing, blending into the sky. This is undoubtedly one of the most interesting cases in the entire world "usological" panorama. First of all because I don't think there is a documented case in the world with such a high number of photographs, taken among other things by a professional photographer. Secondly because we are finally in the presence of a serious investigation carried out by two ufologists with scientific investigation methodology.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
187	12/17/1978	Torvaianica (RM)	D	ISO – Hydrophonic buoy	“Il Messaggero” of 12/18/1978; “La Nazione” of 12/18/1978; “L’Unità” of 12/18/1978; “Il Giornale” of 12/19/1978; “Paese Sera” of 12/18/1978; “La Stampa” of 12/19/1978; “Il Tempo” of 12/18/1978; “Il Piccolo” of 12/18/1978; “La Sicilia” of 18 and 19/12/1978 ; “Corriere della Sera” of 12/18/1978; “Corriere Adriatico” of 12/18/1978; “Rome” dated 12/19/1978.
Description of sighting	On Sunday morning, Mr. Esilio Conte, while he was on the beach, had the opportunity to observe an object that had been pushed by the waves onto the shoreline and immediately notified the Carabinieri who proceeded to guard the area. The main hypothesis favored by people was that that object was nothing more than something left by UFOs. The curious fact was that the extraterrestrial hypothesis fell when a boy saw a small door with bolts on the object; it was therefore unthinkable that aliens much more advanced than us would still use good old bolts! From a subsequent analysis of the find, the bomb squad found that it was a metal cylinder with some writing, a two-metre folded antenna and, on top, a light bulb covered by a crystal hemisphere. There was no doubt, therefore, in establishing that it was a hydrophonic buoy probably lost or launched by some				

	unit sailing in the Tyrrhenian Sea.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
078	12/20/1978	Bellaria (RN)	D	Insufficient information	R. Pinotti "Ufo: Italian chessboard" ed. Oscar Mondadori, page. 120; "Ufo News" of February 1980, page. 47; "Ufo Newsletter" of February 1979, page. 8; "Panorama" of 01/09/1979; "Ufo Network" of February 2000, pp. 64-70; "Ufo News" n. 46 August September 2003, page. 329; R. Pinotti "Unidentified Flying Objects" ed. Oscar Mondadori, page. 114; M. Fornari "National UFO Yearbook" 1996-1997, pp. 32-33 ; R. Pinotti "Unidentified Submerged Objects" ed. Olympia, pp. 93-94; "La Voce di Romagna" Rimini edition of 02/05/2004.
Description of sighting	Thousands of people saw from the coast a large and blinding object, which was located about a mile from the coast, which was compared to a burning ship. The photographer Elia Faccin took some images which were published in the newspapers of the time. Strangely, however, on the first shot the shutter of his Olympus was blocked. Roberto Mantovani and Sandro Manaresi looked at the object with a telescope and described it as an inverted dish surmounted by a turret with an opening. The object was illuminated by greenish and yellow-orange				

	lights, which dimmed at the edges; it moved slowly and left a small trail behind it. Other witnesses described the object as having twelve lights, with one in the center being the brightest.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
247	12/23/1978	Off the coast of Palermo	D	Possible reflection	E-mail from Pietro Torre to Marco Bianchini.
Description of sighting	In relation to the tragic plane crash at Punta Raisi, news also emerged that around 11pm some people saw a flying object in the shape of a hat; later some lights were spotted on the sea which the pilots of an airliner mistook for the landing strip, ending up in the sea with the entire plane. 108 people died in the accident.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
079	12/28/1978	Avigliana (TO)	D	Possible reflection	"Ufo News" of February 1980, page. 48; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 138 pages. 15; "La Stampa" of 12/29/1978; "Gazzetta del Popolo" of 12/30/1978 ; Ansa news n. 573/2.
Description of sighting	Some people telephoned the Turin Police Headquarters to report the sighting of a very bright flying object which, after having landed on the surface of the lake, disappeared. According to a newspaper of the time, the observation was nothing other than the reflection on the lake of a fire lit on the shore. According to ANSA the sighting occurred on December 14th.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
080	12/28/1978	Santa Tecla (CT)	C	Insufficient information	"The Diary" of 12/29/1978; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 116 pages. 12; "ItaCat" case no.

					78102; report by Daniele and Paolo Lolicato.
Description of sighting	While some people were on the beach, a stretch of sea was seen suddenly boiling. From the waters rose a great dark spot like a shadow, a black cloud. The emerging object left a high wave behind it and quickly headed inland. The object was also seen in the village and here a curious thing happened. As the body passed over a bar, the doors of the room flew open as if pushed by a gust of wind and the ceiling was damaged in several places. The newspaper also published a photo of the damage to the ceiling.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
081	12/31/1978	Posada (NU)	D	Insufficient information	"L'Unione Sarda" of 9-12-13-16/01/1979; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 103 pp. 5-7; report by GP Spano; "Ufo News" of the CUN of January 2000, pp. 24-26; "ItaCat" case no. 78104.
Description of sighting	A surveyor, Antonio Porcheddu, and a carabinieri, Pietro Contu, while they were driving along a road, saw a luminous spherical object, which was standing motionless on the marshy ground; behind the object there appeared to be something hill-shaped, darker and larger than the glowing object itself. Once they got out of the car, they remained observing the object for a few minutes, until they noticed that an isosceles triangle had appeared inside the luminous body, with the vertex facing upwards. This triangle began to move from right to left and vice versa, reversing course every time one of the vertices collided with the wall of the sphere. Out of fear, the two witnesses got back into the car and fled, returning to the scene only after three days. Finding an area of approximately two hundred and fifty square meters, oval in shape, in which the vegetation had burned. Even the submerged part of the vegetation was completely burned. About seventy meters from that area, there was another smaller one, about eighty square meters, which presented the same effects.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
121	???/??/1979	Rose Garden of Abruzzi (TE)	D	ISO - false	"Il Messaggero d'Abruzzo" from early 1979; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 289 pages. 64;

					letter from the witness to Giuseppe Stilo dated 24/10/1994.
Description of sighting	A sailor, Renato di Carlo, while on board his boat, observed a dark red sphere, which dissolved when immersed in water. The same witness managed to take five photographs. The witness to the incident later confirmed that it was a joke created with some friends, in the climate of ufological psychosis of those years.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
082					
Description of sighting	Case eliminated because it is the same as n. 121				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
159	04/01/1979	Favignana (TP)	D	Possible RPV	"Giornale di Sicilia" of 05/01/1979.
Description of sighting	A fisherman noticed an object in the sea and, having approached it cautiously, realized that it was harmless. At which point, with a rope, he tied the object to the boat, dragging it to the port. Taken over by the Carabinieri, it turned out to be a kind of orange mini-plane, with a white nose cone, about two and a half meters long and weighing about two hundred kilograms. The Carabinieri then handed the device over to the men of the Port Authority, who stated that it was probably a radio-controlled aircraft used for oceanographic surveys.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
083	02/15/1979	Fano (AN)	C	Insufficient information	"Il Resto del Carlino" of 02/16/1979; "Ufo News" of May 1979, pp. 19-20; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 148 pages. 13; "ItaCat" case no. 7922.
Description	Numerous people who were in different places saw a luminescent white				

of sighting	disk-shaped object that emerged from the mud (or water according to some sources) of the Metauro river, which at that point forms a marshy delta with some islets. The object had a fiery red dome, with many small white, green and blue lights at the base. It had an apparent size of about fifteen meters and was easily visible, despite the thick fog. One of the witnesses stated that a cone of black rays emerged from a central internal point of the object and stood out against the white light of the object itself. These rays, as soon as they reached the top of the object, headed into the sky, becoming bright, phosphorescent and constant, with an oscillating brightness. Other witnesses described the object with some differences between them, especially in the colors and intensity of the light.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
084	12/03/1979	Syracuse	C	Insufficient information	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 149 pages. 18; letter from the witness to the Gdm dated 03/29/1979; "ItaCat" case no. 7924.
Description of sighting	Two friends who were playing on the beach saw five shiny, cylindrical objects of various colors in the sea, with a pulsating brightness. After two minutes a beam of light seemed to head towards them and, at that point, they observed a conical, white object, which without any noise emerged from the sea and headed towards the other five objects. As soon as they reached it, the six bodies suddenly disappeared all together.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
085	??/05/1979	Genoa-Olbia	C	Insufficient information	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 105 pages. 10.
Description of sighting	Some passengers on a ferry, which sails from Genoa to Olbia, had the opportunity to observe a large cylindrical body, as tall as a skyscraper, suddenly emerging from the waters a short distance away. This case can be compared with no. 087, since it could be the same sighting, with an error caused by the journalistic sources of the time.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
086	??/06/1979	Cinque Terre (SP)	B	Insufficient information	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 105 pages. 9;

					"ItaCat" case no. 7928.
Description of sighting	Some sailors observed an enormous object, described as colossal in size, falling obliquely and at high speed into the sea; shortly afterwards the same object re-emerged amidst a violent boil of water, disappearing into the sky at high speed.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
087	06/22/1979	Gorgona Island (LI)	C	USE	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 105, December 1979, pp. 5-9; "Monday Gazette" of 07/23/1979; "Ufo News" of December 1979, pp. 36-38; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 177 pages. 19; R. Pinotti "Ufos: visitors from elsewhere" ed. Rizzoli, pp. 148-149; R. Pinotti "Ufo: Italian chessboard" ed. Oscar Mondadori, pp. 98-99 ; R. Pinotti "Unidentified Flying Objects" ed. Oscar Mondadori, pp. 94-96; "Ufo news Magazine" n. 3 pages 54; Viberti "Close Encounters" ed. Demeter, p. 44; "Ufo News" n. 15 of September-October 2000, page. 26; SUF information sheet n. 2493; R. Pinotti "Unidentified Submerged Objects" ed. Olympia, p. 71.
Description	Certainly one of the most interesting cases in all of UFO phenomenology and in				

of sighting	particular that relating to USOs is the one that occurred off the coast of Gorgona on 22 June 1979. During a beautiful summer day, in the afternoon, the Rainbow II yacht (31 meters long and 51 tons) was heading towards Corsica, after leaving Viareggio at 3.45pm. The owner, an industrialist from Milan, was in broth with his wife and children, as well as the crew of eleven people. Around 6.30 pm the calm and beauty of the day were interrupted by a disconcerting episode to say the least: about three miles ahead, they observed an enormous cylindrical object, black in colour. The object rose above the surface of the sea, similar to a tower, coming out of the water for about 30 meters. At that point the motorboat approached slowly, being able to notice its shape and enormous dimensions even more. Once we reached about a mile and a half away, the object sank with a great crash and a boil of the waters, taking no more than three seconds to disappear. Indirect witnesses to the sighting were also the Port Authority of Livorno who remained in continuous radio contact with the yacht's crew and in particular with its radio operator Guzzi. But the phenomenon did not end with the disappearance of the object since the ship, despite the compasses indicating the right course, drifted 12 miles southwards, finding itself in Bastia (the expected arrival was in Macinaggio). The drift proved inexplicable given, among other things, the calm sea, the lack of currents and the correct functioning of the compass. Another curious detail was given by the dog on board which, during the manifestation of the phenomenon, barked and gave clear signs of fear and terror. It is not known exactly what happened and in fact, the case is still one of two actual uses of the catalogue. The greatest regret is that there was no investigation carried out with scientific investigation methodology and all that scholars have are numerous, but repetitive, newspaper articles. An attempt to investigate at least the witnesses was made by the GORU group of La Spezia, who however had the great merit of recovering the messages from the Compamare of Livorno and the Maridipar of La Spezia warning boats of the presence of a floating obstacle in that stretch of sea. It is clear that the case was classified as USO, even if there was no serious investigation, with a scientific investigation methodology, because the journalistic sources and the investigations present are very detailed, at least for the details of the object sighted and the testimony of the witnesses.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
088	??/07/1979	Sinis Peninsula (OR)	TO	Insufficient information	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 167 pages. 16; Suf card. n. 3367; letter dated 05/01/1985.
Description of sighting	A diver, who wishes to remain anonymous, during a dive at about 10 meters depth, saw a large bright red ball lying on the seabed. After about five minutes of				

	immobility, the ball quickly launched towards the surface, while the witness was slowly approaching. The object, which was about three meters in diameter, was about eight meters from the diver. The movement of the ball produced a strong movement of water on the seabed.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
130	14-16/7/1979	Elba Island (LI)	C	Insufficient information	Investigation by Umberto Telarico.
Description of sighting	Two people, who earlier on the same day had seen the passage of a flying body with anomalous characteristics from the beach, while they were on board a dinghy, observed the water rippling and creating a series of large concentric waves on the surface, with a diameter of approximately 10-15 metres. Returning to land, while they were on the beach, the two spouses saw on the horizon a luminous tubular body, of a reddish colour, which gave the impression of having emerged from the sea . The object, which was proceeding at a speed comparable to that of a small plane, left behind it a trail of indefinable color, which quickly dissolved. After about six minutes, it disappeared from sight, covered by the hills of the island of Elba.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
154	08/28/1979	Rimini	B	Probable phosphorus fragment	“Il Secolo XIX” of 08/29/1979; “La Stampa” of 08/29/1979; “Il Giornale Nuovo” of 08/29/1979; “Il Resto del Carlino” of 08/29/1979 and 08/30/1979.
Description of sighting	A meteorite was seen falling into the sea near the beach, about 150 meters from the coast, around 6.30pm. Immediately after the impact a tourist grabbed it, immediately releasing it because the object began to smoke and became incandescent. Its effect ended as soon as it was buried under the sand, but when it came into contact with the air again, the object reignited and became incandescent again. This is a classic phenomenon of the so-called phosphorus fragment. It is likely that the object is some type of military device with a phosphorus component that burns at very high temperatures. The case, which more properly falls under FortCat, was only included because the object was seen falling into the sea and was initially mistaken for a meteorite.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
341	???/??/1980	Pietra Ligure (SV)	TO	Insufficient information	Telephone inquiry by Alfredo Lissoni dated 12/08/2000.
Description of sighting	Several people between 7 and 8 pm saw strange plays of light in the water. A witness described these lights as colored.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
267	???/??/1980	Ticino River (NO)	C	Insufficient information	“Il Giorno” Lombardy edition of 05/15/2006.
Description of sighting	Just a very brief journalistic report relating to the observation by a couple of an object seen emerging from the waters of the Ticino river, in the area of the province of Novara. The date is generically indicated as the 1980s.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
285	???/??/1980	Pisan coast of Tuscany	C	Insufficient information	“La Rete” electronic bulletin of the CUN National Ufological Centre, n. 238 of 05/30/2000.
Description of sighting	On an unspecified date but which the witness reconstructed as being before 1987, since at the time of the events she was going to school and graduated in 1987, the girl observed on the Pisan coast of the Tyrrhenian Sea, in the Alta Val di Cecina area, some luminous, white spheres that emerged from the sea and, after stopping for an instant, flew away very quickly upwards obliquely. The witness recalls that an article also appeared in the Pisa news of the newspaper "Il Tirreno" and that photos of the event were also published there. The witness then specified that the sea water, despite the objects having come out from there, did not move and had no waves or ripples.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
188	04/16/1980	Lido of Venice	D	Probable algae	“Il Gazzettino” of 04/17/1980
Description of sighting	The waves of the shoreline, during the night, suddenly turned out to be of an intense color varying from blue to pinkish. During the day they appeared red.				

	Furthermore, someone, approaching the water, was able to notice the presence of flames, probably caused by the decomposition of protozoa that suddenly proliferated in the area. In particular it would be noctiluca scintillans or some particular algae.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
089	05/14/1980	Vibo Valentia (RC)	D	ISO – sound buoy	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 117 pp. 7-10.
Description of sighting	Four people who were fishing aboard a boat in the night saw two lights on the sea that went on and off alternately. Terrified, they took a pair of binoculars and realized that there was also a long antenna sticking out of the object. Strangely, as they approached the object the engine stopped, although from subsequent analyzes it was revealed that it was an error on the part of the engineer who panicked. Once they reached the object, they hoisted it on board and discovered that it was a metal tube 80 to 90 centimeters long, with a diameter of about 15-20. It was red in color, with an antenna about a meter long. It had a single white lamp, but the reflection it gave off on the red paint gave the impression that they were two separate lights. Finally there were some writings and numbers in Cyrillic. The object was handed over to the authorities who identified it as a Soviet sounding buoy dropped by some anti-submarine aircraft.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
090	08/26/1980	Pescara	B	ISO - meteorite	"Gazzetta del Sud" of 08/29/1980; "Arena" of 08/29/1980; "Corriere della Sera" of 08/29/1980; "The Journal of Mysteries" n° 161 page. 17; "Life" of 08/29/1980; "La Nazione" of 08/29/1980; "La Nazione" of 08/30/1980; "Calabria" of 08/29/1980; "La Stampa" of 08/29-30/1980; "Il Resto del Carlino" of

					08/29/1980; CrashCat case no. 048; "Il Giornale d'Italia" of 08/29/1980; "ItaCat" case no. 8010.
Description of sighting	A greenish object with a halo and emanating various colored beams was seen to explode in flight and then sink into the sea. Shortly before the explosion a loud supersonic bang was heard. As the light entered the water, witnesses could see a trail of green color that had been left in the sky.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
092					
Description of sighting	Case eliminated because it turned out to be the same as #090.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
093					
Description of sighting	Case eliminated because it turned out to be the same as #090.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
091	01/09/1980	Lignano Sabbiadoro (UD)	B	Insufficient information	"Il Messaggero Veneto" of 2, 3, 04/09/1980; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 162 pages. 12; "Il Messaggero" of 02/09/1980; "Il Piccolo" dated 02/09/1980; "Il Gazzettino" of 09/03/1980; CrashCat case n. 049.
Description of sighting	A fireball was seen falling into the sea by numerous people. The newspapers of the time spoke of a plane on fire and naturally of the search operations carried out with naval and air vehicles which, as always, led to nothing. Numerous witnesses also recalled hearing a loud bang and then seeing the fireball falling.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
094	11/11/1980	Lazio coast	B	ISO – meteorite	"Il Messaggero" of 12/11/1980.
Description of sighting	Numerous witnesses, including three policemen, saw a large fireball, with a long bright tail, coming from the east and heading west. It had a color between red, blue and white. The object was even followed for over a minute by the technicians of the control tower of Fiumicino-Rome airport, who observed the object break in two, lose its brightness and finally fall into the sea.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
095	03/12/1980	Castellammare di Stabia (NA)	B	Insufficient information	"Il Diario" news from Naples dated 04/12/1980; "Il Mattino" news from Naples dated 04/12/1980; "Paese Sera" of 04/12/1980.
Description of sighting	According to a telephone report, a plane, and according to others a helicopter, was seen crashing into the sea. The research operations, in which around thirty air and naval vehicles were used, had no outcome. The commander of a passing ship reported hearing a roar similar to that of a plane landing. Furthermore, large slicks of oil were spotted on the sea.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
096	10/24/1981	Licata (AG)	C	Insufficient information	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 141, March 1983, pp. 9-11; report by E. Schembri; "Ufo News" n. 100 pages 15; "ItaCat" case no. 8108; SUF card no. 3170; AURA group investigation of 05/01/1982.

Description of sighting	Two amateur fishermen, Giuseppe Bruna and Angelo Randagi, while fishing on the beach, saw, at a certain distance from the shore, some lights that seemed to emerge from the water, and then fly away. They didn't pay much attention to the sighting, but after just five minutes, about twenty meters from the shore, they saw three bright and aligned portholes emerging from the water. The two side lights detached themselves from the formation and headed towards the coast and at this point Mr. Bruna took a torch and pointed it towards the sea. The beam of light illuminated a hairy being about two meters tall, who was standing in water up to his knees. The two fishermen immediately felt a sensation of warmth, so much so that the wet sand on which they stood barefoot dried quickly and they had the sensation of being attracted towards the sea. The two witnesses, at that point, ran away in two different directions. Bruna met a Carabinieri patrol and was taken to the barracks where he told the story, while Randagi, while running, tripped and fell to the ground and saw the lights receding. The vision of the hairy being lasted just a few seconds, as the torch light went out, although it is not known whether for mysterious reasons or for the fear of the witnesses.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
184	Summer 1982	Reggio Calabria	D	Insufficient information	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 367 of May 2002, pp. 55-57.
Description of sighting	A lady who was at home, about to go to bed for the night, saw from the window a beam of light moving in a zigzag across the sky. Paying attention, he noticed that the light was coming from a metal disk that had rested on the water. The object was round and with a dome at the top, and with a diameter of about three meters; it was surrounded by a purple halo and gave off a very intense light that bothered the eyes, similar to the light of a welding machine. Then comes the fantastic part of the story: the lady noticed the presence of a human-shaped entity on the shore. He was less than five feet tall, with a flat helmet and two slits for eyes. He was wearing a tight, metallic-colored jumpsuit. Suddenly the entity turned around quickly, but without giving the impression of the rotational movement of the body and began to stare at the witness. The latter, frightened, was hit by a beam of blinding colored light coming from the disk. The witness, in a panic, then closed the shutters and bolted all the doors and windows of the house.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
097	01/23/1983	Capri (NA)	B	Insufficient information	"Il Giornale di Sicilia" of 01/24/1983; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 177 pages. 12;

					"ItaCat" case no. 8304; "Il Giornale d'Italia" of 01/24/1983; "Il Mattino" news from Naples on 01/24/1983 ; "Il Giornale di Napoli" of 02/26/2003; CrashCat case no. 053; SUF card no. 3182.
Description of sighting	Mrs. Luisa Federico observed a luminous object fall into the sea about a mile away from the stacks. A source at the time specified that the object was attached to a parachute and recovery operations began immediately, as it was believed that it could be a Soviet satellite in difficulty. However, nothing was found.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
310	???/??/1984	Orbetello: Giannella (GR)	B	Probable meteor	post published on 04/10/2020 on the Facebook page "Aliens – New Revelations".
Description of sighting	The witness Raffaello G. was on the beach at night with some friends, when suddenly everyone observed an object that passed over them silently and, towards the horizon, immersed itself in the water. After a few seconds they all distinctly heard the sound that followed the impact with the water.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
212	Summer 1984	Licata (AG)	C	Insufficient information	Investigation by Antonio Rampulla of 06/03/1993; letter from the witness dated 04/08/1993; SUF card no. 4403.
Description of sighting	A witness saw a cylindrical object, similar to a gas cylinder, emerging from the sea. The object, swinging, went over the witness's terrace, stopping. It then moved away slowly, until it suddenly accelerated and disappeared very quickly. The object was very silent and the witness also reported that it was seen twice more during the summer. Following some contacts between the investigator and the witness, it is very likely that the object did not emerge from the sea but was simply observed coming from the sea and therefore not having any contact with the				

	water.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
098	08/26/1984	Campo Marino (TA)	TO	USE	Investigation by A. Cassano of 11/14/93; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 272 pp. 60-61; "UFO" n. 18, July-December 1996; "Ufo news Magazine" n. 3 pages 54; SUF card no. 4498; "Il Quotidiano di Bari" of 04/03/2008.
Description of sighting	This case was cataloged as USO because it is the only Italian case present in the UsoCat that was investigated with a scientific ufological investigation methodology, by a serious ufologist, who interviewed the witnesses, without any prejudice or preconception. Three people who were longline fishing on board a small boat, during the night, noticed that between 500 and 1,000 meters from them the sea had become clear, as if a large wake had become visible in a particular point. One of the three looked at the time and it was 03:00. Thinking that it was a surfacing submarine, the three slowed down the speed of the boat and at that point they saw an object, probably light gray in color and with slightly blurry outlines, which emerged from the sea without any noise and without generating splashes. The object emerged at an angle of 60°-70° and disappeared into the sky at very high speed. Shortly after rising into the sky, it quickly changed direction. The investigator concludes his report by corroborating the testimony of the three, who are serious and well-known people and who, as stated by the investigator himself, could very well have added details if they had wanted to invent the story. Personally I consider this case a USE only because a scientific investigation was carried out with a serious methodology; the story itself, in the personal opinion of the UsoCat curator, could be classified as "insufficient information", as there are many within this catalogue.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
230	05/12/1984	Off the island of Elba (LI)	B	Insufficient information	"Epoca" n. 1802 of 04/19/1985, page 73; Umberto Telarico

					"Ufological hypothesis of the Ustica massacre".
Description of sighting	Just a brief report regarding the observation by two pilots of a civil jet (flight IG-635) coming from Pisa and headed to Cagliari, of a large fiery object that was seen descending towards the sea. This sighting is also correlated with the tragedy of the in-flight explosion of the Itavia DC-9 in Ustica on 27 June 1980, in a sort of ufological hypothesis of the Ustica massacre, complete with an alien base under the Tyrrhenian Sea.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
122	Summer 1985	Porto S. Stefano (GR)	C	Insufficient information	witness's email dated 05/07/2000
Description of sighting	Two cousins who were on the beach observed two very bright spheres that shot up out of the sea; immediately afterwards the spheres stopped for a second in the sky and then accelerated, shooting away obliquely upwards.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
255	??/08/1985-1986	Rimini	C	Insufficient information	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 389, March 2004, page. 52.
Description of sighting	A witness named Alessandro, in the company of his mother, saw a spindle rising from the waters off Rimini, after it had given the impression of coming out of the sea. It had spinning lights and went up into the sky diagonally to the right. It was yellow in color, sometimes lighter and sometimes darker. The color changed as two lights on the sides changed. At the bottom was a third glowing light, similar to that emitted by a jet and orange in color. It was more or less 7.30 pm and the object had a size estimated by the witness to be around two to three meters and was very fast.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
099	08/16/1985	Falconara Marittima (AN)	D	Insufficient information	"L'Unità" of 08/16/1985; "La Nazione" of 08/19/1985; "La Stampa" of 08/19/1985; "Il Tempo" of

