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ITALIAN BEACHES: LEGAMBIENTE PRESENTS TOP 11

(AGI) - Rome, August 5 - Italy's eleven most beautiful beaches are "hidden" in national parks and natural reserves in Italy. Legambiente published the results of its Italian tour aimed at identifying the country's most fascinating beaches of 2004. For this year's beauty contest the environmental association also inspected beaches abroad. Here is Italy's top 11: Cala S. Andrea all'Asinara in Sardinia, l'Isola dei Conigli on Lampedusa, Punta Corvo in Liguria, l'arenile di Berchida near Nuoro, Cala Violina in the Maremma, Cala di Forno in the Uccellina park, Punta Pizzo south of Gallipoli, Punta Licosa in Cilento, Bassona near Ravenna, Cala di Porto in Palmarola and **Cala Iuculla in Calabria**. The top 11 was composed by 50 Legambiente experts. The selection criteria were: the quality of the landscape and the management of the sites, the impact of tourism and the naturalistic aspects. One of the winners, Cala Violina, near Grosseto, in the Maremma regional park, is named after the special sand which sounds like a violin when you walk on it barefoot. **Cala Iuculla in Calabria can only be reached by boat and has a white beach surrounded by high rocks and a cave that can only be reached by boat.** Cala del Porto, in the park of the Ponza islands is like a deserted paradise. Legambiente also went abroad this year to visit the coasts of the "mare nostrum" to export Italy's experience in terms of environmental protection. It has helped to set up a federation of Parks in the Mediterranean. The 16 beaches it selected are in Spain, France, Croatia, Albania, Greece, Turkey, Cyprus, Israel, Libya, Tunisia and MOROCCO. F051920 - August, 2004 - COPYRIGHTS 2002-2003 AGI S.p.A.

