



# PROJECT ACT

## ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN TIME

# Climate Change and Cultural Heritage

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## Summary

- ✓ Risk indicators method
- ✓ Climatic parameters and impacts
- ✓ Vulnerability
- ✓ Case study
- ✓ Adaptation strategies
- ✓ Conclusions



# The risk indicators method

The risk indicators method has been applied by ISPRA and ISCR (Institute for Conservation and Restoration) to evaluate the potential weathering hazard caused by climate and environmental factors on **cultural heritage**



## The Risk Map of Cultural Heritage (ISCR, 1995)

The objective of the project is to identify the space/time distribution of **the risk** in order **to plan the maintenance activities and to reduce the restoration works certainly more expensive and invasive.**



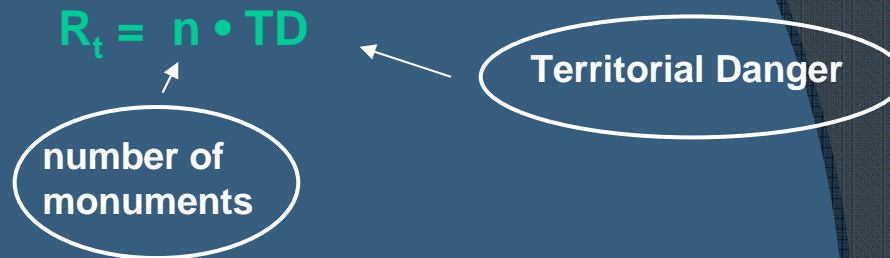
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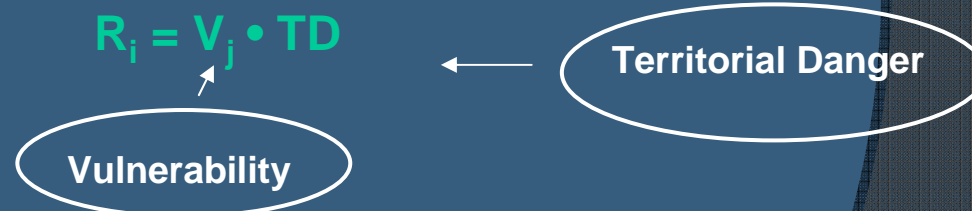
# The risk

The risk for cultural heritage in Ancona, Bullas and Patrasso can be defined through three indicators:

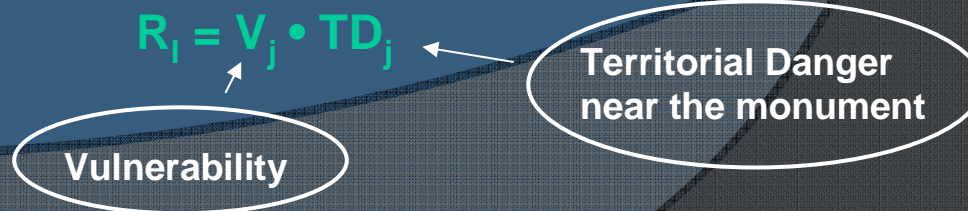
Territorial Risk ( $R_t$ ), concerning the state of susceptibility to a weathering process of the aggregate of monuments located in a specific area.



Individual Risk ( $R_i$ ), that indicates the state of susceptibility to a weathering process of a single asset.



Local Risk ( $R_l$ ), that indicates the state of susceptibility to a weathering process of a single asset, estimating the territorial danger in the area near the monument



## ***TERRITORIAL DANGER***

**(impacts)**



***climatic and environmental parameters***

**(that contribute to deterioration  
phenomena)**

***VULNERABILITY of the single item***

***(its conservation condition)***



***distribution of cultural properties***  
***sensitivity of monuments to climate change***

# Climatic and environmental parameters

- temperature** → freeze- thaw damage, deterioration phenomena of surfaces due to thermal stress, biochemical colonization
- moisture** → cycles of crystallisation and dissolution of soluble salts due to “wetting and drying” mechanisms
- wind** → erosion phenomena
- precipitation** → erosion and corrosion phenomena
- air pollutants** → the stone decay by dissolution of carbonates, blackening of materials, corrosion of metals, the biological deterioration

# Territorial Danger

The damage on a monument is due to the climatic and environmental conditions of the area where the asset is placed (*territorial danger*); the effects usually depend on the composition and nature of materials constituting the cultural heritage.