					08/19/1985; "Stampa Sera" of 08/19/1985; "Il Giornale di Napoli" of 08/19/1985; "La Stampa" of 08/23/1985; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 208 pages. 57.
Description of sighting	A strange sighting was witnessed by two tourists from Forlì, Carlo Marussi and Franco Bressa, who saw, from a hill, two large circles or luminous spheres standing on the sea, with an approximate diameter of about 150-200 metres. At a certain moment one of the two circles began to move and stopped in a certain point for about 45 minutes. After which it returned to its original position, joined the other circle and the entire object thus formed sank.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
256	???/??/1986	Along the Po (FE)	B	Insufficient information	"La Nuova Ferrara" of 10/14/1989.
Description of sighting	A very short journalistic report relating to the observation of some objects seen sinking into the waters of the Po.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
312	???/??/1986	Olbia (SS)	B	Insufficient information	Fax from the witness to CISU dated 17/05/2011.
Description of sighting	Mr. Giampaolo P. said he saw an object shaped like a rugby ball that literally fell into a lagoon. The witness raised his eyes to the sky because he heard a hiss and saw this object fall into the water and make it boil. It was dark golden in color and its shapes were perfectly oval.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
146	20-28/2/1986	Off the coast of Milazzo (ME)	C	Insufficient information	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 341 March 2000, pp. 53-54; Torre Pietro "Mysterious phenomena in the sky of the

					province of Messina – second part” ed. Oreste Ragusi, page. 64.
Description of sighting	Mr. Antonino Abramo, who was fishing alone at night in his boat, noticed an extremely intense light coming from under the sea and irradiating the entire surrounding area. The light was initially light yellow, then became blue-green and finally white. This luminosity was about two to three kilometers from the boat. Suddenly the sea seemed to boil, until a strange elliptical-shaped body emerged from the waters, described as a legionnaire's hat. It had a bright overhead dome, which protruded from the oval base. The white base had many small lights arranged in a circle, of various colors, with different shades and luminous intensities. The object then began to rise towards the sky with some changes in speed, direction. On one occasion he even stopped for a few moments. The entire observation lasted about twenty seconds.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
174	10/06/1986	Castiglione del Lago (PG)	B	Insufficient information	CUN electronic archive April 2002; “La Nazione” Umbrian news of 11/18/1986.
Description of sighting	Only a brief telematic report of three objects that were seen descending into the lake (probably the same case as n. 100, even if the sources explicitly speak of two separate sightings).				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
100	12/06/1986	Castiglione del Lago (PG)	B	Insufficient information	"La Nazione" of 14/06/1986 and 18/06/1986 (news of Umbria) ; "Il Giornale d'Italia" of 06/14/1986; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 221 pages. 62; CUN electronic archive April 2002; SUF card no. 3555/A.
Description	Two people observed three spherical objects, of intense blue color, which were				

of sighting	flying in a triangular formation; having reached Lake Tradition, they would have sunk, descending like a candle.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
158	07/09/1986	Caorle (VE)	D	Insufficient information	“Il Giornale” of 11/07/1986; “Sicily” of 11/07/1986; SUF card no. 3593.
Description of sighting	At around midnight, two pairs of people observed a large semi-submerged sphere at least eight meters in diameter a short distance from the beach. The upper part was bright yellowish, while the submerged part emitted very intense flashes of orange light. After about 10 minutes the sphere came out of the sea and quickly moved away towards the horizon with a loud bang. The sighting was also confirmed by another witness who observed, around 11.00 pm, a large sphere moving in a zigzag pattern in the sky.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
189	10/07/1986	Eraclea Mare (VE)	D	Insufficient information	“Il Gazzettino” of 11/7/1986; “L’Adige” of 11/7/1986; “Il Giornale” of 11/7/1986; “Corriere della Sera” of 11/7/1986; investigation by the GSU group n. 108; investigation by Francesco Fasolo dated 8/31/1986; SUF card no. 3644.
Description of sighting	Around 10.00pm-11.00pm along the beach, three witnesses, who were walking, observed a light similar to that of an airplane approaching from the horizon. It approached and grew to three times the size of the North Star, after which the light stopped in the sky. It had a circular shape of yellow color and sometimes, in the underlying part, there was a red color. More or less below the sphere, but closer to the shore, there was a flashing yellow-red light standing on the surface of the water. After about an hour the sphere in the sky moved away and so did the light in the sea. Subsequently the sphere in the sky reappeared and again disappeared into the distance, this time, however, without there being any trace of the light in				

	the sea.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
101	08/25/1986	Torre del Lago-Viareggio (LU)	D	Possible signal rocket	"La Nazione" of 08/26/1986; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 225; SHADO group catalogue; SUF card no. 3611.
Description of sighting	An orange bonfire was observed by numerous witnesses on the surface of the sea. Numerous search operations were carried out with naval vessels of the Port Authority and with helicopters from the Navy base of Luni (SP), which however gave no results.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
102	10/23/1986	Viareggio (LU)	D	Possible vessel	Investigation by the Shado group of 11/22/1986; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 187 pages. 57; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 229 pages. 60.
Description of sighting	From the beach of Viareggio, at 6.30 pm, two young people saw a bright vessel, triangular in shape, floating still on the surface of the sea, despite the sea being very rough. After about fifteen minutes the witnesses left and reported the fact to the local Carabinieri station, which drew up a report to which some drawings of the object were also attached.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
103	03/11/1986	Castiglione del Lago (PG)	B	Insufficient information	"The Nation" ed. Umbria of 11/18/1986; "Il Mattino" of 11/20/1986; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 230 pages. 62; CUN electronic

					archive April 2002; AAVV "Ufos in Italy" vol. 5, ed. Professional DTP Venanzoni Florence, page. 201.
Description of sighting	Two people saw, according to some sources, three objects arranged in the shape of a triangle, according to others, numerous luminous, blue-coloured spherical bodies. The formation moved at low altitude and had an apparent size of about five meters. Once above the lake the objects would have descended perpendicularly, until they sank into the water. Press sources also point out that this sighting is identical to one that occurred in the summer and cataloged as case no. 100.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
104	07/12/1986	Bellaria (RN)	C	Probably fake	"Il Resto del Carlino" of 09/12/1986; "La Nazione" of 09/12/1986; "Il Secolo XIX" of 09/12/1986; "Il Giornale" of 09/12/1986; "Il Giornale Nuovo" of 09/12/1986; "Il Tempo" of 11/12/1986; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 231 pages. 65; CUN electronic archive April 2002 ; investigation by Gianfranco Lollino dated 08/12/1986; SUF card no. 3728.
Description of sighting	Some witnesses reported having seen, almost two hundred meters from the shore, a luminous discoidal object, blue in colour, with an orange dome and about ten meters in diameter, which emerged from the sea. For about ten minutes, the object remained motionless and without making any noise, suspended three meters from the surface of the water (according to a journalistic source, a few hundred meters from the sea). Then he would suddenly disappear at impressive speed. The news immediately turned out to be unreliable, so much so that the Carabinieri also				

	informed the Judiciary of the fact, precisely because of the probable falsity of what was declared by the witnesses.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
169	02/22/1987	Riccione (RN)	B	Insufficient information	CUN electronic archive April 2002.
Description of sighting	Unfortunately, the usual brief news circulated electronically regarding three luminous globes that entered the sea, without any other details.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
105	05/27/1987	Numana (AN)	D	Insufficient information	"Il Messaggero" of 05/29/1987; "Il Resto del Carlino" of 05/29/1987; "La Stampa" of 02/06/1987; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 236 pages. 64.
Description of sighting	Three witnesses observed some reddish flashes on the sea offshore; subsequently, two miles from the shore, a large wave would have risen. Unfortunately there are no other details.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
106	06/16/1987	Riccione (RN)	D	Insufficient information	"La Gazzetta" of 06/17/1987; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 237
Description of sighting	Two amateur astronomers, after hearing a loud hiss, saw a luminescent ovoid-shaped object on the body of water in front of the beach of Riccione. During the few minutes of the sighting, the object changed color several times.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
177	04/08/1987	Montesilvano (PE)	C	Insufficient information	CUN electronic archive April 2002.

Description of sighting	Again a short telematic news from the National Ufological Center (CUN) relating to a disk that was seen rising from the sea.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
207	08/19/1987	Off the coast of Ancona	C	Insufficient information	“Resto del Carlino” of 08/21/1987; “Giornale di Vicenza” of 08/21/1987; e-mail from E. Russo dated 11/14/2002; “La Nazione” of 08/21/1987; AAVV “Ufos in Italy” vol. 5, ed. Professional DTP Venanzoni Florence, page. 218.
Description of sighting	Two fishermen, about seven miles from the coast, saw a flying saucer emerge from the sea. The disk was ovoid in shape, bright and silvery in color. It was about 20 meters in diameter and came out no more than two hundred meters from their boat. After surfacing, the disk would have let soft angel hair fall onto the waves of the sea, what in ufological jargon is known as siliceous cotton wool. Subsequently, the disc took off and disappeared from the sight of the two witnesses. Some sources indicate the sighting occurred on the 18th.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
107	02/09/1987	Villamarzana (RO)	D	Insufficient information	Letter from the witness to the SUF dated 04/30/1988; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 241 pages. 64; SUF card no. 3802; AAVV “Ufos in Italy” vol. 5, ed. Professional DTP Venanzoni Florence, pp. 218-220.
Description	Mr. Renzo Munari, while he was fishing on the bank of a canal, felt a strange				

of sighting	tingling, similar to an electric discharge and, after a few minutes, he saw in front of him, about seventy meters away, an object four to five meters long. meters, about a meter thick, which protruded into the center of the river. The object was moving at a moderate speed and, after about two hundred meters towards the east, it turned towards the south. Still struck by a sensation similar to an electric discharge, the witness turned and noticed a being staring at him. The entity was approximately two meters tall, had a dark complexion, and had orange hair, which appeared to be made of a plastic-like substance. He was wearing a sort of bright, luminescent blue suit with an orange tag at chest level. Unfortunately, the sources do not give us any information on how the sighting ended.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
194	??/10/1987	Rose Garden of Abruzzi (TE)	B	Insufficient information	"Il Piccolo" dated 10/15/1987.
Description of sighting	Several people, including some firefighters, observed a circular object emanating a blinding light flying over the sea a short distance from the beach and landing near some rocks surrounded by water and then disappearing. However, the checks carried out by the firefighters, even with an inflatable boat, gave no results.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
108	??/07/1988	Sirolo (AN)	B	Insufficient information	"The Journal of Mysteries" n . 207 pages. 57.
Description of sighting	During a small wave that hit the Marche in the summer months, some newspapers reported the news of fishermen who observed luminous balls diving into the sea.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
240	??/08/1988	Licata (AG)	D	Insufficient information	R. Pinotti "Unidentified submerged objects" ed. Olympia, pp. 137-138; "Ufo News" n. 48 of December 2003 - January 2004, pp. 54-55.
Description of sighting	While he was returning home on his scooter, a student saw a cruise ship docked the apparent size of the islet behind an islet called Rocca San Nicola. Having				

entered the house, before going to bed, he took a last look at the ship, which had a series of colored lights, mostly white and, in the central part, others red and green. Suddenly this supposed ship took flight from the sea, and then suddenly disappeared into the sky. Years later the sighting was also confirmed by another witness. The event occurred between the 8th and 21st of the month.

For completeness of the sources, the article that appeared in Ufo Notiziario n. is transcribed in its entirety. 48: “ It is an established fact that the sighting of a UFO or witnessing a strange phenomenon perhaps happens only once in a lifetime and even more difficult is the fact that the subject is able to find witnesses even after some time , or witnesses further anomalous phenomena. But for CGP this is not the case.

Let's start with order CGP, from Licata, 34 years old, university student in architecture, at 3.30 am on a Saturday in the second or third week of August 1988 he was returning home on his scooter after helping his parents in the club of their property. The route goes from Torre di Gaffe to the house which is located in front of a small island near the sea shore (about 200 meters away) called Rocca di S. Nicola. As he is approaching home he sees lights behind the islet and thinks that it could be a "cruise ship" docked behind the islet and of comparable size to it. He returns home and looks out onto the balcony looking at the sea. The sky was clear and starry and the lights behind the islet coming from the "cruise ship" are still there. In fact, the dimensions of the object located behind the islet are notable and a large number of multicolored lights surround it. Most of them white and a certain number red and green concentrated in the center of the "ship" where he presumed the ship's main mast was . The curiosity to see who is having fun on the "cruise ship " pushes him to take binoculars . But just as he is focusing on the object, the "ship" instantly rises above the islet . Startled, he moves the binoculars aside, just in time to see the object dart to the left, traveling at great speed along the beach to Torre di Gaffe. He starts calling his parents, but they are busy with other things... (they are going to sleep) and don't listen to him. The object stops for an instant and returns very quickly to the point where it started, that is, above the islet, remains suspended for another instant and then shoots away vertically, disappearing from sight in just a few seconds. Noises: none! The entire episode lasted about 15 minutes in total. After about 8 years he finds himself with his brother at a party and meets by chance with a sailor (G.). We discuss this and that and the sailor, among the things that happen to him while sailing, says that once a strange episode had happened to him, of a luminous object that was stationary and then shot away horizontally, then returned to its original place. first and then it rose very quickly vertically. Coincidentally, he was in the same area, but by the sea, where the first sighting of CGP had taken place. Finally, in 2002, he found himself at home in Licata discussing with his cousins. We also discuss UFOs and a friend present who has a passion for underwater fishing, says that a few years earlier he was near the Rocca di S. Nicola (!) fishing and all of a sudden he sees the sea above him light up; he quickly comes out to the surface (fortunately the seabed behind the Rock is about 10 meters deep, otherwise there would have been trouble!) just in time to see a large disk that rises vertically upwards and disappears after a few seconds".

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
109	12/08/1989	Martinsicuro (TE)	B	Insufficient information	"Il Messaggero" of 08/13/1989; CrashCat case no. 078.
Description of sighting	From a beach resort, seven or eight people saw a tourist plane in difficulty, which was heading towards the sea, then landing and floating. However, no further news was confirmed by the Port Authority of Pescara which coordinated the rescue operations.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
110	25/11/1989	Licata-Poliscia (AG)	B	Possible planet Venus	"The newspaper of Sicily" of 11/27/1989; "La Sicilia" news from Agrigento of 26/11/1989; ANSA dispatch at 9.51pm on 25/11/1989; "The Journal of Mysteries" n . 227 pages. 59.
Description of sighting	Numerous people saw a very intense light suddenly appear in the starry sky, with changing colors from white to yellow. The object, which remained stationary in the sky for over two hours, slowly lowered until it disappeared into the sea. It had a spherical shape and apparent size like a tennis ball. The newspapers of the time gave the observation of the planet Venus and its subsequent sunset as a possible explanation.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
307	90's	Trebisacce (CS)	C	Insufficient information	post published on 05/17/2020 on the Facebook page "Aliens – New Revelations".
Description of sighting	Mr. Pietro DPC, around 02.30 am, was fishing on a full moon night on the Trebisacce pier, when he was about to put away his equipment and fishing rods to go home; suddenly, about two hundred meters away, a gigantic illuminated ball opened the sea and came out of the water, leaving a silver trail and disappeared vertically into the sky in a few seconds.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
202	01/16/1990	Stromboli Island (ME)	B	Insufficient information	“La Repubblica” of 01/17/1990; “Il Giornale d'Italia” of 17/01/1990; “Il Giornale di Napoli” of 17/01/1990; “Ufological hypothesis of the Ustica massacre” by Umberto Telarico; SUF card no. 4139.
Description of sighting	Some fishing boats had raised the radio alarm because a small tourist plane had exploded in mid-air and had sunk off the coast of the island of Stromboli. A report instead specified that it was not a plane but a helicopter that had taken off from the American base in Naples. After five hours, the searches carried out by the emergency vehicles in the port of Salerno were interrupted. Some sources report the sighting as having occurred on the 15th and not the 16th and locate the presumed point of impact of the aircraft with the water in various different stretches of sea around the island of Stromboli.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
111	03/25/1990	Naples	B	Probable perceptual error	"Il Giornale di Napoli" of 03/26/1990; “Il Mattino” of 26 and 27/03/1990; CrashCat case no. 093.
Description of sighting	The engineer Alert, on board his boat, he saw a plane with smoke in the tail that crashed into the open sea. Having alerted the authorities, they began the usual search operations which led to nothing, operations conducted by the Port Authority of Naples. The witness then specified that there was mist at the time of the sighting and that in fact he could also have been wrong.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
224	04/21/1990	Off the coast of Lazio	B	IFO – Meteor	“Corriere della Sera” of 04/23/1990.
Description	Throughout the Italian peninsula there were successive sightings and				

of sighting	observations of a large green-blue ball, which crossed the sky at great speed and with a very intense brightness. Even four pilots had the opportunity to observe the phenomenon. Some witnesses even believed they had seen this object fall into the waters off Lazio, so much so that a patrol boat from the Port Authority carried out patrols for a few hours. The mystery was later solved as the observed object was only part of the fragments left by Comet Thatcher.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
112	07/24/1990	Amantea (SS)	C	Insufficient information	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 285 pages. 64; SUF card no. 4517; AAVV "Ufos in Italy" vol. 5, ed. Professional DTP Venanzoni Florence, page. 255.
Description of sighting	Two witnesses who were on the terrace heard a noise, like a hum, which was repeated in successive waves, together with heat emissions and at the same time they observed a light, about a kilometer and a half from the coast, which was reflected on the sea below. Immediately afterwards, a very white shining ball appeared to the north surrounded by a blue halo, which gave the impression of having risen from the sea. The light then stopped at a certain height, then suddenly accelerated and stopped again. Finally the object swooped down, exploding into a myriad of colors.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
113					
Description of sighting	Case eliminated because it turned out to be the same case as no. 114.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
342	??/08/1991	Rimini	D	Probable mirage	"Ufo Cronicles" by the Odissea 2001 group of Milan, n. 11 of September 1991.
Description of sighting	A few days before August 15th, in the locality of Rivazzurra, around 10:00 some swimmers observed a red boat, which was about 1 km from the shore. It moved				

	slowly towards the shore and after emitting a strange noise, similar to a hoarse, it disappeared. The Carabinieri who intervened on site defined everything as a collective hallucination.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
114	30/10/1991	Acicastello (CT)	B	Insufficient information	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 247 pp. 58-59; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 374 pages. 54; "La Sicilia" Catania news of 10/31/1991; CrashCat case no. 062; "Espresso sera" of 30-31/10/1991; Gior nale di Sicilia" of 31/10/1991; SUF file no. 4234.
Description of sighting	Yet another report of a plane that was seen falling into the sea: some witnesses saw a glow in the sky and a trail of smoke leading from that point into the water. The plane would have crashed about three kilometers from the shore. Also in this case there were numerous search operations carried out with helicopters and ships of the Port Authority, since the first hypothesis was that it had been a plane from the Fontanarossa airport. The next hypothesis that took shape, especially in journalistic sources, was that the witnesses had confused the trail of smoke with a waterspout. Some sources then report a curious fact, namely that after a few hours a voluminous floating shape appeared on the sea surface, around which birds were circling.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
165	??/07/1992	Gorgona Island (LI)	TO	Insufficient information	"Ufo News" n. 15 of September-October 2000, page. 26; SUF information sheet n. 5609; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 375 of January 2003, page. 55; R. Pinotti

					"Unidentified Flying Objects" ed. Oscar Mondadori, pp. 115-116; R. Pinotti "Unidentified Submerged Objects" ed. Olympia, pp. 69-70; SUF document no. 5609; AAVV "Ufos in Italy" vol. 5, ed. Professional DTP Venanzoni Florence, page. 263.
Description of sighting	Three friends who were on board a deep sea fishing boat had the opportunity to live a truly interesting experience. One of them noticed that at a certain distance from the boat the sea had a strange colour, as if there were a shoal, even though the nautical charts did not indicate shallow waters. They approached thinking of a large school of fish, but when they arrived on site, they saw that under the sea surface, at an estimated depth of about thirty metres, there was a circular structure of about 200 meters in diameter. The structure, which was immobile, gave off a faint silver-colored glow. Unfortunately there are no other details; this is a real regret, since the story of the three is undoubtedly interesting and worthy of further study.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
334	??/09/1992	Lake Lario (CO)	C	Insufficient information	"La Provincia" of 10/14/1992.
Description of sighting	Only a very brief testimony relating to a sort of "missile" seen coming out of the waters of the lake, with a great roar and a stir of waves.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
134	09/15/1992	Penna Grossa (BR)	B	Insufficient information	"Il Quotidiano" Brindisi news of 16/01/1997; CrashCat case no. 118.
Description of sighting	Mr. Giovanni Santangelo, while he was driving along a road in the company of a woman, saw a series of lights chasing each other in the sky. Stopping the car, the two headed to the beach to try to understand what those lights were. Initially they thought they were the headlights of a nightclub, but the evening was clear and there were no clouds. At a certain point two of those lights merged into a larger light, while the third light continued to move on its own. After about a minute of				

	evolution, one of the lights broke away and fell towards the sea on a diagonal trajectory. After the light had entered the water. The sea, for a radius of a hundred meters, lit up, as if the brightness came from beneath its surface. This phenomenon lasted for about two minutes, after which the brightness slowly decreased. The other two lights had stopped and the witness described this stop, as if the two lights were observing what was happening at sea. As soon as the brightness under the water disappeared, the two lights in the sky shot away upwards at a very high speed.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
118	06/29/1993	Portonovo (AN)	B	Insufficient information	"Giornale di Brescia" of 01/07/1993; ANSA dispatch of 07/03/1993; CrashCat case no. 086; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 379 of May 2003, page. 57; SUF card no. 4426; investigation by Gabriele Petromilli of the MIR group; AAVV "Ufos in Italy" vol. 5, ed. Professional DTP Venanzoni Florence, page. 278.
Description of sighting	Around 11.30pm, some boys, who were playing in a club by the sea, saw three lights, metallic-white in colour, flying in a V formation and performing strange evolutions in the sky. The three lights soon sank into the sea about 500-600 meters from the coast. Some sources report the sighting on the 28th and occurred off the coast of Numana (AN).				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
229	07/27/1993	Zoagli (GE)	D	Insufficient information	"Il Secolo XIX" Genoa edition of 07/29/1993; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 380 of June

					2003, page 56; SUF card no. 4566.
Description of sighting	Numerous faithful who were in the courtyard of a church observed an intense light, light green in color and in the shape of a ceiling light, which was heading towards the sea, offshore, illuminating the entire area as day. To witnesses, the light also gave the sensation that it had rested on the surface of the sea.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
223	09/29/1993	Lake Como	B	Possible meteorite	Ansa dated 09/30/1993.
Description of sighting	Some citizens had reported to the authorities the crash of a plane into Lake Como. The checks carried out by the Carabinieri, however, excluded the plane crash and, following some testimonies, the possible hypothesis is that the glow observed in the sky and the subsequent incandescent fragments seen falling into the lake could have been caused by the impact of a meteorite with the atmosphere. The sighting occurred shortly after 7pm.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
115	12/27/1993	Castel Bocciale (LI)	C	Insufficient information	"La Nazione" of 12/28/1993; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 383, September 2003, page. 58; SUF document no. 4497/A.
Description of sighting	On the occasion of some sightings reported by the press, the newspaper La Nazione spoke of some lights that had emerged from the sea, and then remained motionless on the sea surface for a few minutes. Unfortunately there are no other details.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
176	???/??/1994	Green Island (VE)	B	Insufficient information	"Ufo Contact" n. 6 of June 1998; CUN electronic archive April 2002; USAC bulletin "UFOs and science" n. January 1, 1999.

Description of sighting	Many witnesses spotted some luminous objects diving into the sea or emerging from it. The sources are not clear and even a fundamental detail such as surfacing or immersion is misrepresented and not reported correctly. The objects were spheres of white or blue light, while other people spoke of objects having a solid or metallic shape. This is a typical example of how sources and reports from ufologists, who do not follow a scientific investigation methodology, can contaminate potentially interesting cases
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
150	December 1994	Mansion (PG)	C	Insufficient information	“La Nazione” of 02/03/1995; “La Nazione” Umbria edition of 02/04/1995; “Corriere dell’Umbria” of 02/04/1995; “The Journal of Mysteries” n. 390, April 2004, page. 57; SUF document no. 4652.
Description of sighting	Two Japanese tourists in a car were chased by balls of light and beams of light emerging from the waters of Lake Trasimeno. The chase would even continue into the tunnel. Il Giornale dei Misteri also talks about a random film shot, from which it can be seen that the object has a geometric shape similar to an eight-pointed star.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
211	31/12/1994	Isolabella (ME)	D	Insufficient information	“Giornale di Sicilia” of 01/07/1995; SUF card no. 4659.
Description of sighting	Two witnesses, who were in a car and were returning home during the night of New Year's Eve, saw a sphere of light with changing colors stationary on the surface of the sea, in front of Isolabella. Unfortunately no further details are available. However, it seems that Venus was very bright and visible that night.				

