

The Italian Vertebrates Network

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A Biodiversity Index was calculated, consisting simply in the ratio: (Max no. of species observed in the network)/(No. of species present in the cell considered)*1000. The Biodiversity Index was used both to graphically project the ecological networks and to analyse the biodiversity pattern.