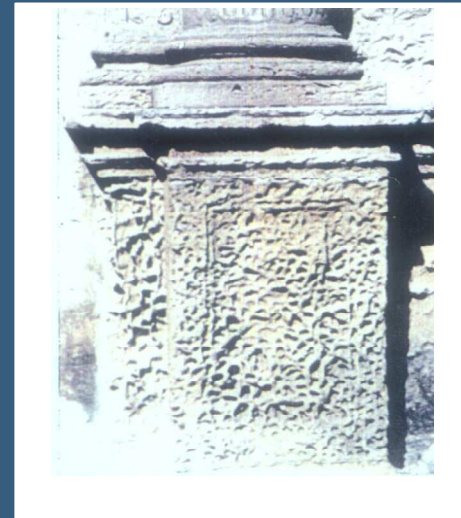
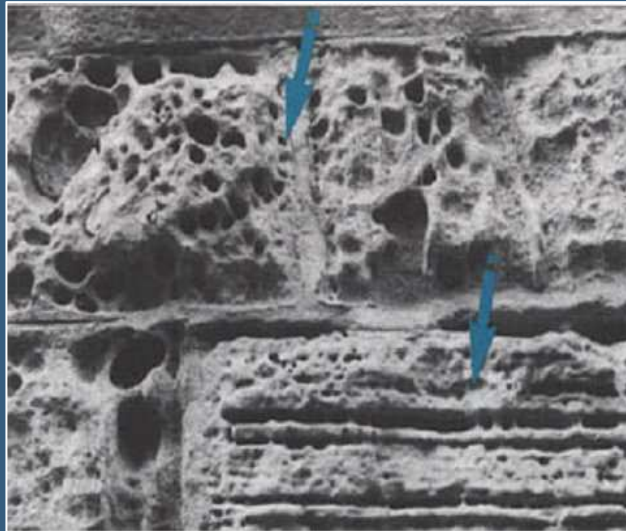
The **calcareous assets** could be undergone to following mechanisms:

- ✓ erosion / corrosion
- ✓ salt crystallization
- ✓ thermoclastism
- ✓ biological deterioration
- ✓ blackening



# Erosion

for calcareous monuments





## Salt Crystallization



## Termoclastism



## Biological deterioration





Several algorithms are available to calculate the surface recession (**erosion**) expressed in  $\mu\text{m year}^{-1}$  for calcareous assets.

clean rain effect  
(karst effect)

SO<sub>2</sub> deposition

$$R = 18.8 \cdot \text{Rain} + 0.016 \cdot [\text{H}^+] \cdot \text{Rain} + 0.18 \cdot (V_{ds} \cdot [\text{SO}_2] + V_{dN} \cdot [\text{HNO}_3])$$

solubility of  
CaCO<sub>3</sub> in  
equilibrium with  
330 ppm CO<sub>2</sub>

acid rain effect

HNO<sub>3</sub> deposition

Lipfert formula (1989)