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222	??/01/1995	Letojanni (ME)	D	Insufficient information	"Giornale di Sicilia" of 01/07/1995.
Description of sighting	Some young people saw, for three nights in a row, a luminous object that was stationary in the high seas a few kilometers from the waters of the Strait of Messina. The object was described as small and changing light rapidly, going from a bright light blue to a clearly distinguishable green and pink.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
116	01/01/1995	Pianosa (LI)	D	Probable military exercise	"La Nazione" of 04/01/1995.
Description of sighting	Strange flashes and lights on the sea in the distance were seen from the prison island of Pianosa. The most plausible explanation, although it was never confirmed, was that it was a military exercise by the French Navy. Other details do not exist, also due to the impossibility of contacting any of the witnesses.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
173	August 1995	Compass - Syracuse	TO	Insufficient information	"Giornale di Sicilia" of 08/22/1995; CUN electronic archive April 2002; SUF card no. 4720; "The Journal of Mysteries" n. 395, September 2004, page. 57.
Description of sighting	The local press reported sightings of night lights in the water, also referring to sightings from about ten years earlier when objects describing geometric trajectories were observed. The lights were reportedly observed flashing underwater by some fishermen.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
117	10/27/1995	Lido di Spina (FE)	B	Possible meteorite	"Il Resto del Carlino" Ferrara news of 10/28/1995; "La Nuova Ferrara" of 10/28/1995; notes

					by R. Cabassi on his investigation of 10/28/1995; Air Force General Staff Archive; CrashCat case no. 085; SUF card no. 4717.
Description of sighting	Two Carabinieri saw a white object with an elliptical shape, with a fiery red final part, falling in a north-east direction, at about 800 meters in height. The two witnesses had the clear sensation that the object had then fallen into the sea. The explanation reported by the sources, at the suggestion of the Bolognese ufologist Renzo Cabassi, was that perhaps it was a meteorite.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
227	???/??/1996	Off the coast of Termoli (CB)	D	Insufficient information	“Nuovo Molise” Termoli edition of 14/11/1998.
Description of sighting	Case connected with numbers 225 and 226. The same sources, in describing the sighting of a red glow on the sea, report a similar report which occurred two years earlier. It is therefore probable that this case occurred in the autumn of 1996 and in principle with the same methods, i.e. the observation of a red glow on the surface of the sea and the subsequent rescue operations of the Port Authority, obviously without any outcome.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
135	??/01/1996	Lake Balangero (TO)	B	Probably fake	“Corriere di Moncalieri” of 02/27/1997; “La Stampa” Turin news of 01/03/1997; “Il Canavese” of 03/07/1997; E. Russo's notes on his interview with Tacchino Danilo from April 1997, CrashCat case n. 113.
Description of sighting	Some inhabitants of Balangero would have observed an unidentified mass, which emitted flashes between red and blue, which would have fallen into the lake or, according to other sources, exploded in the lake. The curious fact was that the temperature of the lake had risen up to 20 degrees centigrade, certainly too high				

	for the time of year and the harshness of the climate in that area.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
148	April 1996	Falconara Marittima (AN)	C	Insufficient information	“IlCentro” ed. Marche dated 02/15/1997.
Description of sighting	Only a very short excerpt of a few lines from the newspaper cited in the sources which talks about a sighting in which a passer-by on the beach, early in the morning, noticed a metallic object that had emerged from the sea.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
333	05/08/1996	Levico (TN)	B	Insufficient information	“The Journal of Mysteries” n. 436 of March 2008, page 60; SUF document no. 9429.
Description of sighting	At 9.00 pm the witness Adriano, during a holiday in Levico, was coming down a road that leads to the shores of the lake after dinner. He was about 1 km from the town when he saw a very bright spherical body passing in the sky. It had apparent dimensions like those of a helicopter and was flying in the direction of Borgo Val Sugana towards Trento. It was silent and seemed to be about a hundred meters above sea level. It flew horizontally and then disappeared, plunging into the lake. The witness then claimed to have seen "human-looking people inside the object".				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
136	07/20/1996	Porto Empedocle (AG)	B	IFO – Fireworks	“”Sicily” Agrigento edition of 07/23/1996; CrashCat case no. 103.
Description of sighting	A phone call to the Harbor Office of Empedocle reported the observation of a luminous object with a blue trail that had been seen falling into the sea. The most credible hypothesis was that of an artificial fire seen falling into the water, since a procession with boats was taking place in that stretch of sea for the feast of the Madonna del Carmelo.				

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137	08/19/1996	Baia Domizia (CE)	B	Probable balloon on fire	“Il Mattino” Caserta edition of 08/26/1996; “Il Mattino” of 12/09/1996; information note by G. Russolillo dated 10/14/1996; Telarico Umberto in “Ufo News” pp. 56-57; AAVV “the IFO of Baia Domizia” in “Ufo & Logica” n. 0 of July 1997 pag. 18; CrashCat case no. 111.
Description of sighting	Many witnesses observed a round-shaped and apparently fiery object that crossed the sky for about two minutes at a height of three hundred meters. Some people reported that hot pieces broke off from the object. Subsequently, the object seemed to go out and lose its luminescence, becoming dark and starting to slowly descend towards the sea, until it disappeared in the distance. Among the witnesses there was also an Army general who identified the object as a burning weather balloon.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
242	05/17/1997	Castel Gandolfo (RM)	B	Insufficient information	CUN investigation
Description of sighting	Above Albano Laziale, at around 9pm, 5 luminous globes were spotted. Enrico Pennazza, witness and investigator on behalf of the CUN, is keen to underline, however, that the sighting is perfectly documented from 9.30 pm. In the first half hour there are some holes. Since a party was taking place in Albano, there are hundreds of witnesses to the phenomenon. The five luminous globes were located at a height of approximately 60 meters above the ground. They moved in unison, making particular formations. One of these, the brightest, was at the top of the formation and it was as if it acted as a point of reference for the others that moved around him. From 9.30pm they began to perform a strange formation, it almost seemed as if they were imitating the drawing of the Big Dipper. Two later disappeared, one immersed himself in the lake of Castel Gandolfo, the other headed towards Nemi. The three remaining globes have drawn a triangle, with the brightest object located at the top, acting as the vertex of the triangle. One of the three globes, around 10.10pm, sank into the lake, a second headed towards Nemi, the third, the brightest one, the leader of the formation, so to speak, remained in				

	flight, until the arrival of an airliner caused it to duck and then it headed behind Monte Cavo and disappeared. It seems that a photo of the phenomenon was also taken.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
206	??/06/1997	Castro (BG)	C	Insufficient information	e-mail from the witness dated 25/10/2002.
Description of sighting	A witness who was sitting on a bench on the edge of Lake Iseo at sunset saw a very strong light on the horizon, which seemed to have risen from the waters of the lake. The light rose and stopped for a few seconds a few hundred meters from the water. Then, with a horizontal trajectory, it shot away at a very high speed, disappearing from the witness's sight, behind a mountain. Then, after a few minutes, he observed the phenomenon again two more times.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
152	??/07/1997	Torre a Mare (BA)	B	Probable signal rocket	“Corriere del Giorno” of Puglia and Lucania of 02/08/1997.
Description of sighting	A light was seen suddenly turn on in the sky and slowly fall into the water, after having carried out a series of large twists on itself . It is probable that it was a signal rocket launched by cigarette smugglers to evade police and coast guard patrol boats.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
306	??/07/1997	Portici (NA)	TO	Insufficient information	post published on 05/10/2020 on the “Close Encounters” Facebook page and again published on 05/29/2023 on the “Ufos and Mysteries” Facebook page.
Description of sighting	Mr Mario R. said that his brother was on a boat fishing at night (around 03:00) in the area in front of Portici. There were three of them on the 70 hp motor boat. and they were about 8/9 miles away from the coast, with the rods resting in the appropriate rod holders and they were eating a sandwich. Suddenly they saw two luminous objects passing under the boat, which was about 9 meters long, emitting				

	white lights, then red and then white again. A few meters after passing the boat, they came out of the water at incredible speed. They moved in the sky with sudden evolutions and changes in direction, difficult to follow with the eye and then in an instant they disappeared in the sky. The sea was quite calm but when the objects emerged, they caused waves that tossed the boat. The three witnesses, frightened, restarted the engine and returned to port.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
262	06/07/1997	Fiumefreddo of Sicily (CT)	TO	Insufficient information	News appeared on the website www.ufologia.net.
Description of sighting	Three friends who were fishing, at around 01:30, with calm seas, saw an intense light under the surface. It was blue to whitish in color, oval in shape and had a very high speed.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
138	11/13/1997	Rose Garden of Abruzzi (TE)	B	Probable perceptual error	“Il Centro” of 14-16/11/1997; “Il Messaggero d'Abruzzo” of 14/11/1997; “Il Tempo d'Abruzzo” of 11/14/1997; “The Center” of 11/15/1997; “Il Messaggero d'Abruzzo” of 11/15/1997; “The Center” of 11/16/1997; report by Aldo Natale appearing on the website www.ufobserver .com dated 05/31/1999; CrashCat case no. 146.
Description of sighting	On November 13, 1997, some radio stations received the signal of a plane that had been seen crashing into the sea. As always happens in these circumstances, the recovery operations were unsuccessful and nothing was known about the plane. The report appears to have come from a satellite.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
286	07/12/1997	Salto Lake (Rieti)	D	Insufficient information	"New Today" of 08/17/2008.
Description of sighting	The location of the sighting is Lago del Salto which is the largest artificial lake in the Lazio region, created in 1940 after the construction of a 90 meter high dam. The lake, also known by the name of Lago del Borgo San Pietro, from the name of the town that was submerged, has a depth of about 90 meters and legends and stories have always been known relating to gnomes, elves and UFOs who would be seen entering and come out of the lake itself. On December 7, the ufologist Marta Camineri, who later died in a road accident, while she was carrying out a series of research on the legends of the lake, at around 4.30 pm, saw a small discoidal object on the bank opposite to hers, from which some beings described as gnomes descended. They had the shape of little men, with small heads and narrow "oriental" eyes. The witness saw the beings enter the cold waters of the lake, where they remained immersed for almost half an hour. The beings subsequently climbed back onto the disk, which disappeared into the sky. It seems that the witness had also taken some photos, which were later stolen from her apartment, before the car accident in which she lost her life. Even if there is no direct observation of the object touching the water, this case can be considered a USE, since the beings that, on the contrary, have a physical interaction with the water, came precisely from the flying saucer.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
170	02/19/1998	Lido dei Pini (Rome)	B	Insufficient information	CUN electronic archive April 2002
Description of sighting	Very brief report circulated online regarding a light bar that was seen descending towards the sea. There are currently no other details or other sources.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
139	03/07/1998	Patano Basso – Termoli (CB)	B	Probable signal rocket	"Il Tempo" Molise news of 03/09/1998; "La Nazione" of 03/09/1998; report by Aldo Natale which appeared on the website www.ufobserver .com ; CrashCat case no. 149.

Description of sighting	The usual report of a small plane crashing about four miles from the coast, leaving a long trail of light and smoke after impacting the water. The searches, also carried out with a Pescara Police helicopter, did not yield any results, but some soldiers found four casings of red signaling rockets on the beach. It is therefore probable that the sighting can be explained by the observation of one of these rockets, probably used by smugglers or illegal immigrants about to disembark.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
140	07/29/1998	Messina	B	Insufficient information	“Gazzetta del Sud” of 07/31/1998; “The Journal of Mysteries” n. 330 April 1999, page. 56; CrashCat case no. 157; Torre Pietro “Mysterious phenomena in the sky of the province of Messina” Oreste Ragusi Editore, second part, page. 81.
Description of sighting	Three young people telephoned the authorities to report that a plane or hang glider had just crashed into the sea. Behind it it left a sparkling trail that changed from orange to white until the object sank into the water no more than fifty meters from the shore. Numerous vehicles participated in the rescue operations which, as always in these cases, were negative. One of the three witnesses also stated that he heard a dull thud at the moment of impact and, immediately after the object fell into the sea, he also heard screams.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
132	??/09/1998	Rome	D	Insufficient information	“Il Giornale” Rome edition of 04/10/1998; “The Journal of Mysteries” n. 336 October 1999, page. 56; SUF card no. 4999.
Description of sighting	A traffic policeman, who was going to work by car, passing near the Tiber noticed an object that was very close to the water. Thinking of a reflection of the rising				

	sun, he stopped the car and saw that it was a disc-shaped metallic object, with a diameter of about five meters, which was performing figure-eight evolutions on the surface of the river; during these evolutions it skimmed the surface of the water several times, giving the clear sensation that it was about to immerse itself. The witness also tried to stop other motorists to show the phenomenon, but without success.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
179	09/15/1998	Pescara	D	Insufficient information	CUN electronic archive April 2002.
Description of sighting	A grey, flattened object covered by a light fence was seen stationary on the sea and was also observed by the police. Unfortunately there are no other descriptions or details.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
225	12/11/1998	Off the coast of Termoli (CB)	D	Insufficient information	“Nuovo Molise” Termoli edition of 11/13/1998 and 11/14/1998.
Description of sighting	The crews of two trawlers, the Pegasus and the Alessandro Garau, reported the sighting of a large red glow on the high seas. The Port Authority carried out a series of searches, as the authorities were inclined to believe that it was a ship full of illegal immigrants in difficulty. The alarm went off only after many hours, when the hypothesis arose that it could have been a meteorite. Interestingly, the sighting of the red glow occurred at 7.30 pm. In fact, this case is connected to the next one which occurred just three hours later in the same area and is present in the catalog at no. 226.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
226	12/11/1998	Off the coast of Termoli (CB)	D	Insufficient information	“Nuovo Molise” Termoli edition of 11/13/1998.
Description of sighting	After the sighting which occurred at 7.30 pm and described in n. 225, another alarm was triggered, again in the same stretch of sea, but at 10.30 pm, when a light was spotted among the waves. Also in this case the searches conducted by the Port Authority of Termoli were unsuccessful.				

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149	11/04/1999	between Partinico and Alcamo (TP)	B	Possible meteorite	“The Mysteries” n. 34 of 1999, p. 4; report of the Taranto UFO Section.
Description of sighting	Some motorists, who were traveling on the motorway, saw a large smoke in the sky, followed by a colored object, of an indefinable shape, which perhaps descended towards the sea.				

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127	01/08/1999	Ancona	B	Probable meteorite	“Il Nuovo Giornale di Bergamo” of 02/08/1999.
Description of sighting	The Coast Guard switchboards received many phone calls from people who had observed a large fireball which, after having crossed the entire sky, had sunk into the sea. Patrols were also carried out with some patrol boats, but nothing was found.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
289	08/13/1999	San Foca (Lecce)	B	Possible military exercise	“The Journal of Mysteries” n. 430 of August-September 2007; SUF document no. 8018; report of the Taranto UFO Section dated 08/22/1999.
Description of sighting	Numerous swimmers who were on the beach saw a red spherical object that quickly lowered towards the sea. When everyone thought that the object was now falling, he suddenly stopped almost at the surface of the water and released a second smaller object which plunged into the sea. Immediately afterwards, a column of water rose up with intense smoke. The main object, at that point, immediately took off again, rising vertically and disappearing at high speed. The local police carried out an investigation, questioning the witnesses present.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
131	October 1999	Castellammare di Stabia (NA)	TO	Probable phosphorus	“The Journal of Mysteries” n. 340 of February

				fragment	2000, page. 57; "Ufo News" of the CUN February 2000 pag. 7.
Description of sighting	A person noticed an object in the sea that gave off a strong light and, after picking it up, threw it onto the beach. The object, at that point, caught fire; when the flames went out the witness picked up the object again but his hand was burned, so much so that he had to seek medical attention. This sighting, although it should be included in the FortCat, was still cataloged because the input of the sighting was not the glowing stone, but the light observed in the water.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
210	12/20/1999	Ischia (NA)	D	Insufficient information	"La Repubblica" of 12/21/1999; "Il Mattino" of 12/21/1999; investigation by the CUN of Naples; SUF card no. 5308; "Ufo News" n. 05/2000; UFO network of 01/2000; "Oltre" of May-June 2000; "Giornale dei Misteri" of June 2000.
Description of sighting	Numerous people saw a cone-shaped object, which gave off an intense, green light, which was stationary on the surface of the water, a short distance from the lovers' rock. Suddenly the object moved away at great speed towards the north, north-west, disappearing on the horizon. After about four hours the phenomenon was observed in another area. The Carabinieri were also notified of the fact, whose inspection was negative.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
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Description of sighting	Case eliminated because a check of sources revealed it to be the same as no. 124.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
141	05/03/2000	Torvaianica – Rome	B	Possible weather balloon	“Il Messaggero” of 06/03/2000; RAI TG of Lazio at 7.30 pm on 05/03/2000; telematic catalog of UFO sightings in Lazio in April 2002; CrashCat case no. 174; news published on the "ilfaronline" website on 10/07/2021.
Description of sighting	A former firefighter, who was walking along the beach, saw a dark object, of a color between gray and black, which, after gliding on the water for a few seconds, sank about a mile away from the coast. No findings were made by the extensive search operations. This time the rescue operations were very extensive, because initially a Piper plane that must have taken off from Livorno was missing. Only in the evening did it become known that the plane in question had never taken off. We report here the article written by Stefano Innocenti, CISU member, for the Lazio news site www.ilfaronline.it : It was a Sunday, March 5, 2000, when the Lazio Rai news broadcast news that caused a sensation for a few days: “Today an unidentified flying object (UFO) was spotted near Fiumicino which, according to various witnesses from the Torvaianica beach, fell into the sea. The alleged shape of the object has been compared to a weather balloon or a hang glider. The Carabinieri, Marina and others have so far searched the entire affected area, without any positive findings.” This was the brief news that entered the homes of those who were watching the regional news. The following day, an article in the Messaggero dramatized the news in these terms: "A plane ended up in the sea, false alarm in Torvaianica". “Run, there is an aircraft that crashed into the sea, right in front of the Red Gates, – we read in the article – a mile away from the coast”. Two excited but reliable voices, being retired firefighters, alerted yesterday morning in Torvaianica to a massive deployment of forces to search the sea for a 'something' that would have sunk. However, until darkness fell, neither patrol boats nor helicopters found anything. The alarm went off when, around midday, the two former firefighters called 115 announcing what they had just seen from the Torvaianica fire brigade. The diving teams and a helicopter left from Rome. Those vehicles were soon joined by two Coast Guard patrol boats that set off from Fiumicino, a Guardia di Finanza vehicle and in the afternoon also a Police aircraft. On the ground there was also collaboration from the Civil Protection volunteers of the 'Echo' group from Pomezia. The crews carefully scanned the				

	waters in front of Torvaianica, especially after the rumor had spread that a tourist plane, a Piper, expected at the Cormorano di Nettuno airfield at 1pm, had never arrived. It would have been an aircraft with two passengers on board, both journalists, which took off from Livorno. In the early afternoon, however, investigators from the Anzio police station tracked down the presumed missing: that plane from Livorno had never taken off. As darkness fell, the decision was also made to suspend the searches. However, the belief that that unidentified flying object could perhaps be a sounding balloon has eased the tension over the possibility of sinking." So, we have two very respectable witnesses who see something that is not identified fall into the sea; the rescue machine is put into operation, but nothing can be found. As an absolutely implausible explanation, the fairly common explanation of the weather balloon is put forward. There is a big difference between a plane and a sounding balloon, not only in terms of shape, but also in terms of the speed with which it collides with the sea surface. A weather balloon, even if limp, torn or punctured, is still made of very light material and perhaps still contains small pockets of helium which would prevent what remains from sinking. This hypothesis should therefore be rejected a priori. Any other vehicle apart from a metal plane would still have remained afloat for a certain period of time and the two spotters in the lookout station, which is usually a fire tower located a few tens of meters above sea level inside parks or pine forests, they would have had it under control with their binoculars. According to Rai, however, the crashed object would have been similar to a hang glider: nothing could be more different!
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123	04/01/2000	Rimini	TO	Probably fake	"La Voce di Rimini" of 04/02/2000.
Description of sighting	In the wake of an April Fool's prank created by Radio Gamma, a listener called the radio saying he had seen the water rippling while he was fishing at sea; subsequently another radio listener declared that he had observed a violet light.				

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124	04/03/2000	Marina di Montemarciano (AN)	C	Insufficient information	"Corriere Adriatico" of 04/20/2000; UFO Newsletter n. 18 of March 2001, page. 12; "La Rete" of the CUN of 07/31/2000.

Description of sighting	A fisherman, who was on the beach, at around 7.00 pm, observed strange tongues of fire emerging from the sea at a distance of about fifty meters from the coast. They had a yellowish-white color and were about four to five meters high above the sea surface. These flames came out continuously and indeed increased their frequency as time passed. After a few minutes the witness hastily walked away from the beach. The author of the newspaper article also says that similar sightings had already been found in the past in that area and that scientists had explained them with gas leaks from beneath the sea surface. The CUN incorrectly indicated 04/03 as the date.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
209	06/17/2000	Cassolnovo (PV)	C	Insufficient information	“Il Giorno” of 07/09/2000; SUF card no. 6273.
Description of sighting	An engaged couple, who were on the bank of the Ticino river, saw a red and luminous object that suddenly emerged from the waters of the river and remained suspended for a few moments above some trees, before quickly disappearing. During the entire sighting the car radio went off, as did the car engine.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
142	06/18/2000	between Corno di Bò and Punta Ponale (TN) Lake Garda	B	IFO – Meteorite	“L’Adige” of 06/20/2000; CrashCat case no. 180.
Description of sighting	During a regatta on the lake, a sailor saw a small ball of fire which suddenly appeared and, after just a few seconds, fell into the waves and sank.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
303	Summer 2000	Procida (NA)	B	Insufficient information	post published on 10/17/2020 on the Facebook page “Aliens – New Revelations”.
Description of sighting	Mr. Antonio G., around 6.30 pm, was on the beach in the company of friends when, suddenly, about 1 km from the coast, a circular-shaped vehicle appeared in the air, making strange cross-shaped movements in the sky . Suddenly the object sank and the sea water became fluorescent in color.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
287	11/16/2000	Salto Lake (Rieti)	B	Insufficient information	"New Today" of 08/17/2008.
Description of sighting	The location of the sighting is Lago del Salto which is the largest artificial lake in the Lazio region, created in 1940 after the construction of a 90 meter high dam. The lake, also known by the name of Lago del Borgo San Pietro, from the name of the town that was submerged, has a depth of about 90 meters and legends and stories have always been known relating to gnomes, elves and UFOs who would be seen entering and come out of the logo itself. On November 16, at 06:30 in the morning, a student who was waiting for the bus saw a disk-shaped object immerse itself in the waters of the lake, without reappearing.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
183	11/04/2001	Torremezzo (CS)	C	IFO – false	Message e-mail from Roberto Labanti dated 12/04/02.
Description of sighting	An anonymous person spread a message via the internet in which he said he had seen, during a television broadcast on a private Calabrian network, hosted by the father of the footballer Mark Juliano, a video of a UFO emerging from the sea at 05:00 . The ufologist Pietro Torre, who was interested in the phenomenon, declared that he had telephoned the television network in question, TeleItalia, and the owner declared to him that a similar film had never existed and that they had never sent it to wave. (The case is probably from the second half of the 90s, given that this is the period in which this athlete played in the Italian football championship).				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
251	03/07/2001	Ispra (VA) Lake Maggiore	D	Insufficient information	Witness's email dated 07/04/2001.
Description of sighting	Around 8.00 pm a witness, observing the opposite shore of Lake Maggiore from his house, more or less at the height of Lesa, saw right on the surface of the water a series of lights, similar to flashes which, turning on and off, covered approximately a strip of apparent 200 meters. The witness immediately took a pair of binoculars but saw absolutely nothing, apart from these lights which seemed to appear right on the surface of the water. It couldn't have been reflections from the sun, because at that moment it had already set behind Mottarone and the area was in shadow. After about 2 minutes of observation the				

	phenomenon suddenly stopped.
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129	07/19/2001	Off the coast of Paola and Cetraro (CZ)	D	Insufficient information	Investigation by Paolo De Gaetano; Ufotel no. 321 of 07/26/01; SUF card no. 6400.
Description of sighting	Many people observed, around 6pm other sources indicate between 7pm and 8pm), an object described by some as a cylinder, by others as a ball, stationary on the surface of the water and by still others as a small island. It is not even certain whether the case can be considered a real use since there are two different testimonies: according to the first the object was on the surface of the sea, while according to the other version it was about three hundred meters high. A teacher who observed the object with a pair of binoculars and then filmed it with a camera was also a witness to the case. In the film, present in the CISU archives, you can clearly see a large elongated dark shape, with rounded edges, stretched out on the horizon and surmounted by a sort of dome, somewhat irregular: it is probable that the image was created by the superposition of the silhouette of a large distant ship (for example a container port) to that enlarged by an anomalous refraction of the volcanic island Stromboli.				

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199	08/29/2002	Vulcano Island (ME)	B	Possible perception error	“Gazzetta del Sud” of 08/30/2002; “Sicily” of 08/30/2002.
Description of sighting	A witness claimed to have seen a small aircraft crash and leave a long trail of smoke before sinking. This report triggered searches by the patrol boats of the Coast Guard of Milazzo and Lipari, the Police and the Carabinieri who combed the stretch of sea. The searches, coordinated by the operations room of the Coast Guard of Catania, proved negative and the lack of any trace in the affected sea area that could confirm what had been reported quickly made it clear that it had been a false alarm. Furthermore, from a check carried out with various control towers, none of the planes flying in the area were missing, which would support the hypothesis that the witness was misled by a whirlwind at sea in which the man would have believed to see the silhouette of a plane that crashed and was swallowed by the waves. A second hypothesis is that the aircraft, after having lowered, probably due to some slight failure, regained altitude. In addition to the naval vessels of the police forces involved in the operation, the commanders of the line vehicles and private boats				

	in transit in the area were also involved. The searches were suspended around twelve o'clock. In truth, official sources confirmed that it was a military plane from whose exhausts a cloud of smoke was emitted.
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205	25/10/2002	Freeze (AP)	D	ISO Marking buoys	"Il Messaggero" Marche edition of 10/26/2002.
Description of sighting	Some telephone calls to the Guardia di Finanza reported intermittent lights on the surface of the water, at a distance of approximately 200-300 meters from the coast. The lights almost seemed to chase each other. A subsequent inspection by the Coast Guard ascertained that they were simply some signaling buoys placed by fishermen on nets thrown into the water. There is actually a law that obliges fishermen to insert these small intermittent lights into their nets every two hundred metres, to avoid collisions with boats sailing nearby.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
350	20-31/12/'02	Lipari (ME)	C	Insufficient information	"X-Times" n. 12, October 2009.
Description of sighting	Two witnesses saw a luminous ovoid object emerge from the sea, with an apparent diameter between 40 and 60 metres, which whizzed past their home, moving away into the starry sky.				

