

China Caving Project 2008

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Abstract

In April 2008 a contingent of Australian cave divers were invited to the Fengshan area of the Peoples Republic of China to assist with an international caving project. Dry cavers from Britain had previously mapped in excess of 40km of cave in the region. Assistance was sought by the Fengshan government to link several karst windows in what is hoped to be one of the longest underwater cave systems in the world.

This presentation incorporates photographs and video of our discoveries. It will pose many opportunities for those interested in caving in the largest limestone karst plain in the world.



*Cave in Fengshan County South China (above)
Divers in pool (left) Photos from presentation.*

Extremes of Latin American Caving

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Abstract

Madre de Dios is an island about as far south as you can go before you fall off the bottom of the world or get eaten by sea monsters. It also has some of the most spectacular karst and worst weather that you'll find anywhere on earth. Madre de Dios is the 'raison d'être' for the French caving group 'Centre Terre' that has run three big budget expeditions to the island since 2000. At the northern extreme of Latin America is Mexico where several small, no name, low budget expeditions go each year to explore its deep caves.