# Corrosion for metals

## Multiassess dose-response functions

*Copper*

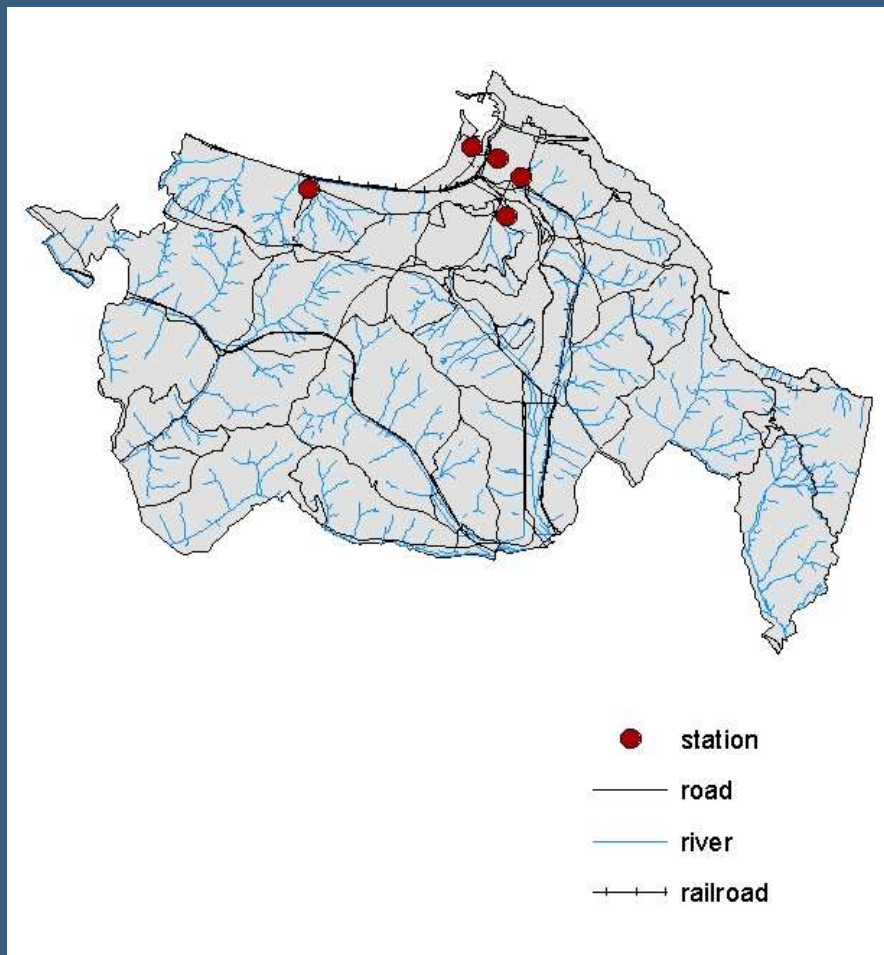
$$ML = 3.12 + (1.09 + 0.00201 \cdot [SO_2] \cdot 0.4 \cdot [O_3] \cdot Rh_{60} \cdot e^{f(T)} + 0.0878 \cdot Rain \cdot [H^+]) \cdot t$$



*Bronze*

$$ML = 1.33 + (0.00876 \cdot [SO_2] \cdot Rh_{60} \cdot e^{f(T)} + 0.0409 \cdot Rain \cdot [H^+] + 0.0380 \cdot [PM_{10}]) \cdot t$$

The calculation of erosion/corrosion at urban level is usually done using climatic and pollutants data collected by air quality stations located not far from the considered monuments.



Georeferencing of monitoring stations in Ancona  
(source: BRACE data-base)



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# Distribution of monuments

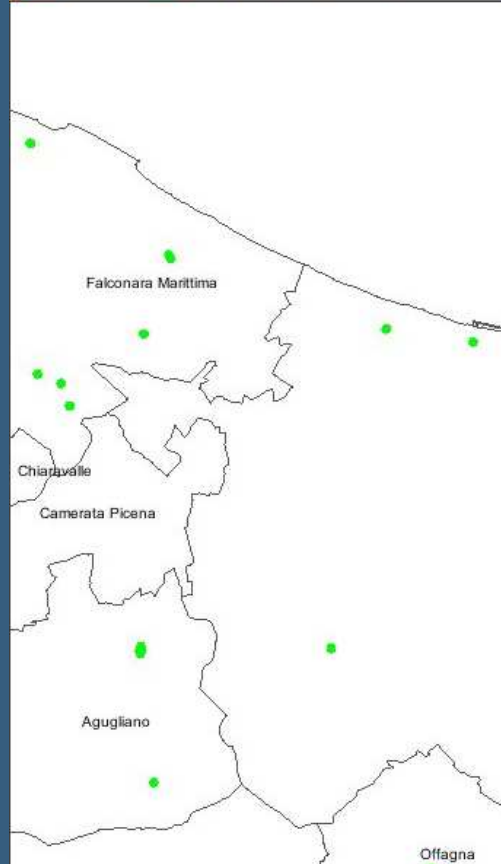
The risk assessment is based on a deep knowledge of distribution of cultural properties in a specific area and their chemical – physical characteristics

The Risk Map of Cultural Heritage provides an evaluation about the number, position, nature and function of archaeological sites and architectural properties