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233	04/03/2003	Gabicce Mare (PS)	B	Insufficient information	Roberto Pinotti "Unidentified Flying Objects" ed. Oscar Mondadori, page. 116; Ufo News April 2003 pp. 14-15; R. Pinotti "Unidentified Submerged Objects" ed. Olympia, pp. 94-95.
Description of sighting	Following a roar that at 7.52pm ripped through the airspace of the Romagna and Marche coasts, some witnesses observed, off the coast of Gabicce Mare, strange beams of light, followed by the apparent fall of objects no better into the sea. identified. The hypothesis that has been circulating is that it could have been supersonic bangs from military aircraft stationed in Italy during the second Gulf				

	War.
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231	05/03/2003	Gargnano (BS)	D	Insufficient information	email from a friend of the witness dated 05/06/2003.
Description of sighting	A girl, while she was in the garden of her home on Lake Garda, observed a small light, which she initially thought was the light of a boat, which began to move at high speed and horizontally with respect to the lake. The witness was unable to understand whether the light was underwater or on the surface of the water , but in any case it was undoubtedly in contact with the lake. Suddenly it started rising into the sky and getting bigger and bigger, until it looked like an orange bowl. After completing some evolutions in the sky, the light disappeared and slowly moved away.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
315	06/16/2003	Taranto: San Vito	D	Insufficient information	CISU questionnaire filled out by the witness on 04/06/2007.
Description of sighting	The witness Alessandro M., at approximately 04.50 I was sitting with friends after the usual mid-August night on the rocks facing the open sea, when a reddish, almost dark orange light passed in the distance almost horizon before their eyes, as if on the surface of the water. At first he thought of a large-displacement boat, but shortly after it had risen halfway out of the water and was no longer on the surface of the water. Immediately afterwards, in a fraction of a second, she had practically darted behind the cliff, disappearing from sight. The whole thing lasted about 30 seconds and the light was at an apparent distance from the witnesses of about 150 meters.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
232	06/22/2003	Martinsicuro (TE)	B	Insufficient information	“Il Messaggero – Chronicle of Teramo” of 06/23/2003.
Description of sighting	Reports of the fall of an unidentified luminous object into the sea between Martinsicuro and San Benedetto del Tronto occurred on 22 June, just before 9pm. Numerous telephone calls reached the switchboards of the Teramo Fire Brigade, the Port Authority of San Benedetto and the local maritime office of Giulianova. Someone spoke of a probable meteorite, judging by the shape and color of the object, which sank off the coast. The alarm was immediately raised and the				

	Carabinieri of Alba were also involved in the incident, due to their territorial jurisdiction. A patrol boat left from San Benedetto and reached the place where the soldiers were seen sinking the object but, at least until late in the day, there was no confirmation of what had been announced through citizens' reports.
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249	??/07/2003	Conversano (BA)	B	Insufficient information	News appeared on the CUN website of Puglia.
Description of sighting	At the beginning of the month a strange green light was seen "falling" into the sea, near the coast of Bari, by numerous witnesses in the area. Many reports were made by the inhabitants of Conversano (BA), a town just over 200 meters above sea level. The reports were collected by the editorial staff of the local Telenorba TV. Some patrol boats would also have left to check the situation, but officially they did not find anything abnormal.				

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239	07/22/2003	Tarquinia Lido (VT)	B	Possible meteorite	R. Pinotti "Unidentified submerged objects" ed. Olympia, pp. 95-96; "Corriere di Maremma" of 10/31/2003.
Description of sighting	Two fishermen saw a spherical light, compact and uniform, which was falling into the sea at high speed. The light had no trail and sank, in absolute silence and with a diagonal trajectory with respect to the water, a short distance from the place where the two were fishing				

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314	07/23/2003	Santa Marinella (RM)	C	Insufficient information	e-mail from Salvatore Foresta of CISU dated 10/02/2012.
Description of sighting	A young woman registered on a Facebook group reports that around July 23, 2003, while she was on the beach of Santa Marinella, in the province of Rome, she suddenly noticed that a column of water was rising from the sea, from which something was splashing into the sky. . He can't say what it was, but it had some				

	sort of LED that marked its path towards the zenith. Many people would have seen it and there was even a short article in a local newspaper (he doesn't remember which one).
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241	07/26/2003	Palinuro (SA)	TO	Insufficient information	Informative email from Carmelo Scuderi of ufologia.net.
Description of sighting	A girl who was, around 01:00, sitting on the beach, observed a luminous spherical halo, which came from beneath the surface of the sea. Thinking it might be a diver, the girl approached the water and saw that the object was emitting three beams of white light that came out of the sea and rotated towards the sky with considerable intensity. At that point, after the girl had called the attention of a friend and about 5 seconds had passed, the luminous halo began to move at high speed, disappearing on the horizon in about 4 seconds. After his disappearance, witnesses could notice a light halo left by the three beams of white light on the horizon.				

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235	03/08/2003	Off the coast of Ponza (LT)	D	Insufficient information	E-mail from Massimo Valloscuro dated 11/21/2003; Valloscuro investigation of 12/30/2003.
Description of sighting	From the Umbrian ufologist Massimo Valloscuro, we learn the indirect news of a sighting off the island of Ponza, between Ponza and Sardinia (100 km from Ponza), which occurred on 4 or 5 August 2003. A boat headed towards Sardinia would have sighted an intermittent light in the distance, sailing on the surface of the water. After some time, the radar signaled the presence of something approaching, subsequently identified as another vessel that was passing in parallel at no more than 300 meters and in the opposite direction . The light moved towards the two boats (more or less in among them); he approached the first boat and then moved away towards Ponza. It seems that witnesses reported that the light maintained the same brightness and size throughout the sighting.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
234	08/12/2003	Palinuro (SA)	D	Insufficient information	Witness's email dated

					09/12/2003.
Description of sighting	There is only a very short e-mail from the witness who, without indicating any element of the sighting, reports a photograph of an object immortalized on the surface of the water off the coast of Palinuro. Unfortunately no further details are available. From a first and brief examination of the photo, we could however hypothesize that it could be a perceptive error and that the photo portrays either a reflection or a vessel or an offshore oil platform blurred by the lens or by particular atmospheric conditions.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
246	12/01/2004	Monopolies (BA)	C	Insufficient information	news taken from the website of the Puglia section of the CUN
Description of sighting	A man who was in Monopoli, in Contrada Chapter, at 10.00 pm, observed a red globe emerge from the sea and go into the sky, and then suddenly disappear.				

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248	??/01-3/2004	Orbetello: Talamone	C	Insufficient information	E-mail from Renzo Cabassi of the CISU of Bologna
Description of sighting	Just a brief piece of news coming from Renzo Cabassi and regarding his trusted photographer who informed him that in Talamone there had been reports for some time of "solid lights" and "beams of light", similar to photoelectric cells, which would rise from the sea sky and, on at least one occasion, from the sky towards the sea				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
259	03/16/2004	Caronia: Canneto (ME)	C	Insufficient information	"Ufo News" of August-September 2005, pp. 70-73.
Description of sighting	Between 11.30pm and 11.45pm a witness saw, in the direction of Canneto, a semi-circular glow coming out of the sea. The circumference was an intense blue color and the central part faded into an almost white light blue.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
337	??/08/2004	Bellaria (RN)	C	Possible	Investigation by

				signal rocket	Alfredo Lissoni.
Description of sighting	The witness Mauro, a musician from Rimini, stopped at around 01:30 on the side of a road to do something when he noticed a white light suddenly rising into the sky. It stopped for an instant and then resumed its climb in a straight line, disappearing from sight; everything lasted about a couple of seconds and the witness's girlfriend, who remained in the car, didn't see anything. The light had risen from the sea and this would suggest a possible signal rocket.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
268	08/25/2004	IsolaGorgona (LI)	D	Insufficient information	"Ufo News" of October-November 2004, page. 19.
Description of sighting	A well-known musician from Milan, Mr. FA, at 8.30 pm, while he was having dinner in a seaside restaurant with three friends, saw in the stretch of sea in front of La Gorgona Island, a point light which was on the surface of the waterfall. The witness described it as a floating diamond, which emitted a very bright light. The four witnesses initially thought it was a ship on fire, but later the object began to move along the surface of the water. Its motion was first uniform and slow and then very rapid, until it suddenly accelerated and disappeared at high speed towards dry land.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
250	08/29/2004	?	D	Insufficient information	Witness's email to the it.discussioni newsgroup.
Description of sighting	A witness named Marco, while he was on a bench by the sea, saw a yellow light shining right on the water. He saw it between one swim and another and thought it might be a fishing boat. Suddenly, however, the light rose and flashed, then disappeared. Shortly afterwards, observing the sky, he saw a yellow-red light (but he is not sure if it was the same one) moving in the sky. Initially it looked like just a light, then suddenly it seemed to the witness that it had something metallic about it, as if it were an object and not just a light. The moon was present in the sky; this passed right under the moon, veered upwards and shot away, becoming smaller and smaller, and then disappeared completely.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
252	02/18/2005	Cannobio (VB)	B	Insufficient information	Witness's email dated 02/20/2005.
Description of sighting	Mr. Ivo stated that his mother, as well as numerous other people, observed at 9.30 pm a bright ball in the western sky, larger than a normal star, descending towards				

	the basin of Lake Maggiore. To confirm this, the following day on the beach of the Cannobio lido, there was an ambulance and a kind of bathyscaphe that immersed itself in the waters.
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257	??/04/2005	San Benedetto del Tronto (AP)	C	Insufficient information	“Corriere Adriatico” of 05/05/2005; “Ufo News” of June-July 2005, page. 19.
Description of sighting	Just a brief piece of news reporting on the observation by some fishermen of an object that splashed out of the sea and then flew away.				

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308	Summer 2005	Rodia (ME)	B	Insufficient information	post published on 05/09/2020 on the “Italian Ufological Group” Facebook page.
Description of sighting	A witness saw "something" speed through the sky and disappear into the water in absolute silence; however, he stated that it was not a plane or other object that was falling.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
260	07/23/2005	Caronia: Marina (ME)	D	Insufficient information	“Ufo News” of August-September 2005, pp. 70-73.
Description of sighting	A witness observed a beam of light stationary on the sea.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
261	07/31/2005	Caronia: Santo Stefano (ME)	C	Insufficient information	“Ufo News” of August-September 2005, pp. 70-73.
Description of sighting	In the direction of Alicudi, a gentleman who was on holiday saw a large red light coming out of the sea at 10pm.				

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345	12/08/2005	Strait of Messina	C	Insufficient information	"X-Times" n. 12, October 2009.
Description of sighting	Mr. Leopoldo R. was on his fishing boat in the Strait of Messina when, suddenly, he observed beams of light coming out of the water. It looked like a submerged lighthouse lighting up the sky. Shortly afterwards he sees a bright dot approaching from the hinterland. When he got closer, he saw that it was a disc, about 15 meters in diameter, silent, with a yellowish light in the center. It then stopped about 150 meters from the sea and at that point a beam of orange light came out of the sea and "guided" the object, which submerged. Leopoldo immediately went down to call his wife and then heard an annoying buzz. Going out on deck again, he observed a lenticular object of about 10 meters in diameter stopped 50 meters above their boat. The object emitted an annoying, very intense white light. After about a minute, the light went out and the object disappeared.				

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258	10/11/2005	Genoa	B	Insufficient information	"Ufo Notiziario" of December January 2006, pp. 5-6pm.
Description of sighting	Two indifferent witnesses observed a very interesting phenomenon above the sky of Genoa. Mr ED, at 00:10, saw a kind of hot air balloon, motionless in the air, which seemed to be emitting fire. At a certain moment it began to descend downwards, until it disappeared towards the sea. All for a duration of about 10 minutes. A married couple observed the same phenomenon, but provided numerous other details. The object was elliptical in shape and the two texts also used binoculars to see it better. It had four portholes on its side and emitted a puff of smoke from one end. It seemed to be made of solid light and had a black shadow all around. The lyrics didn't make it clear whether it was a bright cigar inside a dark disc, or whether it was simply a cigar surrounded by a dark ring. Suddenly the cigar started to vibrate and the ax disk began to emit red flashes. Finally the whole object began to descend towards the sea.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
253	??/01/2006	Lake Alice Superiore (Valchiussella) (TO)	C	Insufficient information	"La Voce di Ivrea" of 01/25/2006.
Description of sighting	In an amateur video you would see three large bright circles in Lake Superior Alice. After zooming in on the image, you would see some luminous spheres rising towards the sky from these circles and the bubbling water. The mayor of the town of Alice Superiore, Remo Minellono, traced the phenomenon to the evaporation of water.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
263	03/08/2006	Neptune (RM)	B	Insufficient information	e-mail from the witness dated 11/03/2006 to the monthly magazine Focus.
Description of sighting	Mrs. Stefania, on the evening of March 8, 2006, at approximately 10.20 pm, saw a spherical object, bright green in color, speeding across the sky and heading south, apparently plunging into the sea.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
274	??/08/2006	Pesaro	TO	Probable phosphorus fragment	“La Stampa” of 08/25/2006.
Description of sighting	A woman suffered burns to her hand and leg after picking up a red stone on the shore, which immediately caught fire spontaneously.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
338	08/17/2006	Sava (TA)	D	Insufficient information	e-mail of the witness to the CUT (Taranto UFO Centre).
Description of sighting	Mrs Chiara, around 9.30pm, was on the beach celebrating a friend's birthday; they were located in “La Villette” near Torre Ovo. Suddenly he observed a light moving across the surface of the sea. At that point the girl stopped to observe, but the light disappeared; it was as if it were the reflection of the moon on the sea, me moving and that evening the moon was not visible. Looking up at the sky he then saw a dark shape, with two lights, one red and one orange pulsating. A few more moments and suddenly everything had disappeared.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
284	09/09/2006	Metaponto (MT)	C	Insufficient information	e-mail from Maurizio Verga to Marco Bianchini dated 09/07/2007; witness's email dated 10/08/2007 .
Description	Mr. Antonio Napoletano, aged 33, while he was on the beach with a friend at				

of sighting	10.00 pm, suddenly noticed four beams of white light coming out of the sea and slowly approaching them. The light came out of the water and formed four columns; the closer they got, the more they emitted a screeching sound, and then suddenly reduced and disappeared. The two witnesses stood still and watched, terrified and fascinated. The strange thing was a type of light that seemed to have a beginning at the bottom and an end. The object was at a height of approximately two meters and at a distance of approximately ten meters from the two witnesses.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
264	09/27/2006	Camogli (GE)	B	Insufficient information	unknown newspaper of 10/30/2006.
Description of sighting	A witness who was watching television at home, at 10.30 am, noticed out of the corner of her eye, through the open French windows, a light in the sky; intrigued, she went out onto the terrace and, with the help of a pair of binoculars, observed a very bright red and orange object, which was flying above the sea in a strange way (vertical movements). Inside the witness had the impression of seeing a kind of triangle. Suddenly the object sank and, again from the terrace, the lady saw a sort of blue light underwater that continued to move quickly. The phenomenon was observed by 3 people and lasted approximately 15 minutes.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
265	01/10/2006	Piombino (LI)	B	Insufficient information	CISU questionnaire filled out by the witness on 11/22/2006.
Description of sighting	Mr. Bruno D., who at 4.00 pm was fishing in the port of Piombino, observed a cigar-shaped object descending very quickly from the sky towards the sea. It was white in color and had three lit flames in the lower part. He dove into the sea and soon after there was a large wave.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
271	12/10/2006	Gaeta (LT)	B	Meteor fireball	"Il Messaggero" of 10/14/2006.
Description of sighting	Some people, at around 10.30 pm, saw a luminous object later identified as a large fireball that crossed the whole of central Italy. There are those who observed the final phase of the descending parable of the fireball, seeing it fall into the waters off the coast of Gaeta.				

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266	02/11/2006	Ostia (RM)	B	Probable perceptual error	"Il Messaggero", news from Ostia, 03/11/2006.
Description of sighting	Some people, who at 08:00 were having breakfast in a bar, and others from the seafront raised the alarm, swearing they had seen a helicopter fall into the sea in front of the Ostia coast. In a few minutes an impressive deployment of police, firefighters and port master's office was set in motion but there was no sign of the helicopter. The searches at sea for a patrol boat from the Port Authority were also in vain.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
269	01/31/2007	Barcellona Pozzo di Gotto (ME)	B	Insufficient information	Investigation by Pietro Torre dated 02/02/2007; "Gazzetta del Sud" of 02/02/2007 and 15/02/2007; "Ufo News" of April-May 2007, pp. 25-26.
Description of sighting	Mr. Domenico Garrotta, at 04.45 am, was returning from his work shift and was traveling from Milazzo towards his home, which is located in the Calderà area [municipality of Barcellona PG] when, suddenly, his attention was attracted by a strange light that could be glimpsed at the height of the island of Vulcano. It was whitish and looked as if it was illuminated by many spotlights shining on it, giving it a red color. Having never seen anything like it, he stopped the car and began to look more carefully. You could see a luminous ball that seemed to be crossed by dark veins and appeared to be suspended over the sea, between the island of Vulcano and the coast, a few kilometers away. Another motorist also stopped and together they watched this phenomenon. Subsequently, little by little, the sphere of light sank into the sea, which was and remained calm and immediately after everything went dark again. It is probable that the witness witnessed the moon setting over the sea. Some sources indicate that this sighting occurred on February 1st.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
277	05/05/2007	Sanremo (IM)	C	Probable signal rocket	"Ufo News" of June-July 2007, page. 16.
Description of sighting	Mr GC, around 8.20pm, observed a red light emerging from the sea and stopping for approximately three minutes at an altitude estimated at approximately 300 metres. While this light slowly began to go out, a second light emerged and				

	reached it. Subsequently the phenomenon ended. The witness raised the alarm to the Coast Guard and was told that the lights observed were actually flares launched from a boat in difficulty.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
283	03/06/2007	Aeolian Islands	TO	Possible reflection	CISU questionnaire filled out by the witness on 17/03/2008; e-mail from the witness dated 07/22/2007.
Description of sighting	The high school student Rosalia, while she was flying over the Aeolian Islands on board a plane at 3.45 pm, coming from Milan and heading towards Reggio Calabria, off the coast between Paola and the volcanic island Stromboli, observed a white light that it was located underwater, circular in shape with a radius of about 100 meters. The light was white-blue in colour, more intense in the center and then fading towards the edge, but it always remained visible and more than defined and distinct, even though there was a lot of sun. The entire circle of light gave the impression of moving very slowly towards the south.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
290	04/11/2007	Grosseto: Braccagni	B	Insufficient information	news found on the maremmanews.tv website.
Description of sighting	Mr CM, in a car on the four-lane Grosseto-Livorno road near Braccagni heading towards Grosseto, was traveling with his partner. At a certain point his attention was attracted by a strange phenomenon that was developing towards the west (towards the sea), and which appeared as a single object composed of a sort of light gray cloud at the top and "a tube or duct", which the witness uses the term turbine to describe, which was connected to another dark gray cloud positioned below. Coming out of the lower cloud, a kind of turbine, which to the witness seemed to be the effects of an explosion with the typical trajectory of a solid object, which falls downwards when expelled. The temporal evaluation of the development of the phenomenon is around 5 seconds. According to the witness, the fall of this object could have occurred in the sea, in front of Castiglione della Pescaia or Marina di Grosseto.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
282	03/23/2008	Porto Viro (RO)	B	Possible meteorite	witness's email dated 03/27/2008.
Description	Two spouses, who by car at 01:30 were traveling along the Strada Statale Romea				

of sighting	between the municipalities of Rosolina and Porto Viro, spotted three objects of presumably round or spherical shape, of a phosphorescent red colour, arranged in a perfect equilateral triangle formation . These objects descended vertically respecting the formation and the witnesses had the impression that they immersed themselves in the Po river. The sky at that moment appeared clear and without clouds.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
348	06/22/2008	Tyrrhenian Coast (ME)	C	Insufficient information	“X-Times” n. 12, October 2009.
Description of sighting	Just a brief piece of news regarding a fusiform object which, at 00:55, was seen coming out of the sea by some amateur fishermen, about 300 meters from their boat. The object hovered in the air for a few seconds and then slowly moved in a south-southwest direction.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
352	??/06/2008	Off the coast of Trapani	TO	Insufficient information	“X-Times” n. 12, October 2009.
Description of sighting	Matteo, commander of a fishing boat that was off the coast of Trapani, was with eight other fishermen when the sonar reported an object at a depth of about 90 meters. The boat's instruments stopped working and the fishermen noticed a small light. They all went outside and saw a black object, about 120 meters long, emerging from the sea. The object remained motionless at a height of 12 meters from the water and at a distance of about 200 meters from the boat. The fishermen were terrified and tried in vain to restart the boat's instruments. Suddenly two small orange flying objects appeared, which positioned themselves above the main structure and, after turning red, were "engulfed" by the larger object. Immediately afterwards the object moved slowly, disappearing among the waves; the instruments and lights of the fishing vessel began to work again.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
288	??/07/2008	Lake Iseo – Pilzone d'Iseo (BG)	B	Insufficient information	“Il Giorno” Bergamo and Brescia edition of 07/23/2008; “The Independent Lake Iseo View” unspecified date of July 2008.
Description of sighting	The English-language newspaper “The Independent Lake Iseo View”, distributed free of charge in the Lake Iseo area, reports that two English tourists, Jean Quinn				

	from Manchester, a former Marine veteran of the Gulf War and his girlfriend Kiz Kenny, at sunset, towards the town of Pilzone they saw a round-shaped silvery object passing by. It was flying at low speed and then descended towards the lake.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
353	07/21/2008	Mili Marina (ME)	TO	Insufficient information	"X-Times" n. 12, October 2009.
Description of sighting	Flavio F. with two friends had gone out on a fishing trip with the lampara when, suddenly around 9.00 pm, the boat was illuminated and "immobilized" by an underwater light about 100 meters wide. The boat was then dragged for about 7 minutes by this light, without the three fishermen being able to do anything. Suddenly the light went out and the three fishermen realized that they had traveled about 20 miles, arriving in front of the Gardens of Naxos. A few minutes pass and a silent, luminous object positions itself above their boat, emitting beams of blue-white light for several minutes.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
294	08/17/2008	Memphis (AG)	B	Probable optical effect	ITALPRESS news; news appeared on the website agrigentonotizie.it;
Description of sighting	Moments of panic on the beaches of Triscina, a hamlet of Castelvetro (TP) and on those of Menfi and Sciacca; around 3.30pm some swimmers saw what appeared to be a rogue wave approaching. The report was immediately reported to the Port Authorities, who sent rubber boats and patrol boats. In the meantime, however, the panicked swimmers fled the beach. Fortunately it was only a misunderstanding, caused by an optical effect. According to what was reported by the Port Authority of Trapani, which dealt with the matter, together with colleagues from Mazara del Vallo, a particular reflection of the sunlight on the sea would have given the impression of a large wave approaching the coast. In particular, the people who were on the beach of Menfi said this anomalous wave had been caused by a huge object that had fallen into the sea.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
349	07/09/2008	Messina	C	Insufficient information	"X-Times" n. 12, October 2009.
Description of sighting	At around 01.55 a night watchman, who was in the Messina Fair area, noticed the sea boiling about half a mile from the coast. Immediately afterwards an ovoid object, about 30 meters in diameter, emerged and headed towards Palermo.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
351	??/09/2008	Capo Peloro (ME)	B	Insufficient information	"X-Times" n. 12, October 2009.
Description of sighting	Two witnesses saw a pulsating light above Capo Peloro. From this light came two smaller ones, of a yellowish colour, which, leaving a phosphorescent trail, went in the opposite direction. Meanwhile the largest main light slowly sank in a swirl of foam.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
347	??/11/2008	Strait of Messina	B	Meteor	"X-Times" n. 12, October 2009.
Description of sighting	Just a brief piece of news regarding a fireball that would have crossed the sky above the strait and would have sunk into its waters.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
297	01/01/2009	Ostia Lido (RM)	C	Probable fireworks	Post appeared on the Facebook page "Close Encounters " on 04/26/2020.
Description of sighting	Mrs. Debora G., on New Year's Eve, just after midnight, looked out the window together with other people and saw dozens of objects coming out of the sea and rising and rising perpendicularly. Once they reached a certain altitude, they formed up and flew away above the witnesses.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
340	05/03/2009	Elba Island (LI)	B	Insufficient information	e-mail from the witness to Alfredo Lissoni.
Description of sighting	The witness Andrea E., together with two friends, was on a boat along the southern coast of the Island of Elba, when they observed an object of an undefined shape flying in a straight line. It moved from the coast, between Cavoli and Fetovaia, towards the island of Pianosa. The object then sank into the sea a mile before Pianosa and sank.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
343	??/06/2009	Ionian Coast	B	Insufficient	"X-Times" n. 12 of October 2009.

		(ME)		information	
Description of sighting	Mrs. Lucia was hospitalized in a clinic when, from the window of her room, she observed an ovoid-shaped object, silent and with flickering lights, which lowered until it disappeared into the Ionian Sea.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
346	06/07/2009	Aeolian Islands	C	Insufficient information	"X-Times" n. 12, October 2009.
Description of sighting	A member of the Messina UFO Research Center was with friends on a boat in the Aeolian Islands when, in the early hours of the morning, while they were all preparing for an underwater fishing trip, they saw an object, at a distance of about 500 meters from the boat, emerged from the sea and positioned itself at about 40 meters above sea level. The witness took some photos of the object which appeared to be made up of a central structure, onto which smaller lateral parts were "hooked".				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
226	Summer 2009	Taranto	B	Meteorite	Investigation by Antoni De Comite
Description of sighting	Shortly after midnight, during a check on two people who were arguing, two police officers and the two arrested people observed an object that was quickly swooping towards the sea. It was orange in color and was followed by a trail. The object appeared to "stop" when it was about to enter the water.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
322	01/08/2009	Varazze (SV)	C	Insufficient information	Report published on the evidentialiena.com website on 8/20/2009
Description of sighting	At 10.50pm an intense orange-red light, oval in shape, was seen emerging from the sea vertically at low speed. It then stopped at an altitude of around 800 – 1,000 metres. It subsequently changed intensity and continued its flight horizontally, increasing its speed in a south-west direction and becoming a blue-white dot.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
323	01/08/2009	Varazze (SV)	C	Insufficient information	CISU questionnaire

					filled out by the witness.
Description of sighting	During the night, three luminous spheres of aqua green color were seen coming out of the sea; they hovered about one meter from the surface then returned to the water.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
319	08/09/2009	Catanzaro	B	Probable Chinese lantern or signal rocket	communication dated 11/08/2009 at the site http://www.roswell.it/ report sightings
Description of sighting	The young Massimiliano says that on the evening of August 9, 2009, around 11.45 pm, while he was sitting with his girlfriend on the wall of the Catanzaro Lido seafront in front of a restaurant, he and her and other people spotted "a long either that it descended towards the ground" and that, during the descent, it changed colour, appearing white, yellow, green, purple, etc., coming almost from the zenith of the place. It was expected that it would explode in the atmosphere, as happens with many similar meteors, but instead, turning orange, it fell into the water at a point very close to the coast, about 1 km away. It did not sink, but remained on the surface and there was an intense red sphere with intermittent flashes. Then it became like a large ember until it died out, generating a large cloud of smoke. Note: Various conjectures were made by those present: a signal rocket launched from some ship was also thought of. The witness, however, is convinced that the meteorite is located in the seabed where the fall occurred, approximately 40 meters deep.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
320	11-12/08/2009	Davoli Marina (CZ)	B	Probable Chinese lantern	CISU questionnaire filled out by the witness on 10/25/2009.
Description of sighting	A 14-year-old student from Albiate (MB) is on the seafront of Davoli Marina (CZ) on 11 or 12 (he doesn't remember well) August 2009, around 10.30 pm, with some friends and his family. At a certain point he sees a glowing red object coming from the direction of Catanzaro in the clear sky. He gets distracted for a moment and after 2 minutes he no longer sees the object in the sky. About 5 minutes pass and this time all those present see this object (or a similar one) flying at a not very high height, coming from the same parts as the previous one. Its shape seems circular, reminiscent of a football. While the others chat, the boy points out that the object appears to be stopping. Meanwhile other people stop to watch. After a few seconds of immobility, the object seems to melt like metal, giving the impression of "flowing", and divides into three parts. One of these				

	remains in the air and goes out, the other 2 fall into the sea, between 50 and 100 meters from the shore, and float on the water flashing for about 5-7 minutes, after which the phosphorescent light that was flashing also disappears.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
316	09/27/2009	Ugento: Torre San Giovanni (LE)	D	Insufficient information	CISU questionnaire filled out by the witness.
Description of sighting	The witness Fabrizio E. was at Torre San Giovanni, in Marina di Ugento, around 11.30pm, and was fishing on the beach; he had been there since around 9pm and was alone when, at a certain point, there was a cliff on his left and from there he observed a strong light. He thought it was a fishing boat but it wasn't; it looked like a halogen light that was stationary on the surface of the water 50-60 centimeters from the sea and then quickly moved; it stopped for about 10 seconds and then disappeared into the water. The evening was clear, the sea calm and there were no boats in the water. The light had a diameter of about one meter and the witness reported hearing a rustling sound. The entire sighting lasted about 3 minutes.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
304	??/??/2010	Diamond (CS)	B	Insufficient information	post published on 10/17/2020 on the Facebook page "Aliens – New Revelations".
Description of sighting	The witness Ignazio S. observed a ball of fire that came down from the sky at high speed, stopped about three meters from sea level and then dived, disappearing into the water. The object was very large and was flying at a speed estimated by the witness to be around 60 km/h.				

