



The making of the Soil Map of Italy

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In 1966 the first “modern” soil map of Italy was published in scale 1:1,000,000, under the patronage of the V commission of the Italian Soil Science Society. This was the result of the joint efforts of a group of soil scientists, agronomists, foresters and topographers, grouped in a National Committee and coordinated by Prof. Fiorenzo Mancini.

The map, based on literature data, authors’ data and field surveys, took five years to be completed and was the point of arrival of a long process started with the birth of the Italian Kingdom in the second half of the XIX century.