The recorded items in **Ancona** are 14 archaeological sites and the 111 architectural monuments

The available data sheets are:

Data sheets binding decrees	87
Data sheets TCI- Laterza	53
Data sheets earthquake Marche- Umbria (1997)	1
Vulnerability data sheets s archaeological asset	2
Vulnerability data sheets archaeological find	1



http://icr4.intersistemi.it - ICR - CARTA DEL RISCHIO - Microsoft Internet Explorer fornito da Istituto Centrale per il Restauro

Carta del Rischio  
Segretariato Generale

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Ricerca Beni

Denominazione

- Province (TeleAtlas)
- Soprintendenze (MBAC)
- Comuni (TeleAtlas)
- Aree Edificate (TeleAtlas)
- Località (ISTAT)
- Aree Verdi (TeleAtlas)
- Idrografia (TeleAtlas)
- Curve di Livello (NASA-DTED1)
- Ferrovie (TeleAtlas)
- Strade Urbane (TeleAtlas)
- Strade Locali (TeleAtlas)
- Strade Secondarie (TeleAtlas)
- Strade Principali (TeleAtlas)
- Autostrade (TeleAtlas)
- Ortofoto (ex AGEA)
- Rischio**
  - Ambientale Aria
  - Antropico
  - Classi di Rischio e Vulnerabilità**
    - Classe Alta
    - Classe Medio-alta (solo chiese RPA)
    - Classe Media
    - Classe Medio-Bassa
    - Classe Bassa
  - Schede Sismiche**
    - Palazzi/Ville
    - Torri/Campanili
    - Chiese
    - Vulnerabilità Sismica RPA
    - Rischio Sismico RPA
    - Vulnerabilità Sismica SGA
    - Rischio Sismico SGA
  - Schede Vulnerabilità**
    - Vulnerabilità Architettonica Globale
    - Vulnerabilità Architettonica Statico-strut.
    - Vulnerabilità Architettonica Superficiale
    - Vulnerabilità Archeologica Globale

scala attuale 1:21.329 coordinate X:1866197 Y:4840999 (graticolo in metri)

# Sensitivity

The sensitivity depends on:

- ✓ location of the monument
- ✓ composition of the constitutive materials
- ✓ framework, surface, preparatory layers
- ✓ hygroscopic nature of materials



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# Vulnerability

(conservation condition of a monument)

The **vulnerability** of each items represents the variable that indicates its level of exposure to environmental/territorial danger in relation with its conservation condition. The information, acquired through a data sheets model, are elaborated in order to obtain data on the conservation condition for 12 architectonic and decorative elements:

foundations  
vertical structures  
horizontal structures  
roofing structures  
vertical links  
indoor paving  
outdoor paving  
claddings  
indoor decorations  
outdoor decorations  
outdoor openings  
indoor openings



generic damage  
material decay  
moisture  
biological deterioration  
surface deterioration  
lacunae, missing fragments/pieces



seriousness  
extent  
urgency

## Menu

- SCHEDA RA
- IDENTIFICAZIONE
- DESCRIZIONE
- DATI VULNERABILITA'
- DATA SOPRALLUOGO
- OGGETTO
- VINCOLI E APPOGGIO
- SISTEMA DI PROTEZIONE
- DATI ANALITICI STRUMENTALI

## Dati di Vulnerabilità

## Oggetto (1)

Materia:

**LAPIDEI NATURALI - BASALTI; LAPIDEI NATURALI - CALCARI "BIANCHI"**

Tecnica:

**MOSAICO**

Superficie (mq):

**8.4**

Estensione del danno (%):

**100**

Grado di urgenza:

**2**

## Analisi dei Danni (1)

Tipologia:

**B13 - DEGRADAZIONE DIFFERENZIALE**

Area interessata (%):

**10**

## Analisi dei Danni (2)

Tipologia:

**B23 - MANCANZA DI ADESIONE TESSERE**

Area interessata (%):

**30**

## Analisi dei Danni (3)

Tipologia:

**C12 - INFILTRAZIONI**

Area interessata (%):

**50**

## Analisi dei Danni (4)

Tipologia:

**C14 - RISALITA**

Area interessata (%):

**30**

## Analisi dei Danni (5)

Tipologia:

**C15 - RISTAGNO**

Area interessata (%):

**50**

## Analisi dei Danni (6)

Tipologia:

**E12 - DEPOSITI COERENTI**

Area interessata (%):

**10**

## Analisi dei Danni (7)

Tipologia:

**E13 - INCROSTAZIONI**

Area interessata (%):

**25**

The algorithm using for calculation of vulnerability is:

$$\text{INDvul}(k) = \sum (P_j \cdot Q_{ji} / (m-n) \cdot (\text{cost}/m))$$

INDvul (k) = vulnerability index of k- monument

m = number of variables used for quantifying the superficial conservation condition in relation with the urgency, seriousness and extent.

n = number of variables for which information is not available

$P_j$  = weight of j -variable

$Q_{ji}$  = i- value of j -variable

cost/m = updated constant in relation with updated weight of variables



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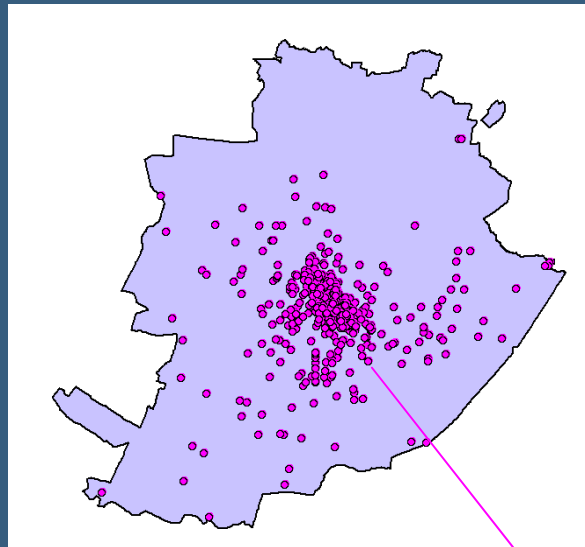
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# Torino: a case study

## Experimental Data

### Climatic Parameters

Relative Humidity  
Temperature  
Precipitation  
recorded by monitoring  
stations



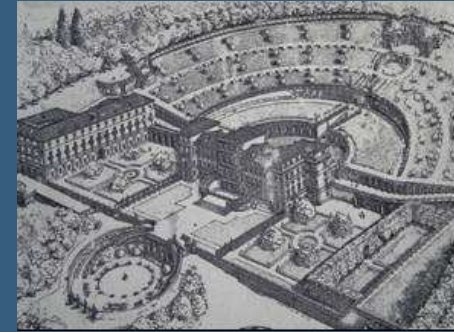
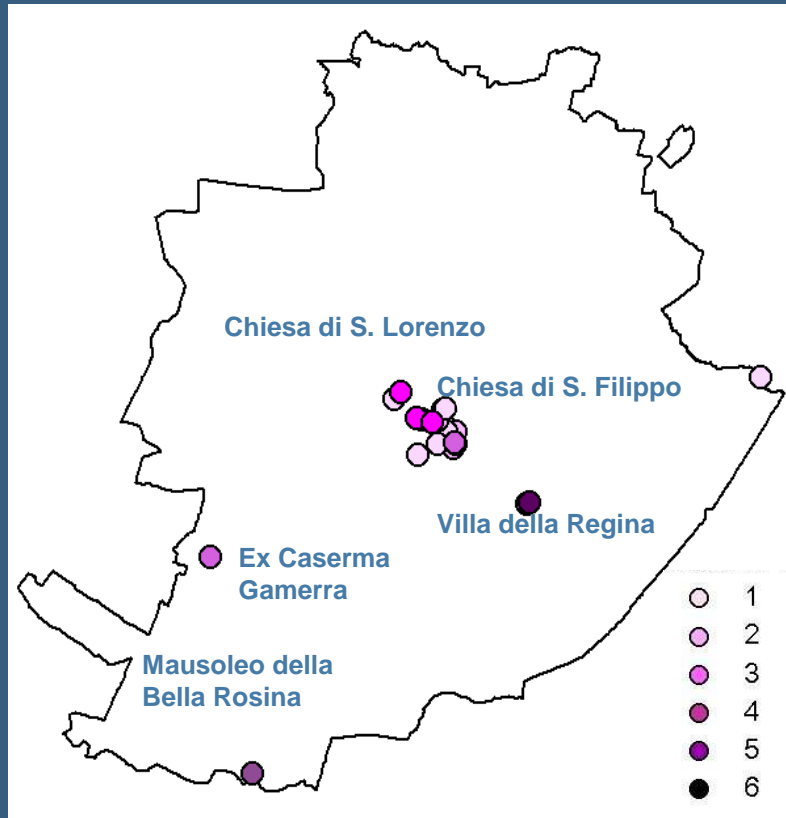
### Air Pollutants