Number	Date dd/mm/y y	Location	Categor y	Assessmen t	Sources
344	??/07/201 0	Tarantoni o (ME)	TO	Insufficient information	https:// endofthe world012. wordpress. com /2010/07/27/use-in-localita-tarantoni o/
Descriptio n of	Mr. AP, aged 32, GL, aged 29, at 02:30 in the morning, were sitting on the beach chatting, when their attention was attracted by a submerged light about 50 meters				

sighting	from the shoreline. As they got closer, they saw, at an estimated depth of 8/10 metres, a large rounded object, surrounded by lights, stationed underwater for about ten minutes: in disbelief and amazement, they saw it slowly emerge silently and rise into flight and then stop to about 30 meters high. Mr. AP equipped with a camera takes photos of the object, which is stationed on the sea for a couple of minutes: he quickly observes a circular structure, with many lights around it and two or three satellite spheres of light: suddenly, however, the object submerges to remain forever visible under “ the surface of the water”. The witnesses state that they no longer remember anything and that they "woke up" around 05:30 in the morning.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
313	01/11/2011	Laveno Monbello: Cerro (VA)	B	Insufficient information	“La Prealpina” of 03/11/2011; e-mail from Paolo Fiorino of CISU dated 06/11/2011.
Description of sighting	This is the text of the news reported in the email cited as the source: " Flying object sank, research on Lake Maggiore Laveno Mombello - Alarm in Cerro di Laveno, due to a large unidentified object, seen by two young people sinking into the waters of Lake Maggiore around 5.30pm on Tuesday 1 November. "It looked like a glider or a hang glider - said the two, who live in Luino - and we saw it, first trying to regain altitude, but then quickly sinking into the waters of the lake, about five hundred meters from the shore". The alarm was raised immediately while the darkness of the evening made the search operations increasingly difficult. The Civil Protection of Laveno Mombello asked the Delta Club of Laveno if anyone was still flying or if anyone had not returned to the Pradaccio camp, but fortunately the answer was negative. The carabinieri of Laveno Mombello, the Saf of the Varese fire brigade with the nautical vehicle, the firefighters of Laveno and Varese intervened on the spot, while the pilot boat of the Verbania fire brigade was also in action on the lake, the Cannobio financial police also uses the sophisticated on-board equipment, such as sonar and depth sounder, with the new vessel. The searches continued until 9pm on November 1st and resumed on the morning of November 2nd: among the many hypotheses, there is that the object of the sighting, since it was ruled out that it was motorized, could be a balloon balloon, because no one has so far reported disappearances".				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
302	???/??/2012	They drink (RA)	C	Insufficient information	post published on 10/17/2020 on the Facebook page “Aliens – New

					Revelations”.
Description of sighting	Mrs. Anna Z. was walking during the day (months of October or November) on the beach in the company of friends when suddenly, after the passage of a jet ski, a shaped object emerged from the sea at a distance from the motorbike. hats off. It was similar to a "double bowler hat", one above and one below, slightly flattened and pearl gray in colour. The object remained at a relatively low altitude and then moved away towards the sea until it disappeared from the sight of witnesses.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
325	???/??/2012	Pollen (PA)	D	Insufficient information	News published on the site: http://www.linksicilia.it/2013/08/Sicilian-electromagnetic-mysteries-from-canneto-of-caronia-at-the-tremonzelli-tunnel-long-the-Palermo-highway-catania-foes-of-sicilyinformation/
Description of sighting	A witness recalls that in 2012, after the events in Canneto di Caronia, one day he was traveling with his wife from Pollina towards Cefalù, on the straight stretch of road from Torre Conca to the S. Maria level crossing, while his gaze was scanning the horizon, he suddenly saw a kind of wake like those left by boats; curious, they stopped together with other travelers to observe it better, but this trail from the horizon came towards the shore, as if an unnatural force was blowing it, pushing it at a very high speed and causing it to crash on the rocks; even when it crashed, the water reached the road, leaving everyone speechless since no one was able to give a plausible explanation.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
321	12/08/2012	Montalto di Castro (VT)	D	Insufficient information	CISU questionnaire filled out by the witness on 08/09/2012; "L'Opinione" date unknown, about ten days after the event.
Description of sighting	Some young people were playing on the beach, around 7.40 pm, at the Il Gabbiano establishment, when they observed a glow on the surface of the water for a few seconds; after a while 5-6 lights of a fluorescent purple color appeared. The main witness recalls that he saw one of these lights coming out of the glow, when the others were already in the sky. All these lights then went towards a "ball of light" in the sky. Around 8pm they all disappeared together and then the big light moved away towards the North, while the sun was on the other side.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
318	08/20/2012	Victoria (RG)	D	Object	post published on 08/22/2012 on the TeleNova web page; "La Sicilia" Ragusa edition, dated 08/22/2012 pag. 31".
Description of sighting	Here is the article taken from "La Sicilia": Alarm and fear among the people present on Monday evening on the Riviera Lanterna, near the Mida hotel. Here, in fact, what looked to all intents and purposes like a human body was spotted floating about 200 meters from the shoreline. Once the report was received at the Scoglitti Coast Guard operations room, the intervention machine was immediately activated to verify whether the object seen floating in the sea by some citizens, tourists and holidaymakers was actually a human body. While the land patrol monitored the coast, other personnel approached the figure by sea, with the nautical vehicle made available by Davide Privitelli, president of an association that operates in the sea rescue sector. It is essential at that point to understand whether it was the lifeless body of an unfortunate bather or a poor immigrant among those who landed in Sicily even in these weeks of August. The alarm ceased shortly afterwards when the men commanded by Marshal Luigi Vaccarisi discovered that it was only an object.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
300	02/05/2013	Marina di Pisa (PI)	B	Insufficient information	Interview by Roberto Pinotti with the witness dated 02/18/2013; SUF card no. 11796.
Description of sighting	A witness was near the "Gorgona" bathroom, stopped in the car park, in the company of a girl, when she drew his attention to something bright a short distance from the car, on the ground and to the left. It was a luminous sphere similar to an ovoid the size of a football, emitting a soft, not excessive brightness, limited to a radius of approximately 70 cm. (but it wasn't a "truncated light", in any case) and green-blue in color. The sphere, within the light it emitted, still showed clear outlines, like those of a structured body. The two, surprised, looked at it better and saw that the object was causing the underlying ground (made up of sandy gravel) to "smoke" slightly. Then the mysterious body began to rotate quickly from left to right, rising about 15 cm. from the ground. The witness noted that he then "expelled" tiny fragments in the lower part (a bit "like a vertical egg that loses its shell in small pieces underneath") and finally rose quickly as if haloed by a light shower of minute sparks. While the frightened girl begged him				

	to leave immediately, the witness instead hurriedly got out of the car and chased him, thus seeing the object reach the sea and then dive in immediately afterwards. He therefore followed it from land and saw that, from underwater, the "thing" radiated a diffuse greenish luminescence. At a certain point the object shot vertically, flying upwards, rising very quickly towards the candle-shaped sky and disappearing from sight. With this maneuver, the witness was also hit by splashes of water raised violently by the upward movement of the mysterious body. Having returned to the car with his terrified friend, noting an apparent thermal trace on the gravel, which had darkened in the area affected by the mysterious presence, before leaving he took a small surface sample of the soil with the cardboard part of a notebook, duly torn, without touching it with hands, and carefully placing it in a plastic bag that he had in the vehicle for professional reasons (he is an ARPAT employee). A strange smell had spread in the air, quite similar to the typical one recorded during metal welding operations. The following day, the car's windshield showed greenish reflections in sunlight (the same color as the light emitted by the object) which it was not easy to eliminate when washing the car. The samples (delivered in a plastic bag to Roberto Pinotti) show small gravel pebbles, apparently darkened by the action of the mysterious body, mixed with minute glassy fragments. According to the witness, he would have detached one from a pebble with chrome-vanadium pliers, chipping it and even generating some friction sparks (like those of a flint). Examined by a jeweler in Florence on Pinotti's initiative, his superficial impression (excluding, according to him, that they could be diamonds) is that the transparent fragments are of a vitreous nature.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
324	07/08/2013	Rose Garden of Abruzzi (TE)	B	Meteorite	"La Città" dated 07/09/2013, page 15.
Description of sighting	Massimiliano F., manager of a security company, was carrying out a check near beach establishments at around 02:30, when he noticed a luminous object, white and then green, falling downwards. The object then impacted the sea, causing a loud noise and causing a column of water to rise. The witness then notified the Port Authority. Some witnesses claim that the sighting occurred at 11pm on Sunday 7 July. A similar sighting was also made in Tortoreto (TE).				

Number	Date dd/mm /yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
331	16-17 /10/2013	Lake Maggiore – Arona (NO)	TO	Possible diver light while submerg	News appeared on the following web pages: www.novaratoday.it/chronicle/avvistamento-ufo-lago-maggiore-arona.html "Il Giornale di Arona" of 10/25/2013; www.ininsubria.it strange-lights-in-lake-maggiore-there-are-ufos~A1190

				ed	1 "Il Giorno" Varese edition of 10/22/2013; "La Provincia" Varese edition of 10/22/2013; MUFON report n. 51655.
Descript ion of sighting	Mr. Giovanni S. reported having seen lights coming from under the lake in the evening between the 16th and 17th and also photographed them; the flashes appeared out of nowhere for about ten minutes and then disappeared, as if they had been swallowed up in the depths of the lake. The lights were about thirty meters from the shore.				

Number	Date dd/mm/ yy	Locati on	Catego ry	Assessme nt	Sources
327	01/08/20 14	Tortoli (NU)	B	Insufficie nt informati on	News appeared on the website: www.tortohelic.it/ index.php?option = com_content&id= 6188:tortoli-sapiaggia-di-basaura-ufo-o-missile &Itemid=65
Descripti on of sighting	The article which appeared on the internet and was cited in the sources is reported: "Numerous bathers claimed to have sighted, on Friday morning, from the Basaura beach an unidentified flying object, a UFO, which crossed the sea in parallel in front of the beach and then immerse yourself in water. The event would be extraordinary and for those who believe that we are not the only ones living in the Universe it could represent a certainty. After all, many children and even some adults spotted him. The object would have crossed the body of water in front of the beach at very high speed and then submerged. Now if it weren't for the fact that there is an active military range just a few kilometers away, this fact would have enormous credibility, but we know that numerous military exercises take place in San Lorenzo, we wouldn't want our beautiful and science fiction UFO to be nothing more than a missile launched from the base and got out of control. Of course they could also be the result of bathers' hallucinations due to the excess of sun, but if it were not the effect of the heat, which is not excessive in this summer, we could also worry and perhaps check whether the military authorities have something to declare on the matter".				

Number	Date dd/mm/ yy	Locati on	Catego ry	Assessm ent	Sources
328	11/16/2 014	Porto Vener e (SP)	B	Probable meteorit e	News appeared on the website: www.lanazione.it/ la-spezia/a-green-light-in-the-sky-and-psychosis-trig gers-ufo-1.412600
Descript ion of sighting	The article that appeared on the internet page cited in the sources is transcribed: "La Spezia, 18 November 2014 - A green, mysterious LIGHT, which slowly broke against the waves of the sea, aroused quite a bit of curiosity among some inhabitants of the village of Porto Venere, those who noticed that glow the other evening in the sky. There were those who immediately thought of a request for help from a vessel, a circumstance which was later discarded because signal flares are normally yellow or red. Others, on the other hand, receive a signal for help sent by someone on				

	the Muzzerone. And who, mitigating any doubts, immediately thought that it was a UFO. Also in light of the recent sighting in the sky of Forte dei Marmi, documented in recent days on LaNazione: an unidentified object had been seen by some residents and passers-by while flying "free" among the clouds. «I saw a light coming down vertically – explains a resident – and so I contacted the recreational harbor office. I'm not hallucinating, I'm sure of what I saw before my eyes, so much so that I provided detailed information to the coast guard personnel. I thought of a fireball, a celestial body". And among the people of Porto Venere there are those who have not ruled out the possibility of having sighted a UFO: "Yes, yes, it was exactly that" is the rumor circulating among the alleys. The fact remains that after reporting to the harbor master's office, checks were carried out at sea: up and down with the patrol boat, but no "finding". Interra, however, a mountain rescue team moved, directed by Davide Battistella, and headed towards Muzzerone, searching everywhere. Even in the car park overlooking the climbing wall, no signal. The country was also searched by the local police, who however did not notice anything abnormal. And so that yellow light remains shrouded in mystery. Skeptics, however, thought of a military signal, as part of an exercise, a sort of rocket launched as a communication request. But everything remains to be verified ”.
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Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
355	??/08/2016	Numana (AN)	D	Insufficient information	News published on the "Close Encounters" Facebook page on 08/19/2021.
Description of sighting	The witness Simone S. was at the seaside with his family in the Marcelli area of Numana when, around 11:00-12:00, he went for a swim. Once he reached the furthest buoys, he saw a disc-shaped object standing still on the surface of the water a few meters away from him. The current didn't move him in the slightest; it was dark gray in color, had rounded corners and was approximately one and a half meters in size. Gripped by fear, the witness quickly swam towards shore.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
298	06/09/2016	Francavilla a Mare (CH)	C	Insufficient information	MUFON email to Edoardo Russo dated 19/01/2020; MUFON report no. 106263.
Description of sighting	Mr. Vladimir from Bratislava, at 12.05 pm, observed and filmed some objects that emerged from the water and then disappeared into the sky at high speed.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
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358	??/06/2017	Agrigento: San Leone	C	Probable Lens Flare	post published on 04/08/2023 on the “Ufoglobal Italia” Facebook page.
Description of sighting	A witness, who was on the beach with friends, noticed a bright object coming out of the sea and took two photos; in one of these, you notice a light in the sky, which appears to be a Lens Flare. The strange fact is that the witness confirmed that he saw the object come out of the sea.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
305	??/07/2017	Syracuse	B	Insufficient information	post published on 07/09/2020 on the “Close Encounters” Facebook page.
Description of sighting	Mr Vincenzo Z., around 03.00 at night, was at the seaside like every summer and that evening, unable to sleep due to the heat, he decided to take a walk on the beach, which is located about 100 meters from his aunt's house where he spent his holidays. The sky was very clear, without a moon, and you could even see the Milky Way. On the beach there was the witness and a fisherman a little further away. Suddenly he saw a beam of light, like a column, fall, stand out in the water and a sphere of light swoop down towards the sea; it must have happened 500 meters from the coast. This sphere entered the water without splashing or anything, without creating waves. From under the sea this light could be seen advancing towards the beach and the witness remembers being serene and pervaded by a sense of calm, mixed with curiosity. As it got closer, that thing took shape; it then came out of the water and was not actually a sphere. It was a tall hominid, with an elongated head, which emitted light and was accompanied by two "things", which looked like mailboxes with the same eyes. At that point the witness saw a flash and the next memory he has is of being in his bed at home.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
309	??/09/2018	Staletti: Caminia (CS)	C	Insufficient information	post published on 05/05/2020 on the “Italian Ufological Group” Facebook page.
Description of sighting	Mrs. Rosanna T. during a late summer night, around 01:00, saw a very strong and intense white phosphorescent light emerging from the water. Once out of the sea, it shot up into the sky at high speed.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
317	???/??/2019	Bari	B	Insufficient information	Message from Saverio Montrone dated 04/10/2021 published on the "Close Encounters" Facebook page.
Description of sighting	The witness who was walking with his wife on the Bari seafront observed an object flying and then disappearing into the sea. The object had a dark-colored triangular shape; at the two ends it had two white lights, while on the upper end there was a bright orange area. Everything around had an orange halo. It was very fast and came from above in about two seconds, and then disappeared into the water. The witness does not remember the month, while he remembers that the sighting took place between 9.00 pm and 9.30 pm.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
311	05/06/2019	Lake Albano (RM)	TO	Insufficient information	Witness story on YouTube: https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Uc95rEKjiYc ; news published on the web page of the Italian UFO Federation.
Description of sighting	Mr. Gabriele L. and a friend of his were observing, photographing and filming Lake Albano and at the time they didn't notice anything. The next day, looking at the videos and images on the computer, Gabriele noticed a ripple of about 100 meters on the lake, in the shape of a "butterfly" and which seemed static. In the video you can see a luminous object present under the surface of the water which, within a few seconds, rotated, divided into two objects and then sank and disappeared completely. The ripple looks like a sort of four-bladed propeller. After about 20 minutes, from another position, the witness took some photos and in one of these there was a bright dot, which the witness believed had come out of the lake, even though he did not see it emerge. The object was stellar-shaped, white in color, slightly inclined and was located on the other side of the lake over 1 km away as the crow flies. Although he took many photos, the object was only present in one shot. The witness's impression is that he had come out of the lake and was darting away at high speed.				

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	dd/mm/yy				
301	05/09/2019	Taranto	C	Insufficient information	Message from Antonio Vincenti dated 10/05/2020 published on the Facebook page "Close Encounters"
Description of sighting	Just a brief piece of news commenting on another sighting, which tells of a soldier in the province of Taranto who saw an unidentified object emerge from the sea.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
299	02/28/2020	Adriatic Sea	B	Meteor fireball	News appeared on the website meteoweb.eu
Description of sighting	A meteor fireball was observed throughout the Center and North and some say they saw it fall into the Adriatic Sea.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
329	03/15/2020	Blevio (CO)	D	Possible vessel	CISU questionnaire completed by the witness on 03/15/2020.
Description of sighting	A witness observed, at 06:30 in the morning, a white object moving slowly against the current, without leaving a trail. The sighting lasted about 15 minutes, then the object disappeared. When the object appeared it was more or less in the middle of Lake Como and at a distance of about 300 meters from the witness, who was at home and having breakfast and who filmed the phenomenon with his cell phone.				

Number	Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
330	04/23/2020	Castel Porziano (RM)	D	Possible tree	News appeared on a Facebook page "Close Encounters" on 05/15/2020.
Description of sighting	In the final part of a video filmed at 6.26pm from the beach, an object, elongated and black in colour, floating on the water can be seen in the sea. It's probably a tree.				

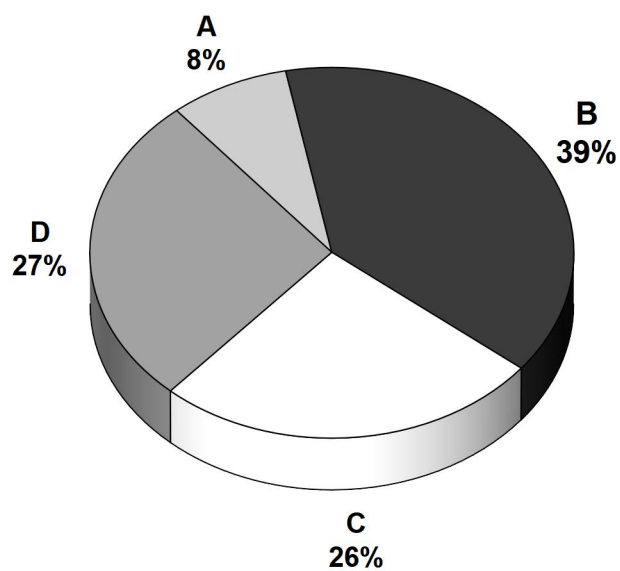
Number	Date	Location	Category	Assessment	Sources
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356	01/16/2021	Torricella (TA)	D	Oil plant	News appeared on a Facebook page "Ufos and Mysteries" on 01/17/2022; www.facebook.com/cpamimmo.carrieri / videos/3580249738763065
Description of sighting	The video, taken at 11.30 am in Torre Ovo in Marina di Torricella, of a rectangular-shaped object moving quickly over the sea was posted on Facebook. Everything is then identified with Eni's offshore platform headed to Tempa Rossa.				

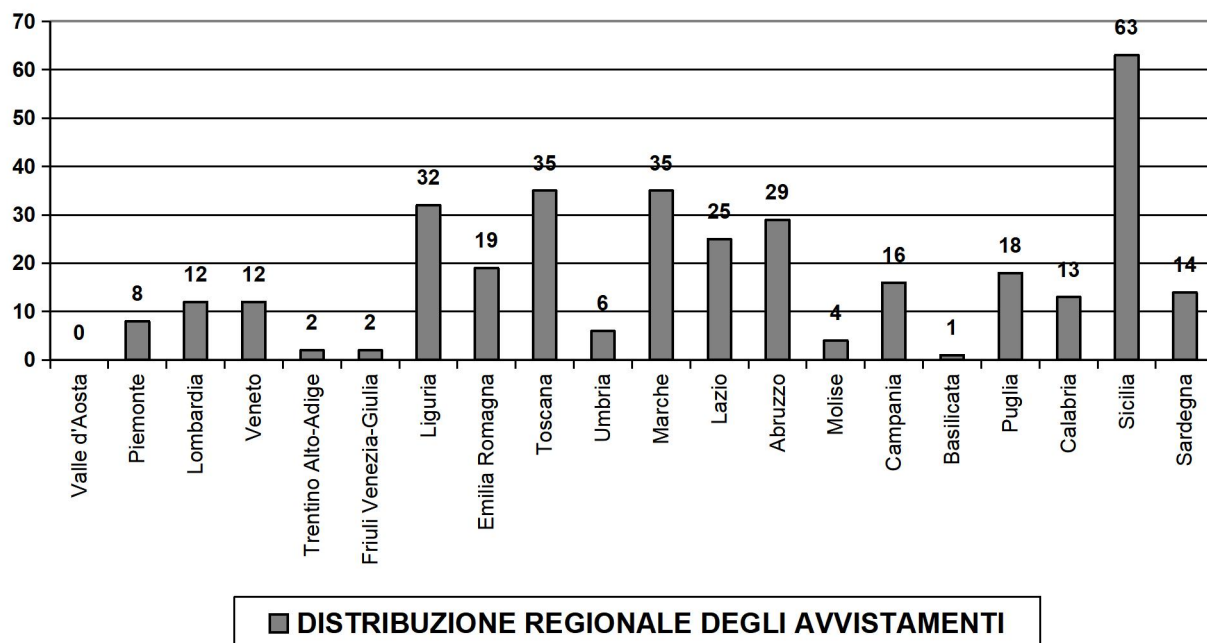
TOTAL CASES	348
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OVERALL SUMMARY OF DATA, STATISTICS AND GRAPHS

