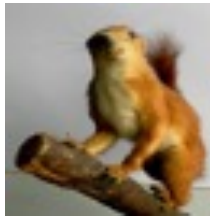


REPTILES



MAMMALS



BIRDS



The Museum is open by reservation from Monday to Friday from 10:00 to 12:00 and on Monday and Thursday also from 15:00 to 16:30

Organization manager
Dott.ssa Paola Faraone
e-mail: pfaraone@unime.it

Per informazioni e prenotazioni
Tel.090/6765475



Cambria Zoological Museum
Department of
Chemical, Biological, Pharmaceutical
and Environmental Sciences

Centralized Library
Viale F.Stagno d'Alcontres, 31
98166 Vill.S.Agata - Messina (Italy)

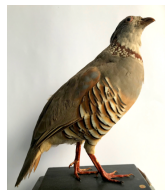
The "Cambria Zoological Museum" faunistic collection belonged to Grand Officer Francesco Cambria and was donated to the University of Messina



by his brother General Angelo on January 6, 1931, by express will of the joint. After a few years, the collection was housed in the premises annexed to the Institute of Zoology.

Subsequently, Prof. Arturo Bolognari, Director of the Institute, gave a better exhibition location by having the Cambria Zoological Museum acquire, from 1964 to 1981, a more articulated didactic function which was also enhanced by the numerous visits by students and researchers.

In 1982, under the direction of Prof. Sebastiano Genovese, the Zoological Museum was annexed to the Dept. of Animal Biology and Marine Ecology moved since 1985 to the Papardo University Campus.



Now it is an educational, research and scientific center of the Department of Chemical, Biological, Pharmaceutical and Environmental Sciences directed by Prof.S.Campagna. and with scientific responsibilities for the different sections: Proff. G.Lo Paro, V.Parrino and C.Baviera.

The entire patrimony of the "Cambria" Zoological Museum consists of specimens of vertebrates and invertebrates.

More than 500 specimens represent vertebrates, belonging to the classes of Mammals (about 80), Birds (380), Fishes and Reptiles (40). These are mainly animals, including large ones (deer, mouflon, stork, heron, ibex, wolf, etc.) treated with taxidermic techniques of



dry conservation and a small number of species preserved in liquid fixative. The information available leads us to believe that the collection and preparation of the museum exhibits must be traced back to the end of the 1800s and the first decades of the 1900s, thus representing a high historical value in the dominant scientific culture of the time and influenced by the spirit of adventure and naturalistic discovery typical of the nineteenth century.



In addition to the numerous specimens of macrofauna, of undoubted impact on visitors, the Cambria Museum includes a precious entomological collection of the naturalist Francesco Vitale (1861 - 1953) with about 12,000 specimens



belonging to 90 beetle families, all collected in Sicily and

mostly in the province of Messina. The collection includes specimens from all families of the order Coleoptera. Its conservative restoration has allowed numerous scholars and specialists to obtain important information on the identity of species and subspecies described in the early twentieth century and on the signaling of the presence of other rare entities of the Sicilian territory.



Various collections of invertebrates belonging to bivalve and gastropod molluscs, crustaceans and echinoderms integrate the vision of the different aspects of biodiversity

The current location has proved to be more suitable for those who want to deepen their studies in Zoology and for all those who are interested in ecological issues and nature sciences.



The rich collection has played its didactic and educational function for many years for the various generations of university and school students of all levels.