SO<sub>2</sub>, HNO<sub>3</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>  
concentrations  
elaborated by FARM  
model

	Rain (mm)	Rh(%)	T(°C)	pH
2004	594	72	13	4,85
2005	559	67	13	5,15
2006	674	67	14	5,04

Monuments

# Vulnerability



Villa della Regina

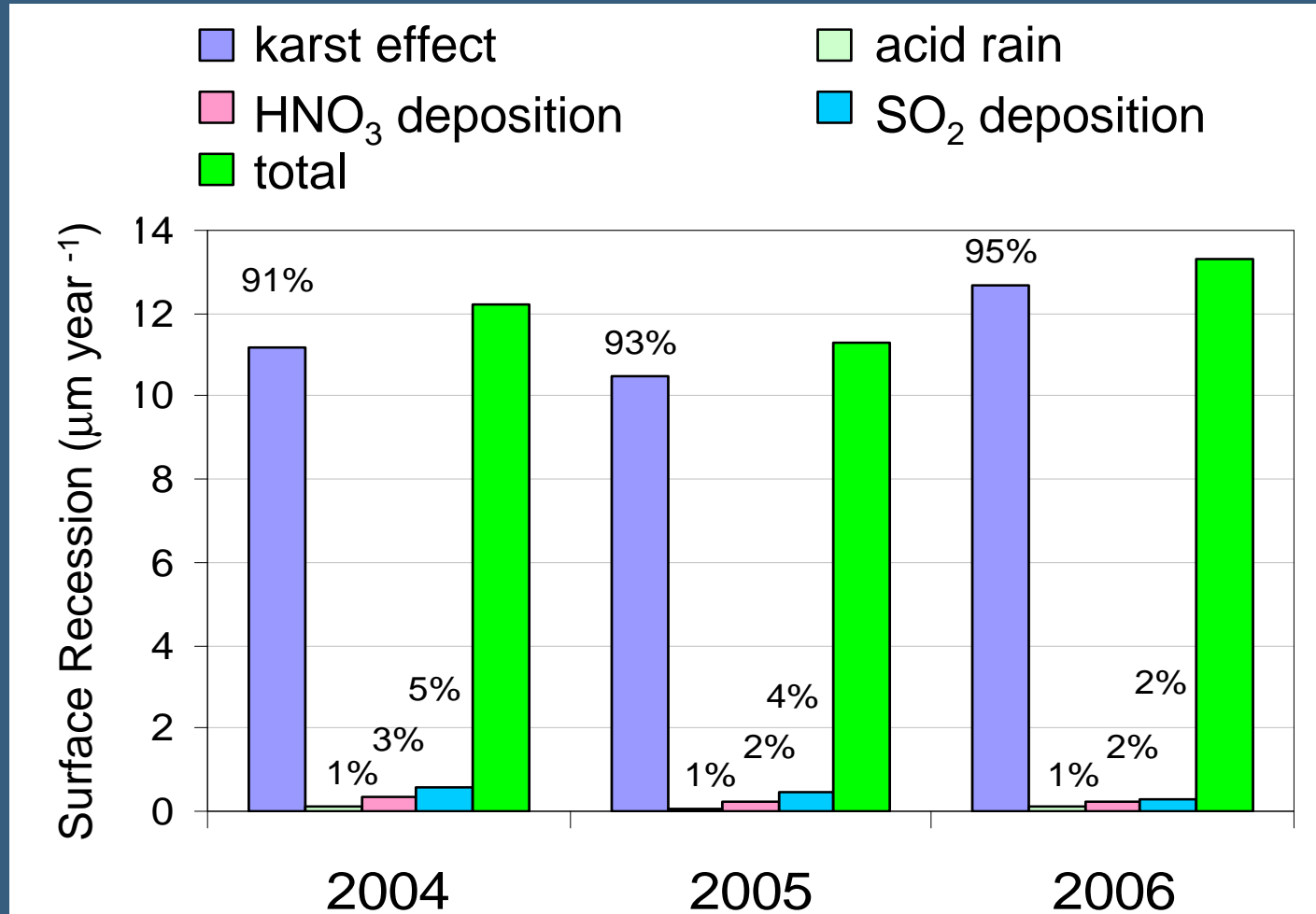


Palazzo Reale



Chiesa di San Lorenzo

# Surface Recession (erosion)

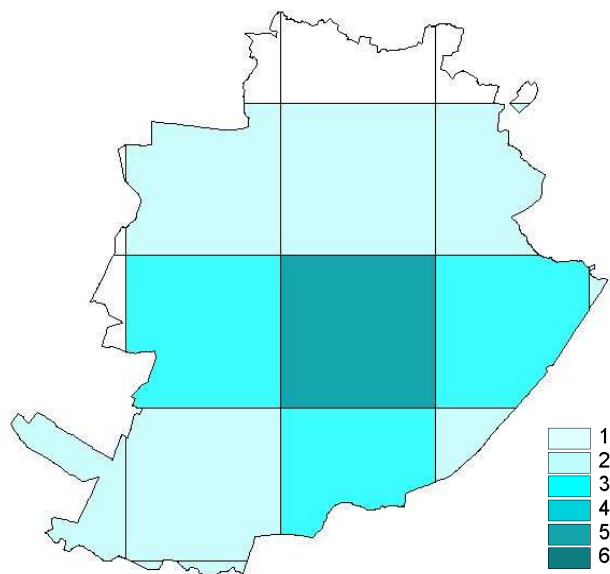


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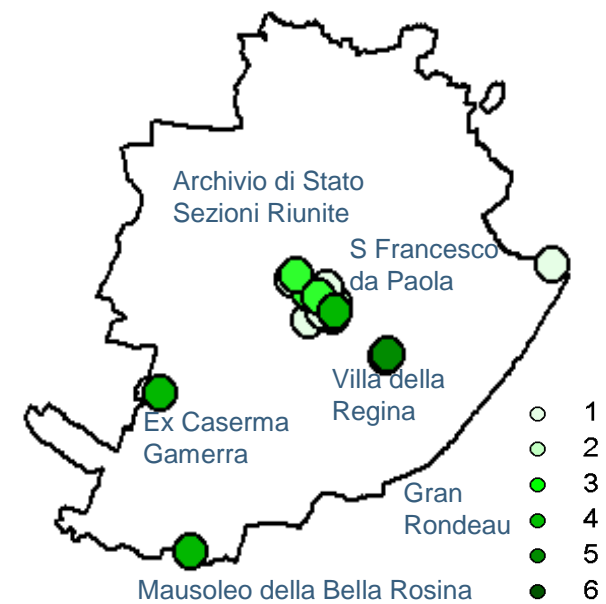
# Risk indicators

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## Territorial Risk



## Individual Risk



# Adaptation strategies

To maximise the adaptive capacity of built heritage and cultural landscapes, the following actions are suggested:

- ✓ Reduction of the restoration interventions
- ✓ Individuation of the assets that can be shifted away from a threatened site
- ✓ Long-term reorganisation of sites with high level of risk
- ✓ Planning rigorous and frequent maintenance activities to monitor the conservation condition of the property



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# Conclusions

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- ✓ **The effects of climate and environmental change on cultural heritage have been faced by international and scientific community only in recent years**
- ✓ **The actions realized by institutions and the funding destined to reduce the damage are insufficient yet**
- ✓ **The correlation between the monument vulnerability with territorial danger in each area permits the calculation of territorial and individual risk**



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# Conclusions

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- ✓ **The indicators assessment allows to individuate the most aggressive areas for monuments and their potential risk level**
- ✓ **This scientific approach can be a support to the decision makers to adopt specific strategies aiming to reduce the climate change effects by planning maintenance and monitoring actions.**



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