TYPOLOGICAL DISTRIBUTION	
TO	28
B	135
C	90
D	95
TOTAL	348

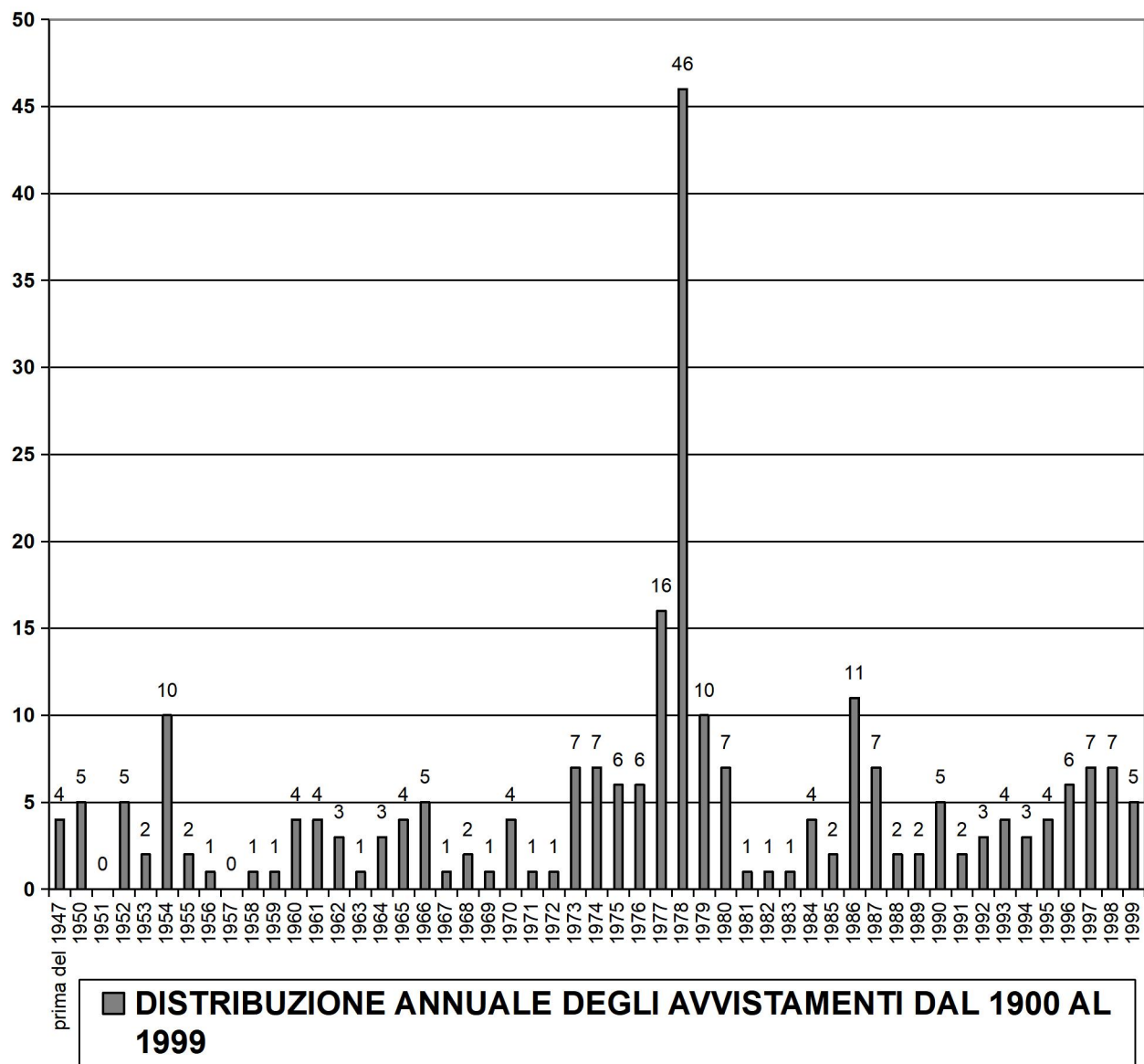


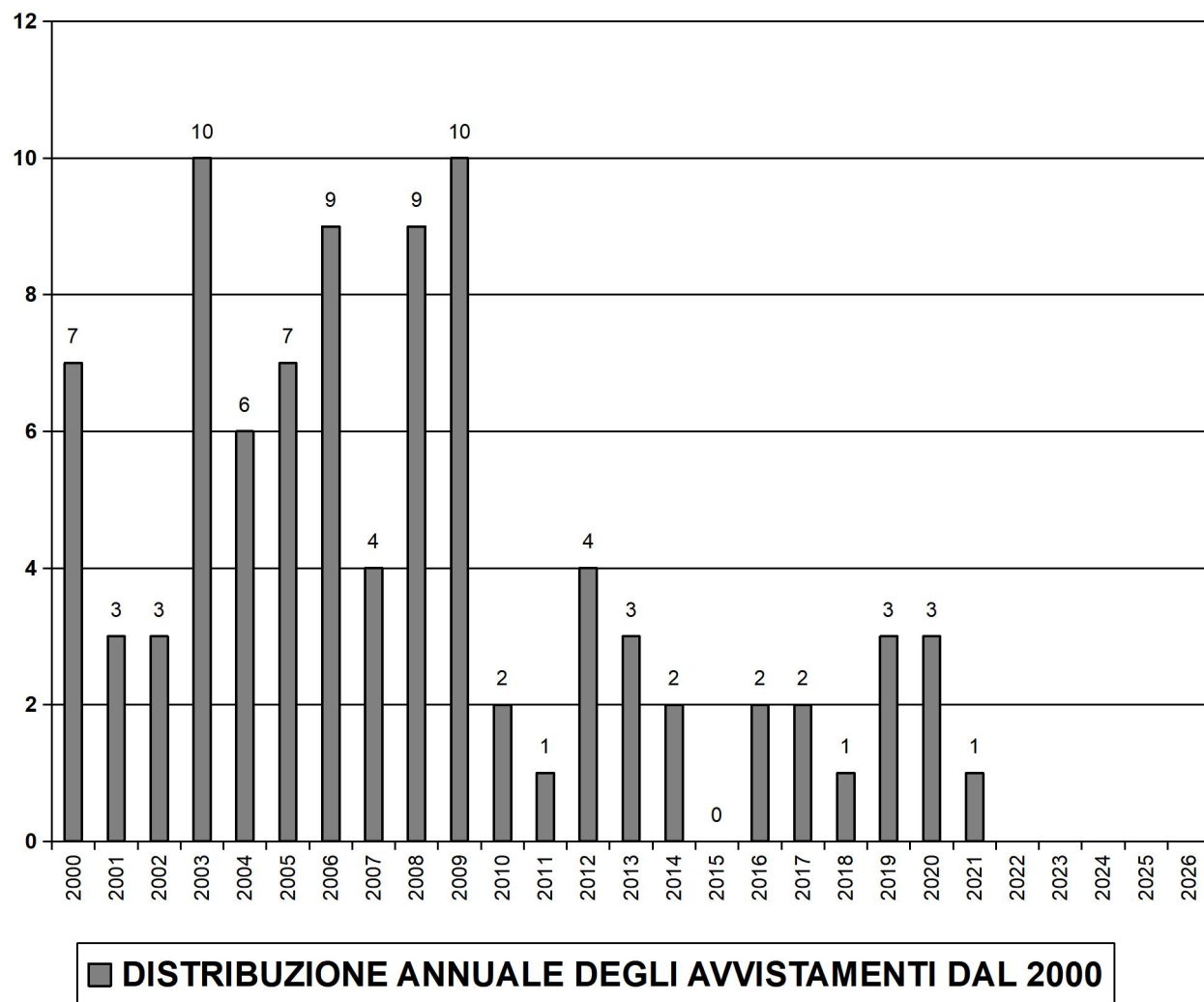
REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF SIGHTINGS					
REGION	TO	B	C	D	TOTAL
Sicily	7	20	21	15	63
Tuscany	3	14	9	9	35
Marche	3	11	12	9	35
Liguria	3	13	10	6	32
Abruzzo	1	11	11	6	29
Lazio	1	13	4	7	25
Emilia Romagna	1	8	6	4	19
Puglia	2	9	2	5	18
Campania	4	8	2	2	16
Sardinia	2	4	1	7	14
Calabria	0	5	3	5	13
Veneto	0	4	0	8	12
Lombardy	0	5	3	4	12
Piedmont	1	2	3	2	8
Umbria	0	3	2	1	6
Molise	0	1	0	3	4
Friuli Venezia Giulia	0	1	0	1	2
Trentino Alto Adige	0	2	0	0	2
Basilicata	0	0	1	0	1
Valle d'Aosta	0	0	0	0	0
Location unknown	0	1	0	1	2
TOTALS	28	135	90	95	348

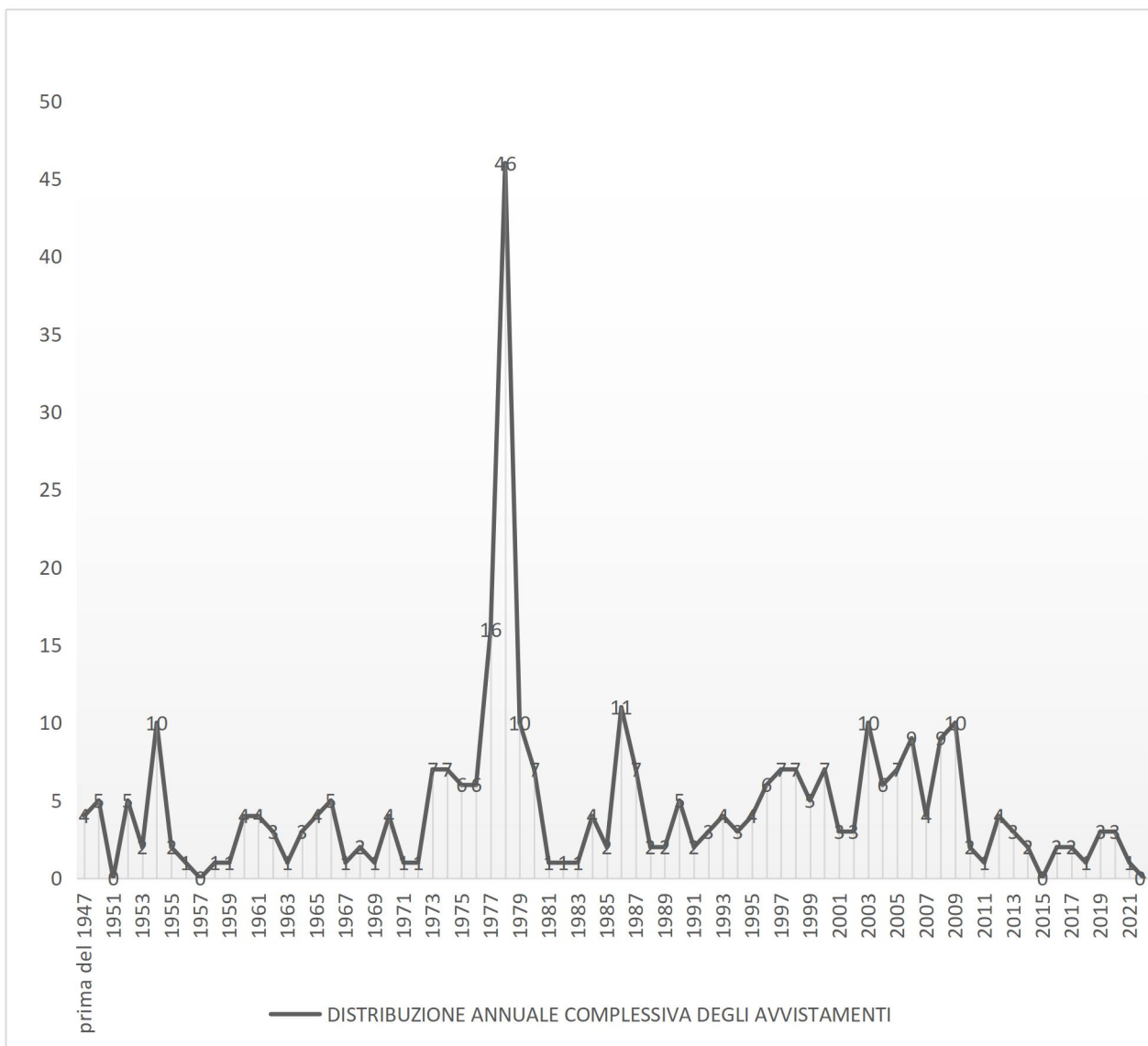


WAVES – FLAPS (at least or more than 10 cases per year)	
1954	10
1977	16
1978	46
1979	10
1986	11
2003	10
2009	10

TEN-YEAR DISTRIBUTION OF SIGHTINGS					
DATE	TO	B	C	D	TOTAL CASES
Unspecified date	1	1	2	1	5
Before the 1950s	0	2	1	1	4
1950s	0	17	6	5	28
60's	1	12	5	10	28
70's	10	26	33	35	104
80s	2	17	10	12	41
90's	5	22	7	12	46
2000s	6	29	21	12	68
2010s	3	8	5	4	20
2020s	0	1	0	3	4
TOTAL	28	135	90	95	348







OVERALL DATA FOR IDENTIFICATION		
Certain identifications ISO(Identified submerged objects)	Meteorites/meteor (10) - sounding balloon (2) - sound buoy (2) – fish (1) - fake (5) – firework (1) – perceptual error (1) – bag of waste (1) – cetacean (1) – military exercise (1) – divers (1) – buoys (1) – platform (2) – algae (1) – object (1).	31
Probable identifications	Meteorites/meteor (5) - sounding balloon (2) - parachute (1) - fake (6) - cetacean (1) - vessel (1) - missile (1) - military exercise (1) - buoy (1) - error perceptive (5) – signal rocket (5) – phosphorus piece (4) – algae (1) – firework (1) – Chinese lanterns (1) – fish (1) – mirage (1) – Lens Flare (1)	40
Possible identifications	Meteorite/meteor (9) - sounding balloon (1) - satellite fragments (2) – ROV/acoustic buoy (1) - missile (1) - fake (1) - diver (2) - vessel (2) - cetacean (2) - signal rocket (3) – RPV (1) - perceptual error (1) – reflection (4) – Venus (1) – military exercise (1) – tree (1)	33
Insufficient information	There is not enough information, inquiries or investigations to be able to evaluate individual cases.	242
USE (Unidentified submerged objects)	Cases which, following in-depth investigations or numerous data, are currently unidentified.	2
TOTAL		348

NUMERICAL INDEX OF SIGHTINGS							
Number	Date	Number	Date	Number	Date	Number	Date
001	Eliminated	049	07/31/1977	097	01/23/1983	145	08/25/1950
002	??/?/1927	050	09/08/1977	098	08/26/1984	146	20-28/02/'86
003	1950s	051	10/08/1977	099	08/16/1985	147	07/19/1974
004	03/31/1950	052	10/13/1977	100	12/06/1986	148	April 1996
005	??/?/1952	053	??/?/1978	101	08/25/1986	149	11/04/1999
006	02/08/1952	054	05/03/1978	102	10/23/1986	150	December 94
007	09/09/1952	055	06/24/1978	103	03/11/1986	151	August 1978
008	10/24/1954	056	Summer 1978	104	07/12/1986	152	July 1997
009	10/25/1954	057	07/09/1978	105	05/27/1987	153	Eliminated
010	12/11/1954	058	07/09/1978	106	06/16/1987	154	08/28/1979
011	11/19/1954	059	18-20/8/78	107	02/09/1987	155	July 1977
012	11/27/1954	060	09/16/1978	108	??/07/1988	156	Eliminated
013	07/12/1954	061	09/28/1978	109	12/08/1989	157	June 1958
014	08/23/1955	062	10/23/1978	110	25/11/1989	158	07/09/1986
015	01/27/1956	063	10/24/1978	111	03/25/1990	159	04/01/1979
016	02/05/1960	064	10/27/1978	112	07/24/1990	160	??/?/??
017	10/02/1960	065	10/27/1978	113	Eliminated	161	??/?/1953
018	12/04/1961	066	31/10/1978	114	30/10/1991	162	05/18/1973
019	03/06/1961	067	07/11/1978	115	12/27/1993	163	07/30/1978
020	12/14/1962	068	07/11/1978	116	01/01/1995	164	??/?/??
021	10/16/1963	069	08/11/1978	117	10/27/1995	165	??/07/1992
022	01/09/1964	070	Eliminated	118	06/29/1993	166	Eliminated
023	??/06/1965	071	09/11/1978	119	??/06/1975	167	03/18/1974
024	summer 1965	072	11/13/1978	120	08/16/1978	168	04/01/1950
025	12/12/1965	073	11/23/1978	121	??/?/1979	169	02/22/1987
026	06/28/1966	074	11/28/1978	122	Summer 1985	170	02/19/1998
027	09/14/1966	075	11/29/1978	123	04/01/2000	171	10/16/1954
028	03/22/1969	076	12/13/1978	124	04/03/2000	172	12/14/1978
029	??/?/1970	077	12/14/1978	125	05/01/1953	173	August 1995
030	??/07/1970	078	12/20/1978	126	August 1977	174	10/06/1986
031	04/08/1971	079	12/28/1978	127	01/08/1999	175	10/14/1954
032	02/07/1972	080	12/28/1978	128	21/11/1961	176	??/?/1994
033	07/24/1973	081	12/31/1978	129	07/19/2001	177	04/08/1987
034	10/19/1973	082	Eliminated	130	14-16/7/'79	178	10/19/1954
035	06/01/1974	083	02/15/1979	131	October 1999	179	09/15/1998
036	05/13/1975	084	12/03/1979	132	??/09/1998	180	08/09/1950
037	06/20/1975	085	??/05/1979	133	11/17/1960	181	Spring 73
038	07/21/1975	086	??/06/1979	134	09/15/1992	182	10/25/1966
039	03/28/1976	087	06/22/1979	135	??/01/1996	183	11/04/2001

040	04/25/1976	088	??/07/1979	136	07/20/1996	184	Summer 1982
041	??/08/1976	089	05/14/1980	137	08/19/1996	185	December 78
042	12/08/1976	090	08/26/1980	138	11/13/1997	186	Eliminated
043	??/10/1976	091	01/09/1980	139	03/07/1998	187	12/17/1978
044	??/03/1977	092	Eliminated	140	07/29/1998	188	04/16/1980
045	04/16/1977	093	Eliminated	141	05/03/2000	189	10/07/1986
046	??/07/1977	094	11/11/1980	142	06/18/2000	190	??/04/1961
047	07/20/1977	095	03/12/1980	143	01/09/1946	191	01/29/1959
048	07/26/1977	096	10/24/1981	144	08/19/1950	192	11/17/1955

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193	??/03/1962	241	07/26/2003	289	08/13/1999	337	??/08/2004
194	??/10/1987	242	05/17/1997	290	04/11/2007	338	08/17/2006
195	08/29/1977	243	???/??/???	291	01/12/1978	339	07/31/1978
196	02/02/1968	244	04/16/1978	292	07/25/1952	340	05/03/2009
197	03/07/1965	245	???/??/1967	293	03/11/1978	341	???/??/1980
198	??/11/1978	246	12/01/2004	294	08/17/2008	342	??/08/1991
199	08/29/2002	247	12/23/1978	295	09/15/1978	343	??/06/2009
200	???/??/1974	248	?/1-3/2004	296	01/15/1977	344	??/07/2010
201	???/??/1977	249	??/07/2003	297	01/01/2009	345	12/08/2005
202	01/16/1990	250	08/29/2004	298	06/09/2016	346	06/07/2009
203	30/10/1978	251	03/07/2001	299	02/28/2020	347	??/11/2008
204	06/11/1978	252	02/18/2005	300	02/05/2013	348	06/22/2008
205	25/10/2002	253	??/01/2006	301	05/09/2019	349	07/09/2008
206	??/06/1997	254	01/29/1968	302	???/??/2012	350	20-31/12/'02
207	08/19/1987	255	?/8/85-86	303	Summer 2000	351	??/09/2008
208	???/??/??	256	???/??/1986	304	???/??/2010	352	??/06/2008
209	06/17/2000	257	??/04/2005	305	??/07/2020	353	07/21/2008
210	12/20/1999	258	10/11/2005	306	??/07/1997	354	??/06/1978
211	31/12/1994	259	03/16/2004	307	90's	355	??/08/2016
212	summer 1984	260	07/23/2005	308	Summer 2005	356	01/16/2021
213	11/28/1975	261	07/31/2005	309	??/09/2018	357	???/??/1938
214	??/11/1974	262	06/07/1997	310	???/??/1984	358	??/06/2017
215	03/27/1974	263	03/08/2006	311	05/06/2019		
216	06/24/1973	264	09/27/2006	312	???/??/1986		
217	06/01/1973	265	01/10/2006	313	01/11/2011		
218	10/07/1964	266	02/11/2006	314	07/23/2003		
219	11/11/1948	267	???/??/1980	315	06/16/2003		
220	???/??/1978	268	08/25/2004	316	09/27/2009		
221	??/04/1950	269	01/31/2007	317	???/??/2019		

222	??/01/1995	270	03/29/1960	318	08/20/2012		
223	09/29/1993	271	12/10/2006	319	08/09/2009		
224	04/21/1990	272	03/06/1970	320	11-12/8/09		
225	12/11/1998	273	06/08/1975	321	12/08/2012		
226	12/11/1998	274	??/08/2006	322	01/08/2009		
227	??/?/1996	275	04/24/1977	323	01/08/2009		
228	11/07/1962	276	09/12/1973	324	07/08/2013		
229	07/27/1993	277	05/05/2007	325	??/?/2012		
230	05/12/1984	278	05/01/1964	326	Summer 2009		
231	05/03/2003	279	02/18/1974	327	01/08/2014		
232	06/22/2003	280	06/18/1966	328	11/16/2014		
233	04/03/2003	281	12/12/1978	329	03/15/2020		
234	08/12/2003	282	03/23/2008	330	04/23/2020		
235	03/08/2003	283	03/06/2007	331	16-17/10/13		
236	??/?/1970	284	09/09/2006	332	03/22/1954		
237	??/?/???	285	??/?/1980	333	05/08/1996		
238	??/?/1976	286	07/12/1997	334	??/09/1992		
239	07/22/2003	287	11/16/2000	335	07/15/1966		
240	??/08/1988	288	??/07/2008	336	08/19/1977		

APPENDIX A

SUBMARINE AND GHOST SHIPS

MARINE ACCIDENTS

FINDS OF MILITARY MATERIAL

Before proceeding to examine the individual cases of sightings collected, it is necessary to say a few words on the phenomenon of the so-called submarines and ghost ships and the strange accidents that occasionally occur at sea.

Ghost submarines have been sighted ever since man created this beautiful war machine. The Second World War, perhaps the most prosperous era for submarines and undoubtedly the period in which the highest number of boats sailed the seas, is full of observations and false alarms. But reconstructing such reports in wartime is certainly impossible. The observations of ghost submarines that most interest this catalog are those that occurred during the Cold War, during that game of spies, those silent battles that were fought with the sound of sonar and electronic instruments in the seas all over the world. The phobia of being observed and spied on by the enemies of the Soviet bloc pervaded almost everyone who went to sea. Certainly the most famous sighting of a ghost submarine occurred in Norway, in the Sogne fjord in November 1972; on that occasion an unknown underwater vessel kept around thirty units of the Norwegian fleet in check for a few days, until it managed to disappear as quickly as it had appeared. Obviously a thousand conjectures have been made but the main defendants were the Soviets and the Americans.

Even Italy is not immune from ghost submarines and this is easily explainable given that our country is entirely surrounded by water and is a sort of large "natural aircraft carrier". It is not known how many of these observations are real and it is almost impossible to make even a risky estimate. What is certain is that there are still very often observations of large objects moving under the sea and the phenomenon is certainly interesting and curious. And it is equally certain that this great spy game has certainly affected our seas.

The interesting numerical fact is that from the 1990s onwards there have never been any more reports of ghost submarines. This, without any doubt, is due to the end of the world division into two large blocs, the western one linked to NATO and the eastern one linked to the Warsaw Pact. With the fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of the Soviet empire, it seems that submarines have stopped "chasing" each other in the Mediterranean. And on the contrary, it is interesting to note that the greatest number of observations of ghost submarines occurred during the 1970s, i.e. at the height of the Cold War.

An entire essay could be written about ghost ships. All sailors have always heard of ghost ships, mythical galleons and unmanned vessels that sail the oceans undisturbed. These stories have a very particular charm for those who love the sea, even if there is very little that is real.

What I have tried to reconstruct, regarding our country, are all those reports, those false SOS signals sent by boats in difficulty and never found again by the rescue teams. Of course, some messages for help are real and perhaps some vessel has really disappeared into the waves, taking its

load with it, even if it seems strange that the crew is never spoken about or that everyone quickly forgets about the unfortunate castaways; but the majority of these reports are well-orchestrated fakes carried out by unscrupulous smugglers, who in this way have free access to the Italian coasts, both for cigarette trafficking and for the human trafficking of illegal immigrants.

Perhaps much more interesting is the phenomenon of strange marine accidents, such as those that happen to fishing boats which, very often, become entangled with their nets in large submerged objects, which are almost always recognized as submarines.

The reality of these reports (although almost never confirmed with on-site investigations but only with journalistic articles) is the fact that some boats actually lose their nets, finding themselves forced to cut the steel cables that secure them. There are countless explanations, from the submarine to the large cetacean, up to the rock or submerged wreck in which the nets remain entangled (perhaps the most plausible explanation). An certainly curious fact is that before the fall of the Soviet empire, fishermen pointed the finger at submarines of Russian or Libyan nationality. Since the collapse of communism, fishermen have returned to almost exclusively blaming the Italian Navy and, on some occasions, the US Navy.

Finally, regarding the findings of military material, it must be clarified that anything can be found in the sea. There is also a saying that everything the sea takes it gives back.

The Mediterranean, especially during the Cold War, was the scene of numerous exercises and it is therefore highly probable that there are artillery pieces, buoys or torpedoes almost everywhere. Furthermore, even today the sea gives us some war remnants from the Second World War. The curious fact, as in the case of accidents between fishing boats and submarines, is that until the end of the 1980s the material found was almost always of Soviet nationality, with the classic Cyrillic writings. Again after the fall of the Eastern Bloc, the findings are attributed to the Mediterranean Navies (Italian, French, Spanish). Furthermore, it is possible to note how the discovery of military material in the sea occurred after the end of the Second World War and in fact there is not even a single case before the 1950s.

Also regarding this particular cataloging sector, I must point out that if journalistic sources talk about sightings of UFOs or aliens, the observation and discovery more properly fall within the actual UsoCat. In fact, there are some cases in the UsoCat that could be included in Appendix A, but precisely because the input of the sources were UFOs and not military material, I thought it correct to include them in the actual UsoCat.

I hope that this very brief introduction has served to make people understand better that the sea is indeed full of mysteries, but that very often it is man who creates them or does not want to seek a logical explanation for what happens.

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Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
??/02/1946	Off the coast of Rimini	Ghost Submarine	“Messina News” of 02/26/1946.
Description of sighting	Some fishermen from Cesenatico and Rimini apparently observed some small submarines of unknown nationality sailing on the		

	surface. According to the fishermen, the submarines would not have had more than four crew members, given the small size of the boats.
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Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
01/09/1946	Ionian Sea	Ghost Submarine	“Il Nuovo Cittadino di Genova”, “Corriere Lombardo” and “Gazzetta Sera” of 09/03/1946; “The New Citizen” of 04/09/1946; e-mail from Giuseppe Stilo dated 04/03/2002; “Intelligence Dossier” n. November 11, 2003, p. 70; Stilo Giuseppe “The dawn of a new era” ed. Upiar, pp. 83-84.
Description of sighting	According to this journalistic source, some Soviet submarines crossed the waters of the Ionian Sea. They would be fly submarines, five meters long and two meters wide, of which the Russian navy made extensive use during the Second World War. The news is linked to explosions heard by fishermen in the Adriatic and linked to Yugoslav experiments with projectiles launched from long-range cannons positioned along the beach.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
11/09/1946	Gulf of Oristano	Ghost Submarine	“Corriere Lombardo” of 12/09/1946; Stilo Giuseppe “The dawn of a new era” ed. Upiar, p. 84.
Description of sighting	According to this journalistic source, at the mouth of the Tirso, in the Gulf of Oristano, a black vessel, flying a yellow flag, appeared and unloaded food and ammunition onto many boats that boarded it.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
??/07/1954	Bacoli: Torregaveta (NA)	Military material found	“La Domenica del Corriere” year 56, n. 30, 07/25/1954 .
Description of sighting	A torpedo, launched during an exercise in the waters of the Gulf of Naples, had a failure in the direction system and ran aground among swimmers on Torregaveta beach.		

Date	Location	Category	Sources
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??/10/1954	Off the coast of Imperia	Military material found	"Aeronautical Newsletter" n. 84 of 10/19/1954, page. 399.
Description of sighting	A large balloon was apparently recovered one kilometer from the island of Gallinara, off the coast of Imperia, by the Port Authority of Oneglia. The balloon did not show any identifying marks and did not carry any instruments, but only two metal bars on which the initials "B85609" was engraved, written in pencil. The previous day a balloon had been seen in the sky off the French coast and two interceptor fighters had even taken off to shoot it down.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
12/25/1954	Strait of Messina	Ghost Submarine	"Gazzetta del Sud", Messina news of 01/05/1955; "Rereading old newspapers" by Pietro Torre n. 1 of February 2003; "Intelligence Dossier" n. November 11, 2003, p. 70.
Description of sighting	Some men would have observed a submarine sailing on the surface and which, after having crossed the strait from south to north, would have headed towards the north-west. The submarine did not have any identifying marks on its hull nor did it have a flag.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
07/16/1957	Tino Island (SP)	Military material found	"Il Secolo XIX" of 07/17/1957.
Description of sighting	A German "W" type torpedo, seven meters long, was found in the nets of the "Sante Letizia" trawler. To recover the device and render it harmless, the intervention of the SDAI unit of La Spezia was necessary.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
02/07/1958	Monterosso (SP)	Military material found	"Il Secolo XIX" of 02/08/1958.
Description of sighting	A torpedo would have been found by some fishermen who, having taken it in tow, would have deposited it on the beach. Some Navy experts later established that it was a German torpedo, still equipped with an explosive charge. The torpedo was about six meters long.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
01/01/1960	Falconara Marittima (AN)	Military material found	“Il Secolo XIX” of 02/01/1960.
Description of sighting	At 8.30am on New Year's Day a mine was seen surfacing fifty meters from the coast. The witness, a former sailor, immediately notified the Carabinieri. Since the bomb had reached the beach, the eviction of some homes and the interruption of the railway line and the Aurelia highway were ordered. Once the Navy technicians arrived, they realized that it was a training mine without an explosive charge. The newspaper also reported a photo of the bomb.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
11/07/1962	Lake Maggiore	Ghost Submarine	“Heaven and Earth”, year 3, n. 36, April 1972.
Description of sighting	The engineer Leonello Boni, while he was walking on the shores of Lake Maggiore together with a cousin, observed the formation of a wake on the lake that was moving at high speed and was producing bubbles of water on the surface. It seemed as if something large was moving under the water. The phenomenon continued for some time. The hypothesis that was supported the most was that of a small underwater vessel sailing completely submerged. The surface turbulence and air bubbles were obviously created by the propulsion system.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
09/30/1962	Sea south-east of Sicily	Ghost Submarine	“La Stampa” of 09/10/1962 and 10/10/1962; “Gazzetta del Popolo” of 10/10/1962; “Corriere della Sera” of 09/10/1962 and 10/10/1962; “Corriere dell'Informazione” of 9-10 /10/ 1962; Pinotti “Ufo: man's mission” ed. Armenia page 136; “Intelligence Dossier” n. November 11, 2003, p. 70; Pinotti “Unidentified submerged objects” ed. Olympia, pp. 67-68.
Description of sighting	An American Navy plane, which took off from the Sigonella base, detected on radar the presence of an unknown submarine and followed its route, flying low over the sea. Subsequently the		

	submarine surfaced, giving the pilot of the plane the opportunity to take numerous photographs, from which it appears that it was a Soviet submarine. The plane subsequently, running out of fuel, headed towards the French base at Port Lyanutey. The following day, the naval military exercise that should have been held in that stretch of sea and in which the President of the Italian Republic Segni was supposed to participate as an observer was canceled and postponed.
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Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
01/15/1963	Capo di Milazzo (ME)	Military material found	"Gazzetta del Sud" of 16/01/1963.
Description of sighting	An additional tank from an American plane was found among the rocks of the beach overlooking the church of S. Antonino al Capo in Milazzo. The object, three meters long, has a tapered tip on which the writing: "Aereo IC (303) California" is visible.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
??/08/1963	Fregene (RM)	Military material found	Investigation by Umberto Cordier of the CISU of 11/19/2008.
Description of sighting	This is the transcript of Cordier's report: "Mr. Eugenio of Rome in August 1963, on the beach of Fregene (Rome), while lying on the sand, heard (but did NOT see) a loud splash as he fell into the water; then he would have gotten up and approached towards the direction of origin of the noise, finding a point with foamy water and then - placing on the seabed - an artificial object which he first touched with caution (fearing that it was hot, but it was NOT hot), and then drawn from the water; object that he still keeps. He didn't see anything else, neither the sky nor the sea and he DOES NOT believe it was a UFO event, but possibly a Fortian one. He told me that he had shown the object to various competent people, but no one was able to identify it. So I proposed to him to send me a photo of the object, but since he didn't have one, he arranged to borrow a digital camera at that moment to then take the photograph and send it via email. Examining the photo, we observe a worked metal object, with an absolutely "terrestrial" appearance and attributable to a non-recent mechanical technology, let's say not after the Second World War and indeed probably earlier. The object shows a set of rods, sights, sliders, engraved curves, graduated scales with Arabic numerals and Latin letters; it appears as a pointing and/or calculating instrument, a sort of slide rule, and would therefore		

	appear to be an object of military, naval or aeronautical use, or a topographical/ballistic instrument. In fact, however, although the object has the appearance of something "familiar" ', strangely it is not exactly identifiable. Similar objects are not found in the repertoires. For my part, while considering the request for confidentiality, I asked the witness if he would allow me to submit the photograph to an expert I trust. The witness agreed, and so I submitted the photo to my Ligurian friend Nico Sgarlato (aeronautical journalist), who deals professionally with aeronautics. But even Nico - despite his great experience and documentation - was unable to recognize the object, despite finding some possible affinity with old bomb launcher or torpedo launchers; However, he ruled out that objects of this kind could still be in use in 1963, and probably even during the Second World War. Sgarlato then hypothesized that the object could have already been at the bottom of the sea for some time, when the witness accidentally found it; in this case, however, the very good preservation of the instrument would be surprising. Finally, Sgarlato, in turn, consulted a skilled expert on shipwrecks and marine remnants, but he too said he had never seen anything of the kind, but promised to carry out further research; we are therefore still waiting for this possible response."
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Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
02/12/1965	Levanto (SP)	Military material found	"Il Secolo XIX" of 04/12/1965.
Description of sighting	A strange tube was found on the beach, pushed by the waves by a gentleman who was taking a walk. It was 78 centimeters long, with a diameter of 12 and had some French words and numbers printed on it. At the top it had some signal lamps. The object was handed over to the Carabinieri, who forwarded it to the Navy, and then returned it to the French authorities.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
11/16/1967	Off the coast of Ponza (NA)	Ghost Submarine	"Il Mattino" of 11/17/67.
Description of sighting	The motor ship Belluno would have observed, about 30 miles west of the island of Ponza, a floating object similar to a submarine. The emerged part was two meters in size and the submerged part was six meters in size, red in color and with two or three stabilizing fins. The searches carried out by a patrol boat from the Port Authority of Civitavecchia and by a seaplane that took off from Naples yielded no results. The maritime authorities ruled out that it was a submarine,		

	considering the hypothesis of a missile or some sunken wreck more plausible due to the rough seas.
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Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
11/19/1972	La Maddalena Island (SS)	Ghost divers	“La Stampa” of 20 and 22/11/1972.
Description of sighting	At 00:05 on the 19th night, an alarm was given at the La Maddalena nuclear submarine base because bubbles and shadows were spotted in the sea in front. Authorities said it was a normal military exercise, but rumors said there were three frogmen, left behind by a submarine, who were spying on the US naval base. Even the destroyer Country intercepted and captured the three spies of Soviet nationality.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
07/09/1973 or 1974	Chief Sferracavallo (NU)	Military material found	“Gazzetta del Popolo” of 07/13/1973; “La Stampa” of 07/13/1974.
Description of sighting	An air force officer reportedly found, at 07:30, a hydroponic buoy about a mile offshore, in front of the Perdasdefogu military base. The cylindrical buoy, with a built-in antenna, had a height of one meter and a diameter of fifteen centimeters and would have been written in Cyrillic characters. The rumors that circulated immediately afterwards stated that there was a submarine or another support ship offshore that was receiving the information transmitted by the buoy. The two journalistic sources date back to two different years, even if the articles are identical.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
03/28/1974	Maddalena Island (SS)	Ghost ship	“La Stampa” of 03/29/1978; archive of Giorgio Metta.
Description of sighting	An object that was proceeding quickly on the surface of the water was seen by some children and then by soldiers, as it headed towards the Gilmore, the support ship for the nuclear submarines. Another source claims that this ghost submarine was also detected by sonar, before mysteriously disappearing.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
05/14/1974	Laigueglia (SV)	Military material	“Freedom” of 05/15/1974;

		found	“Stampa Sera” of 05/15/1974.
Description of sighting	A strange torpedo-shaped object one meter and seventy centimeters long and with a diameter of seventy centimeters was found along the beach. This object had a small porthole at the base, from which it was possible to see a black box inside with the writing "Sim". One of the sources also publishes a photograph of the object, apparently a kind of dark ogive, and launches the hypothesis that it could have been lost by a French submarine that disappeared two years earlier in the Gulf of Lion near Marseille.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
01/22/1978	Off the coast of Capo Passero (SR)	Marine accident	“Il Mattino” of 01/24/1978.
Description of sighting	Off the coast of Capo Passero, the 700-ton Hellenic merchant vessel Capto Christos sank with a large leak in the stern. The rescuers found neither survivors nor the documents on board and the only plausible statement that was released was that the castaways had been rescued by another ship, which was sailing in the Sicilian channel, but which was not heard from. nothing more.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
20-24/03/1978	Off the coast of Porto Empedocle (AG)	Marine accident	“Il Giorno” of 03/26/1978; “Intelligence Dossier” n. November 11, 2003, p. 70.
Description of sighting	In a stretch of sea between 15 and 30 miles and with a depth varying between 100 and 500 metres, a trawler hooked its nets onto something submerged and was dragged for over half a mile by a ghost submarine. The fishing vessel would have been saved because the steel cable holding the nets would not have held up and would have torn, thus allowing navigation to resume, unfortunately with the loss of the nets.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
04/01/1978	Albenga (SV)	Ghost Submarine	“The Work” of 04/02/1978.
Description of sighting	Many people went to the beach to witness the rescue operations of a Soviet submarine that ran aground in the shallow sea. But upon their arrival they found nothing, as it was only a prank concocted by the usual pranksters for April Fools' Day and broadcast by Radio		

	Piemonte, which also claimed the presence of numerous Italian and foreign naval vessels.
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Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
05/14/1978	Between Sicily and Malta	Ghost Submarine	“La Stampa” of 05/18/1978.
Description of sighting	The trawler Immacolata C, which set sail from Portopalo, was apparently sunk between Sicily and Malta, about 20 miles from the latter island. The ramming that caused the death of the three occupants was apparently caused by a ghost ship, of which there is no information. Only two cases of cigarettes were found in the area, no wreckage and not even one of the three bodies of the unfortunate fishermen.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
07/28/1978	Channel of Sicily	Ghost Submarine	“La Stampa” of 07/30/1978 and 08/01/1978; “Stampa Sera” of 07/31/1978; “Intelligence Dossier” n. November 11, 2003, p. 70.
Description of sighting	During a fishing trip, the fishing vessel Eschilo was flanked by a submarine without identification marks that suddenly surfaced. Some machine gun shots would have been fired from the underwater vessel and, at gunpoint, the submarine's crew would have ordered two of the twelve fishermen to get on board. Subsequently, the submarine would have submerged and disappeared with the two abductees. The Aeschylus apparently attempted pursuit for a few minutes, after which it directed its bow towards the island of Lampedusa to report the incident. From official sources it seems that the submarine was of Libyan nationality and that the Government of Tripoli had issued a statement that the two fishermen were well. The entire issue was, among other things, the subject of a Parliamentary question on the initiative of the Hon. Paolo Guerrini of the Communist Party.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
08/30/1978	Asinara Island (SS)	Ghost Submarine	“Gazzetta del Sud” of 01/09/1978; “La Nuova Sardegna” of 01/02/1979.
Description of sighting	A submarine would have been seen sailing beneath the surface, followed by a long trail, by the cable-laying ship Monteforte. The sighting which occurred in front of the island home to the maximum		

	security prison would have triggered all security measures, with patrols. Here is an extract of what was published by the newspaper Gazzetta del Sud: " A mysterious and voluminous moving object followed by a long trail, spotted in the middle of the sea a few miles away from the island of Asinara, triggered the security services prepared to deal with possible "attacks" on the islet, home to the safest prison in Italy. The episode occurred on Wednesday evening (30 August 1978). The crew of the cable-laying vessel "Monteforte" noticed something strange and dark in color on the water, which could resemble a submarine. The alarm was immediately raised and the commander of the harbor master's office of Porto Torres ordered the naval vessels of the harbor master's office, the Guardia di Finanza and the maritime police to go out on reconnaissance, while the carabinieri diverted a helicopter to the area. Once the point was located, the boats and the aircraft followed the object, which left behind a long foamy trail, which lasted for over half an hour, until the sea calmed down again".
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Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
October November 1978	Adriatic Sea	Ghost Submarines	Interview carried out by the CUN of Prato.
Description of sighting	During the 1978 Adriatic wave, there were numerous rumors relating to ghost submarines; Some refer to a spy ship, from which numerous mini-submarines departed which, with the use of magnetic equipment, interfered with the ships' radars. It is even rumored that there were Chinese submarine bases in Albania, which carried out espionage operations in the Adriatic.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
09/11/1978	San Benedetto del Tronto (AP)	Military material found	"Il Messaggero" of 10/11/1978.
Description of sighting	Just a short paragraph according to which the fishing vessel Ombretta from Giulianova Marche would have fished out radar equipment in a good state of preservation with its nets, thus proving that it had been on the bottom for not long.		

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09/11/1978	Silvi Marina (TE)	Ghost Submarine	“Il Messaggero Abruzzo” of 11/11/1978 and the GR2 of 11/11/1978 at 12.30.
Description of sighting	This is the same case as the CP2018 patrol boat (UsoCat case #071). Some newspapers reported the theory that a phantom submarine was present at the time of the sighting of the red spheres, followed by a support ship disguised as a merchant ship. The electronic equipment of the latter would have caused the shutdown of the radars on board the harbor master's patrol boat.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
03/01/1979	Off the Gargano (Puglia)	Ghost ship	“Il Tempo” of 04/01/1979.
Description of sighting	A witness, in the company of six other people, reported having observed, around 11 in the morning, a large ship sinking quickly in front of the Gargano. Search operations began immediately which led to the discovery of some pieces of wood and a lifeboat. The curious fact is that there has never been any report of missing boats.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
02/26/1979	Head of the Vatican (VV)	Marine accident	“Il Tempo” of 01/03/'79.
Description of sighting	The Marimma-S motor vessel, of 500 tons of tonnage, sank at 7.07 pm off the coast of Capo Vaticano after hitting something immersed in a seabed 650 meters deep. The crew managed to reach safety on a lifeboat and were recovered by a Guardia di Finanza patrol boat, which had spotted the flares. The ship sank within thirty minutes with a deep gash in the keel. The predominant theory would be that of a collision with a spy submarine, given that NATO has ruled out the presence of its own naval units in that stretch of sea.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
05/17/1979	Off the coast of Locri (RC)	Marine Accident	“Il Tempo” of 05/18/79.
Description of sighting	The merchant ship Aso, of 700 tons of tonnage, sank at 02:30 following the collision with a semi-floating object which was on the left side. The crew managed to save themselves on a lifeboat, reaching the coast. Naturally, the most accepted hypothesis would be that of the Soviet spy submarine, which left for an espionage operation from the naval bases of the Black Sea.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
12/26/1979	San Benedetto del Tronto (AP)	Military material found	“Corriere Adriatico” of 12/27/1979.
Description of sighting	The storm that had hit the coast in the days before the discovery dumped a large heavy machine gun bullet onto the beach, probably from anti-aircraft, which upon initial examination turned out to be of Soviet manufacture. The projectile, 30 centimeters long, was taken over by the Carabinieri of the General Directorate of Artillery in Rome.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
03/14/1980	Off the island of Lampedusa	Marine accident	“Il Mattino” of 03/16/1980; “Rome” of 03/17/1980; “La Nazione” of 03/16/1980 and 03/17/1980; “L’Ora” of 03/15/1980 and 03/17/1980; “Il Corriere della Sera” of 03/16/1980; “Il Piccolo” dated 06/05/1980; “Intelligence Dossier” n. November 11 , 2003, p. 70.
Description of sighting	During a fishing trip, at 05:30, the nets of the fishing vessel Socrate became entangled in a submarine; the boat would have felt a strong tug and would have been dragged away. The commander of the fishing vessel immediately notified the authorities and was joined by a Navy unit which provided assistance to free the nets. The operation lasted twelve hours. Immediately after the steel cable broke, the submarine resumed its route. It would also appear that there were radio contacts between the commander of the submarine and the fishing vessel and that the language spoken by the officer was obviously Russian.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
04/06/1980	Off the coast of Mazara del Vallo	Marine accident	“Il Corriere della Sera” of 05/08/1980.
Description of sighting	During a fishing trip, at 2.45 pm, the nets of a fishing vessel from the Mazzara fleet apparently became entangled in an area of sea with a completely sandy seabed. The fishing vessel managed to free itself only after six hours of maneuvers and the commander thought that a submarine had ended up in the nets, so much so that he even		

	attempted radio contact. The fishing boat, during the six hours, was completely immobilized, as if something very heavy had ended up in the nets.
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Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
06/27/1980	Off the coast of Ustica	Ghost Submarine	“L'Unità” of 07/05/1980; “L'Europeo” n. 27 of 07/07/1990, pp. 8-13; “L'Espresso” n. 36 of 09/09/1990, page. 31; Umberto Telarico “Ufological hypotheses of the Ustica massacre; “Intelligence Dossier” n. November 11, 2003, pp. 70-71.
Description of sighting	One of the most absurd stories that have circulated around the tragedy of the explosion of the Itavia DC-9 in Ustica is told to us by the testimony of Captain Sergio Bonifacio who was one of the first to arrive at the site of the disaster. He himself would have seen, according to his statements given to the Public Prosecutor's Office of Cagliari, a short distance from the wreckage of the plane, a dark black and oblong spot with a black stripe on the back. The Captain, an expert Breguet Atlantic anti-submarine aircraft pilot, recognizes the object as a submarine . But at this point the incredible would have happened, that is, he observed a sudden rise in the water, as if there had been a series of underwater explosions on the nacelle of the plane, with charges placed by frogmen obviously coming out of that submarine, of which the traces would immediately be lost. The editor of this catalog does not want to go into the merits of this news in the slightest and reports it only for completeness, but it is not possible to avoid criticizing all those who use such unconfirmed stories in such tragic circumstances and events for our nation. .		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
05/06/1983	Off the coast of the island of Pantelleria	Marine accident	“Il Giornale” of 06/07/1983; “La Stampa” of 06/07/1983; “L'Ora” of 06/07/1983; “Il Giornale dei Sicilia” of 06/08/1983; “Il Secolo XIX” of 06/07/1983; “La Stampa” of 06/07/1983.
Description of sighting	At dawn off the island of Pantelleria, the motor fishing vessel San Gaetano sank after its nets became entangled in something		

	submerged; the crew, who swam to safety, have no doubts, claiming that it was a submarine that hooked the "wit", the special tool for coral fishing, and then dragged it underwater.
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Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
05/14/1984	Giulianova (TE)	Military material found	Radio Rai newspaper of 14/05/1984; "La Stampa" of 05/16/1984; "Il Giornale" of 05/16/1984.
Description of sighting	The Aldebaran trawler recovered an exercise torpedo five miles from the coast that did not belong to any NATO navy. The device, seven meters long and with a diameter of sixty centimeters, had compressed air in place of the warhead, which naturally made it float. Obviously it was taken over by the Navy for further investigations. One of the sources also published a photo of the bomb.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
03/09/1984	Ancona	Military material found	"La Stampa" of 04/09/1984.
Description of sighting	Some men from the Port Authority apparently found, in a little-frequented area of the port of Ancona, a not recent metal cylinder with Cyrillic inscriptions; it probably would have been the central part of a torpedo. The approximately two meter long object was in the water for a long time and its writings were partly worn and erased. The hypothesis is that it was caught by some fishing vessel which then threw it back into the port, upon returning from a fishing trip.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
08/10/1984	Off the coast of Pozzuoli (NA)	Marine accident	"The Journal of Mysteries" n. 177, pp. 17-18; "Sun" on an unspecified date a few weeks after the events; "Il Giornale di Napoli" of 10/7/1985; "Il Mattino" of 10/14/1984; "Il Giornale di Napoli" of 10/07/1985; SUF card no. 3504.
Description of sighting	The thirty-metre long and 60-ton fishing vessel "Carmela Madre", with the captain and four other people on board, did not return to port after a fishing trip; the requests sent via radio gave no signal and so the search operations began. Four days later two bodies and some		

	pieces of wood were recovered. The main hypothesis was that of an explosion on board, although that of a ramming by some mysterious naval unit was also circulating. The American newspaper, signed by Pat Cotter, published the article, filling it with a fantastic story of a last radio message from the fishing boat which reported the presence of a large light in the sky that was heading towards the boat and comparing everything to the phenomena of the Triangle of Bermuda.
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Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
May 1985	San Benedetto del Tronto (AP)	Military material found	"La Stampa" of 05/09/1985 and 05/10/1985.
Description of sighting	The fishing vessel Amico Betto would have caught a cylindrical object; initial analyzes showed that the object, fifty centimeters long and twenty centimeters in diameter, was the terminal part of an exercise torpedo. As always happens in these cases, rumors say that the acronym CCCP was engraved on it		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
08/24/1985	Gallipoli (LE)	Ghost Submarine	"La Stampa" of 08/28/1985; "Il Tempo" of 08/29/1985; "Il Giornale" of 08/29/1985; "Avanti" of 08/29/1985; "Il Giornale d'Italia" of 08/29/1985 and 08/30/1985; "Corriere della Sera" of 08/28/1985 and 08/29/1985; "Repubblica" of 08/28/1985; "Il Messaggero" of 08/28/1985; "La Nazione" of 08/29/1985 "Intelligence Dossier" n. November 11, 2003, p. 71.
Description of sighting	Some fishermen would have observed, off the coast of the island of Sant'Andrea, in front of Gallipoli, a dark spot moving under the surface. The observation was also confirmed by the Ministry of Defense in a note, with which it confirmed the presence of a Soviet Victor class nuclear submarine. The submarine would have been contacted by the sonars of the Italian vehicles engaged in the hunt, namely the frigate Orsa, two patrol boats, some helicopters including two AB212s and two Breguet Atlantics, specialized in submarine hunting. The first contact with the submerged submarine taken by the helicopters occurred at 2.53 pm and from that moment the underwater vessel was constantly followed until 00.30 am on 08/25/1985. Following the affair there was also a parliamentary		

	question from some deputies of the Italian Social Movement and the Hon. Falco Accade asked the Minister of Defense for a statement.
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Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
07/08/1986	Punta Mesco (GE)	Military material found	“Il Secolo XIX” of 10/07/1986.
Description of sighting	An airplane-shaped object, photographed by the newspaper Il Secolo XIX, was caught in the nets of the fishing vessel Ardito. The captain of the boat said that the nets were about three hundred meters deep and that he had not noticed anything until they had been completely recovered. The object had the shape of a small plane, just over three and a half meters long, with the white and red writing Meteor – Trieste. It was in good condition, but with a large gash near the engine and the propeller shattered. Inside the directional mechanisms were intact and also the casing with the parachute for recovery.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
??/08/1986	Gallipoli (LE)	Ghost Submarine	“Il Corriere della Sera” of 08/24/1986.
Description of sighting	A tourist, Orazio Chierzi from Belluno, declared that he had seen a submarine sailing submerged. The Navy refused to comment on the episode and the only indirect confirmation was that of the Port Authority which declared that a Navy helicopter had flown over the area.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
02/08/1986	Vernazzola (GE)	Military material found	“Monday Gazette” of 04/08/1986.
Description of sighting	Some swimmers observed an object falling from the sky into the sea, a few meters from the rocks. They thought of a bombing carried out by the Libyan leader Gaddafi and waited for the explosion of the object which did not occur. Once the bomb squad arrived, it was found that it was an instrument for detecting meteorological conditions in the atmosphere. It was therefore a cylinder about seventy centimeters long, with directional fins at the tail, yellow and black in color and with the writing in French “Do not touch. To be delivered to the maritime authorities.” In the newspaper there is also a photo of the object.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
???/??/1987	Off the coast of Pantelleria	Marine accident	“Sicily” of 09/28/1987.
Description of sighting	The boat Madre Mondi, of 50 tons of tonnage, commanded by Salvatore Volpe, would have become entangled in something underwater which yanked it. The commander was forced to cut the cables to avoid being dragged under water.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
09/27/1987	Porto Empedocle (AG)	Marine accident	“La Sicilia” of 09/28/1987 and 09/30/1987.
Description of sighting	The 25-ton trawler Papa Rocco, while fishing with the nets at maximum depth, hooked something that yanked it. The vessel began to be dragged backwards, despite having its engines at maximum power and subsequently took on water from the stern. Commander Rovoli then proceeded to cut the cables and everything returned to normal. After the cut, a sea vortex was noticed a few meters away which disappeared within minutes. The belief of the fishermen in the area is that the accidents are caused by submarines flying the Soviet or Libyan flag.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
02/07/1989	Off the coast of Capo San Lorenzo (SU)	Marine accident	“L'Unità” of 02/11/1989; “Corriere della Sera” of 02/11/1989.
Description of sighting	Off the coast of the San Lorenzo shooting range, the cargo ship "Sardegna" sank on the rocks. The radio operator stated that the ship received a sudden blow to the right and then hit the rocks. There were no shallows and the depth sounder gave a depth of 46 metres. The Navy denied that it was a military exercise or that a torpedo or other device hit the ship. The divers who intervened, however, found a circular opening under the bow of just over half a meter in diameter; furthermore, an unexploded missile was found in the seabed under the boat, which, however, from the encrustations present on its surface, appears to have been in the sea for a long time.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
10/05/1989	Rose Garden of Abruzzi (TE)	Military material found	“Il Corriere della Sera” of 11/05/1989.

Description of sighting	An object approximately four meters long and with a diameter of seventy centimeters and with some small fins would have been caught in the net of the Domenico Verni boat. The object was taken over by Lieutenant Colonel Domenico Di Falco, of the military command of Pescara airport, who did not rule out any hypothesis, limiting himself to stating that it was certainly not an object belonging to an Italian aircraft. The wreck, as it was defined by the press, had numerous encrustations, which did not allow any writing to be legible.
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Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
12/12/1991	Gallipoli (LE)	Marine accident	“Corriere della Sera” of 01/10/1995 ; “La Nazione” of 12/31/1991.
Description of sighting	From scant journalistic information, all that is known is that the fishing vessel San Cosimo II was dragged to the bottom and all three crew members died.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
05/15/1992	Arma di Taggia (IM)	Marine accident	“The Work” of 05/16/92.
Description of sighting	The fishing vessel Ester, during its usual fishing trip, apparently caught a large metal object in its net, which became entangled. The cable suddenly became tense and began to screech from the effort, after which the fishing vessel was dragged for about a mile, until commander Giovanni Rametta cut the cable, freeing himself from the grip of the mysterious submarine, which naturally traces are lost.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
04/27/1993	Punta Penne (BR)	Military material found	“La Stampa” of 04/28/1993.
Description of sighting	An explosive device on the coast would have been found in the late morning; initially the authorities thought it was a phosphorus flare, which is part of the equipment of the Soviet Mig fighters, but it was later identified as a phosphorus flare made in England, which was set off by the bomb squad.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
???/??/1994	Chioggia (VE)	Marine accident	“Ufo Contact” n. 6 of June

			1998; CUN electronic archive
Description of sighting	A curious incident is reported by the monthly Ufo Contact according to which several fishermen, on several occasions, while recovering their nets, saw them catch fire upon contact with the air. The explanations provided by expert biologists were that it could have been some chemical substance discharged into the sea from the nearby Porto Marghera refinery or from passing ships. However, all the tests that were carried out turned out to be negative.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
03/08/1994	Porri Island (SS)	Military material found	"La Nuova Sardegna" of 04/08/1994.
Description of sighting	Bruno Falchi found along the coast a cylindrical metal device seventy centimeters long and with a diameter of fifteen centimeters, which turned out to be a French-made signaling rocket used by submarines. The object was set off by the Carabinieri and at the moment of the explosion it released a column of red smoke.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
03-04/11/1994	Off the coast of Puglia	Marine accident	"La Stampa" of 05/11/1994 and 01/12/1994; "Corriere della Sera" of 01/10/1995; "Corriere della Sera" of 05/11/1994; "Corriere della Sera" of 04/23/1995.
Description of sighting	An English military plane flying over the Adriatic during war operations in the former Yugoslavia would have noticed a strong glow in the sea. Two military ships were immediately alerted, the Italian Fenice and the Spanish Baleares, which patrolled the area but failed to find anything except a few life jackets. In the accident of the Francesco Padre, this is the name of the ship, all five crew members died, but only one body was found. According to sources, the judiciary has opened an investigation claiming that a cylinder on board may have exploded; the fishermen of Molfetta are sure that the accident was caused by a mine caught in the nets or a torpedo launched by some mysterious submarine. According to some sources, NATO also paid compensation, on the condition that the whole matter was kept secret. Subsequent sources, coming from the Court's experts who analyzed the few fragments recovered, spoke of an explosion caused by a large illegal load of weapons and explosives that the fishing vessel was transporting.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
30/11/1994	Taranto	Marine accident	“La Stampa” of 01/12/1994.
Description of sighting	A curious accident occurred twenty miles off the Apulian coast. The Modesto Senior fishing vessel, 28 meters long, commanded by Francesco Mezzana, upon returning from a fishing trip and with its hold full of fish, was apparently approached by two unidentified and unmarked helicopters which even fired volleys of machine gun, without however hitting the boat .		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
09/30/1995	Off the coast of Bari	Marine accident	“Corriere della Sera” of 01/10/1995.
Description of sighting	The Siro trawler, 25 meters long and 85 tonnes, got its nets entangled in something submerged, which dragged it in the opposite direction. When the cables were cut, on the orders of Commander Domenico De Gennaro, the ghost submarine dragged over three thousand meters of steel cable underwater		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
17-18/04/1996	Capo Carbonara	Marine accident	“The Sardinian Union” of 05/08/1996.
Description of sighting	On the night between the 17th and 18th the Italian submarine Commander Prini, of the Sauro class, engaged in the Forze Riunite exercise, struck an unidentified submerged object. The Navy General Staff provided an official explanation believing that there was contact with an unidentified object, not detected by sonar. The Navy ventures the hypothesis that it was a cetacean. The submarine reported, among other things, damage to the bow part, the counterhull and the sensors called slats, with a loss of visibility of 10-15%. Without the sensors, Commander Prini went blind for several hours and numerous Navy vehicles would have searched for him for a long time. This circumstance was first denied and subsequently confirmed by official sources in the Ministry of Defense. There are even those who say that the impact occurred against a rock about 300 meters deep.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
05/25/1999	Termoli (CB)	Military material found	“La Stampa” of 05/26/1999; “Corriere della

			Sera” of 05/27/1999.
Description of sighting	An object would have been found near a tourist village. The first information spoke of an object eighty centimeters long and weighing forty kilograms, with some numbers imprinted in its body. The bomb squad at the Campobasso Police Headquarters blew up the only mixture contained in the casing and explained that it was a missile fired from a submarine about ten days earlier and transported by the current. The following day the Port Authority of Termoli issued a statement claiming that it had simply been a twenty centimeter long and wide fiberglass light buoy .		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
10/02/2001	Otranto Canal (LE)	Ghost ship	“La Stampa” of 12/02/01 and 13/02/01; La Repubblica” of 02/12/01.
Description of sighting	At 2.45pm numerous radio stations received reports of a ship full of refugees in difficulty. The requests for help were formulated in English and Italian and came from a person who did not speak either language well and had a broken voice. Rescue services began immediately with ships and helicopters, but there was no trace of the ship. The two most popular hypotheses were that of a joke and that of misdirection by cigarette and arms traffickers.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
06/22/2001	Off the coast of Brindisi	Marine accident	“La Stampa” of 06/23/2001; “Il Manifesto” of 07/20/2001.
Description of sighting	The fishing vessel San Pietro would have captured with its nets a minisubmarine nr-1 of the US Navy, which would have cut the nets and then moved away. It seems that the contact was confirmed by a statement from the General Staff of the Italian Navy, since the submarine, specialized in underwater research at great depths, was engaged in an exercise. Indeed, according to one of the sources, the Coast Guard would have freed the submarine's propellers from the fishing boat's nets, noting that the American naval vessel was the NR1 nuclear-powered submarine launched in 1969 and 45.72 meters long.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
07/07/2001	Bosa (NU)	Military material found	“L'Unione Sarda” of 11/07/2001.

Description of sighting	A flare was found along the shoreline. The confirmation is official and comes directly from the Carabinieri who recovered the object, so much so that there is even a photograph in the Sardinian newspaper. It is a signal rocket for military use, containing magnesium and manganese dioxide, as demonstrated by the acronym MNo2MG on it.
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Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
08/20/2002	Lignano Sabbiadoro (UD)	Ghost ship	Rai Teletext announcement dated 08/21/02.
Description of sighting	A German-language MayDay had been launched from a vessel claiming to be eight miles southeast of Lignano Sabbiadoro and to have a leak in its hull. The rescue operations carried out with some patrol boats of the Port Authority of Trieste and Koper produced no results, as there was no trace of the vessel or its six occupants.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
11/10/2002	Spice	Marine accident	"Intelligence Dossier" n. 2 of February 2003, page. 4.
Description of sighting	Under the bow of the Libeccio frigate of the Navy, moored in the port of La Spezia, some workers heard a loud dull roar. The ship listed dramatically, to the fright of the workers on board who were carrying out maintenance. Everyone immediately thought of an explosion or an attack, but nothing was found on the hull or in the surrounding sea area by the bomb disposal divers who intervened. The management of the arsenal provided the official version according to which it was an anomalous bubble of air and water generated by the nearby Lagora stream, which exploded under the ship.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
???/??/2006	Mandras	Military material found	"La Nuova Sardegna" of 04/26/2008, page 34.
Description of sighting	Only a very brief journalistic report relating to the discovery of a buoy, with the features of a war device, found on the rocks of Mandras.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
03/09/2004	Off the coast of	Military material	"Il Giornale" of

	Cinque Terre (SP)	found	10/03/2004; "La Nazione" of 10/03/2004; "La Stampa" Genoa edition of 11/03/2004; "Il Secolo XIX" of 10/03/2004 and 11/03/2004; various articles on the internet.
Description of sighting	The national press has reported numerous articles relating to the search for an alleged torpedo lost on the seabed, in front of the Cinque Terre, by the French "Rubis" class nuclear submarine. The searches would have been carried out by the logistics ship of the French Navy "Sabre", with identification L9051. After a few days in which newspapers wrote typical Cold War articles, the mystery seems to have been resolved with the official declaration that the lost torpedo was not French, but an unarmed Italian torpedo, launched during experiments by Whitehead Alenia Sistemi Subacquei.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
07/26/2004	Milazzo (ME)	Military material found	"The City of Milazzo" of 07/30/2004, page. 16.
Description of sighting	The journalistic article by Katia Trifirò is reported verbatim: " A morning to remember for the bathers of Ponente. A few meters from the shore, an object of unusual design caused havoc on the stretch of beach on Via Aria. That's what it was about. What disturbed the calm of a sunny seaside morning on Ponente beach on Monday morning (26 July 2004) was a completely unexpected discovery. Carried by the waves, after having fallen into the sea who knows how, it emerged almost close to the shore, on the stretch of beach on Via Aria. The unmistakable elongated shape - about one and a half meters - the surface painted in red and white stripes and the small parachute that accompanied it left no doubt to the incredulous swimmers: it was a missile, of Italian manufacture. The first to notice the unusual object was a little girl, who wasted no time in attracting the adults' attention. Panic immediately set in. It took just a few minutes for the many present to move away from the bomb and settle at a safe distance, leaving the field free for the police. After the evacuation of the area, the Catania bomb squad intervened and carefully inspected the missile, revealing its nature: in reality it was a so-called "towed target", used in military exercises. Without explosives and, therefore, not as dangerous as had been feared. Once the tension had subsided, the bathers were able to breathe a sigh of relief and, already in the afternoon, the situation had completely normalised. It is not the first time that an explosive device has been accidentally found in Milazzo. But, generally, these are remnants of the Second World War, unexploded ordnance and so on. Now, however, it remains to be		

	clarified how the missile ended up in the water and therefore arrived, dragged by the current, to the waters of the Ponente. Investigations began from Catania, where the missile was immediately transported, which will have to provide an answer to this disturbing question."
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Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
04/08/2004	Caorle (VE)	Military material found	News from the Adnkronos agency of 05/08/2004, 2.02 pm; "New Venice" of 05/08/2004; "Il Gazzettino", Venice edition of 05/08/2004.
Description of sighting	There is a deep mystery in Caorle (Venice) about an aircraft missile that was seen sinking by some swimmers (including a soldier) in the waters in front of Porto Santa Margherita, at the height of Ponte delle Bilance. The object, about ten meters long, disappeared into the sea after a long flight at 150 meters above sea level. The editorial offices of local newspapers were immediately bombarded with calls, and the testimonies speak of a bomb, perhaps dropped by a military plane in difficulty that needed to free itself from the uncomfortable load. The Port Authority of Caorle, however, has not received any reports. A patrol boat equipped with sonar was sent to the site of the supposed landing of the missile, without any noteworthy results being recorded. The Port Authority itself, in any case, informed the command of the Navy in Ancona, to carry out, if not searches, at least checks on possible warplanes flying in the area at the time of the sighting. Here is the verbatim copy of the article that appeared in the Gazzettino: "Some swimmers spotted it late yesterday morning in front of Porto Santa Margherita. The missile sank into the Adriatic. It was ten meters long. It may have been dropped by a plane before returning to the Caorle base. A missile was seen flying in the sky of Caorle and sinking into the sea in the area in front of Porto Santa Margherita. It was some swimmers who spotted him at 11.30 yesterday. Among them there was a soldier, accustomed to the sight of these objects. However, it appears that the missile was off course. There is no other way to explain the fact that it ended its race in the open sea. "I was on the scale bridge that divides Caorle from the hamlet of Porto Santa Margherita - reports the soldier - when I saw a missile about ten meters long flying in the direction of the sea, at least 150 meters high from the ground". Some have speculated that it could be one of those missiles that have to be released from planes before returning to the ground. The aircraft would otherwise run the risk of blowing up. It could be another case of the release of war material into the Adriatic Sea as happened during the recent wars,		

	when the fishing boats sailing along the Venetian lagoon found the unexploded bombs . The Caorle Harbor Office has received some reports of the sighting of the missile, but not even the shadow of the same. The only traces left on the Caorle body of water are those of two planes, most likely stationed at the USAF base in Aviano, which at the same time were flying at low altitude leaving a trail of white smoke in the sky. The mystery of this missile therefore remains, which has become to all intents and purposes an unidentified flying object. Marco Corazza”.
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Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
08/17/2004	Alcamo (TP)	Military material found	“Giornale di Sicilia” of 08/18/2004; “Sicilia on line” of 08/17/2004 and 08/18/2004; “Sicily” of 08/18/2004.
Description of sighting	Here is the article from the Giornale di Sicilia, reported here in full: “A satellite probe of the type used to carry out meteorological surveys was found yesterday afternoon (17 August) on the seashore on the beach of Alcamo Marina. After arriving on site, the Carabinieri and Coast Guard attempted to verify the origin of the object. The instrument appeared to be in an excellent state of preservation, it is white and orange in color and its external casing bears two labels indicating that it is an Italian-made object.”		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
12/17/2006	Off the coast of Pescara	Marine accident	“La Repubblica”, “Il Giornale”, “City”, “La Stampa” and “Metro” of 12/18/2006.
Description of sighting	A Silvi Marina fishing vessel sank at approximately 06:30 after hitting an unidentified object surfacing on the water. The 71-year-old sailor Remo Lattanzio died in the shipwreck and his body was recovered by a Port Authority patrol boat.		

Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
04/25/2008	Cape Comino (NU)	Material discovery	“La Nuova Sardegna” of 04/26/2008, page 34.
Description of sighting	A strange object suddenly appeared and washed ashore on the beach of Capo Comino; subsequent investigations ascertained that it was a		

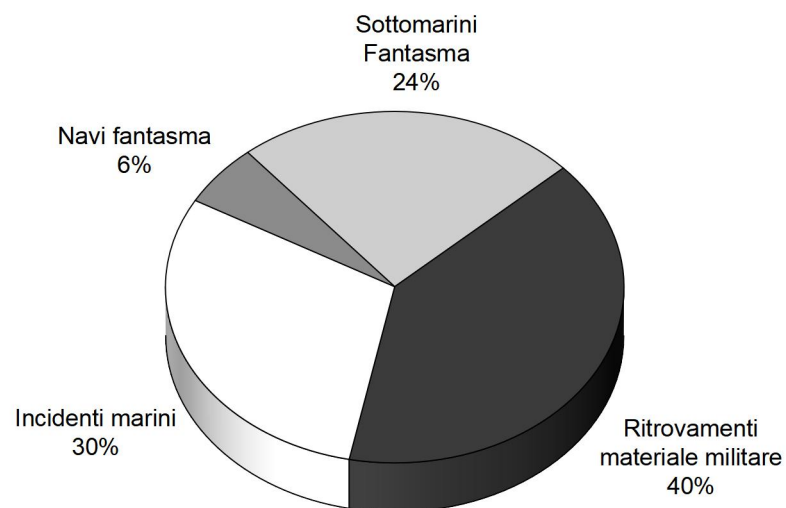
	huge signaling buoy of an underwater sewer pipe. The buoy was then removed by the Abbanoa company.
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Date dd/mm/yy	Location	Category	Sources
06/24/2014	Marina di Ginosa (TA)	Military material found	“Cronacaqui” of 06/27/2014; news reported by the site: www.basilicatamagazine.it/catfish-found-on-the-beach-in-ginosa-marina/
Description of sighting	A few meters from the shoreline, an object suddenly emerged that swimmers defined as a "missile". A witness dragged it onto the beach and after the intervention of the Port Authority, it was established that it was a torpedo dropped by a Navy helicopter during an exercise, which then "lost" it. The bomb squad then intervened and defused it and identified it as a Mark 46 torpedo.		

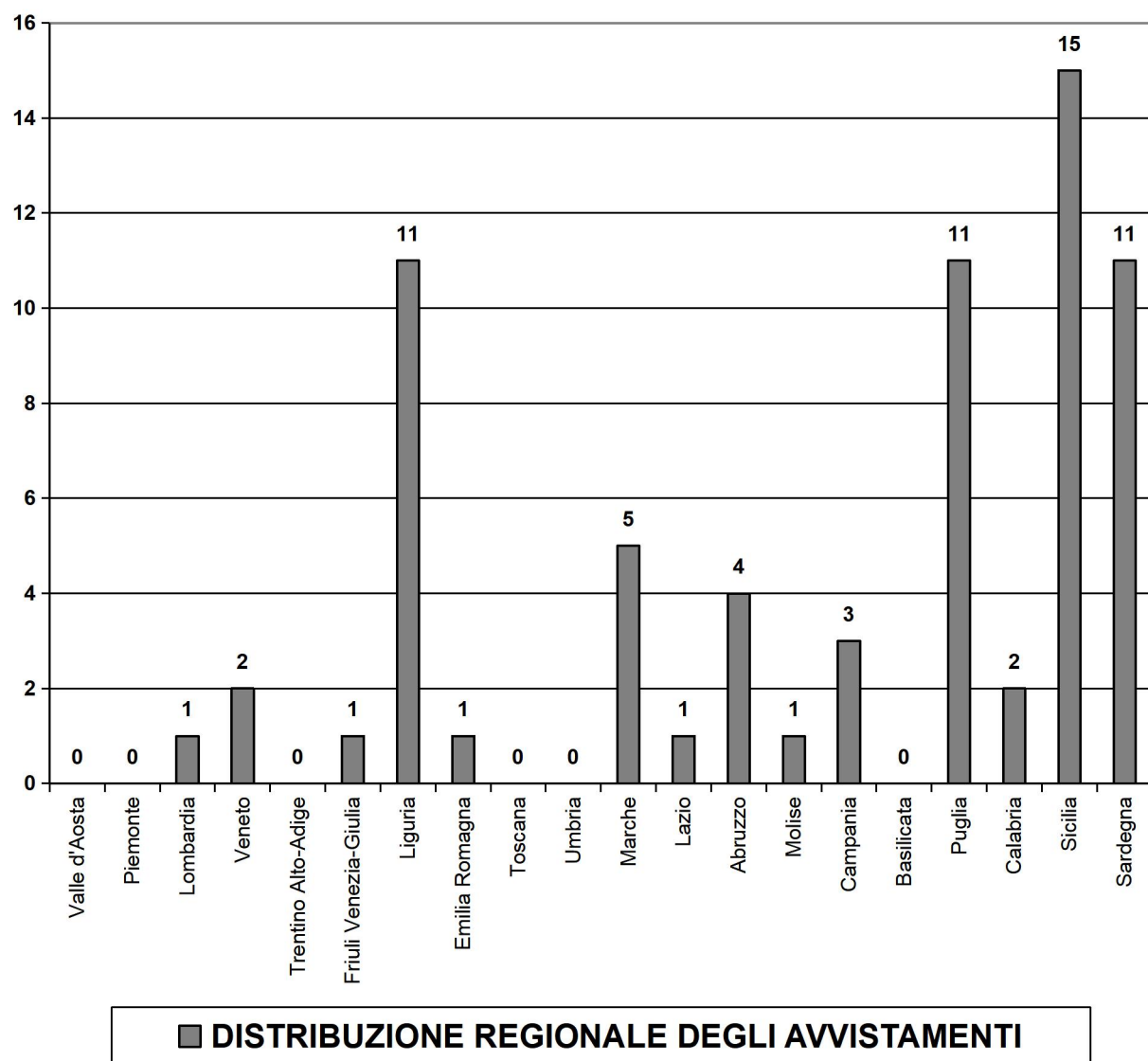
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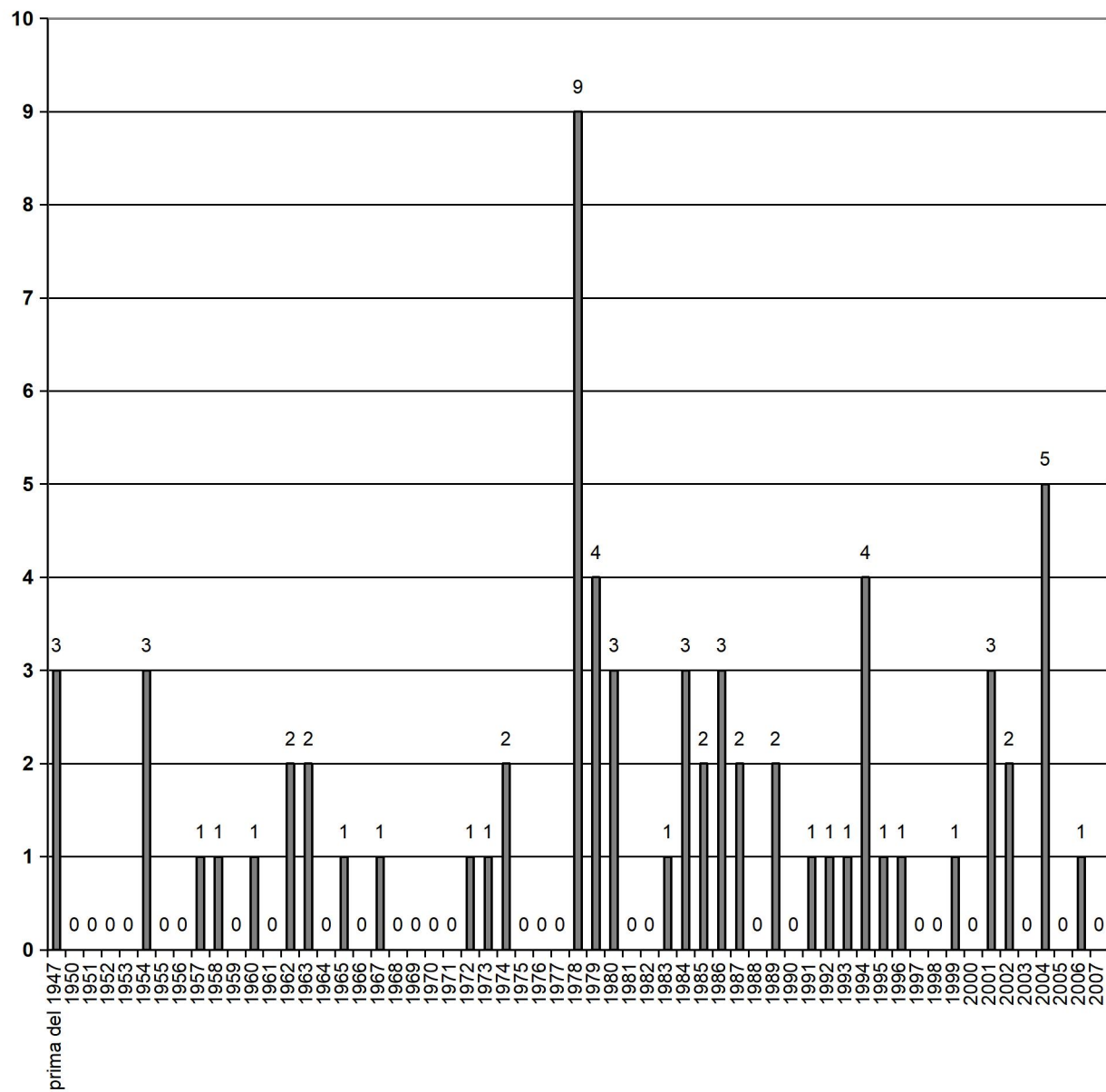
TYPOLOGICAL DISTRIBUTION	
Ghost Submarines	17
Military material finds	29
Marine accidents	21
Ghost ships	4
TOTAL	71



REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF REPORTS					
REGION	Ghost Submarines	Military material finds	Marine accidents	Ghost ships	TOTAL
Sicily	5	3	7	0	15
Liguria	1	8	2	0	11
Puglia	2	2	5	2	11
Sardinia	3	5	2	1	11
Marche	0	5	0	0	5
Abruzzo	1	2	1	0	4
Campania	1	1	1	0	3
Calabria	0	0	2	0	2
Lombardy	1	0	0	0	1
Veneto	0	1	1	0	2
Friuli Venezia Giulia	0	0	0	1	1
Molise	0	1	0	0	1
Adriatic sea	1	0	0	0	1
Ionian Sea	1	0	0	0	1
Emilia Romagna	1	0	0	0	1
Lazio	0	1	0	0	1
Umbria	0	0	0	0	0
Tuscany	0	0	0	0	0
Piedmont	0	0	0	0	0
Trentino Alto Adige	0	0	0	0	0
Basilicata	0	0	0	0	0
Valle d'Aosta	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	17	28	21	4	71



TEN-YEAR DISTRIBUTION OF REPORTS					
DATE	Ghost Submarines	Military material finds	Marine accidents	Ghost ships	TOTAL CASES
Before the 1950s	3	0	0	0	3
1950s	1	5	0	0	5
60's	3	4	0	0	7
70's	7	4	4	2	17
80s	3	6	7	0	16
90's	0	3	7	0	10
2000s	0	7	3	2	12
2010s	0	1	0	0	1
2020s	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	17	28	21	4	71



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