

## Italian Speleologist team smashed in to the Discovery of one of Africa's Best Marvel Caves in the Belly of Mt. Kundudo, in Eastern Ethiopia

The Marvel cave rock formation of Mt. Kundudo was discovered by the Italian speleologist team during the exploration of Feb 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. The team was able to map out 1005 meters and more preparation is underway to further explore and complete the study of the cave.



OVER 20 TYPES OF ROCK FORMATION IN THE KUNDUDO MARVEL CAVE, IN GURSUM, ETHIOPIA

### ONE OF THE THREE BEST MARVEL CAVES IN AFRICA:

The five team speleologists have come to the terms that this is one of the largest and the best of five they ever seen around the world. The team was led by Eng. Gian Paolo Rivolta, Former Italian Speleologists Society President and his predecessor Dr. Raschellá. Prof. Marco Viganò said "This is one of the best Marvel caves to the world speleological society to visit". He also indicated that this is one of the three best caves in Africa where the two rivals are in S. Africa. The pictures seen here and those posted on [Ethiopia's newly found Marvel Cave](#) are just a fraction of hundreds available to tell the story of the magic wonder of Kundudo. As the scientific study is completed, more spectacular images are expected to be published internationally. There are already several such International speleologist groups are showing interest to visit as soon as the first team have completed and published its studies.. "Active promotion internationally is encouraged and will have a major impact for many tourist and academic world to make Mt. Kundudo their destination," said Marco Viganò. It is now the time to consider seriously electing the Kundudo to Park status.

Gursum Community V.P. Meftuh Shash Congratulated and applaud the team of experts for their discovery via email sent to the team on Feb. 23. Speaking at the FBCGA ceremony on this discovery Meftuh Shash said "This discovery is a great success to increase its tourism value to the region. With various prehistoric rock paintings near by such as, Saka Sharif, Erer, Genda Biftu and Mt. Stinico, this could be one of the hubs for Speleological academic world. However this needs active promotion locally and internationally. Government should take various initiatives in improving the eco system. Active environmental awareness program by the government would help communities to value and

nurture their natural resources. We Diaspora Community Groups have an obligation to do our part in promoting aggressively in various media outlets available."

We encourage Ethiopian tour operators and potential investors in tourism industry to consider this area. Here is the study by: Prof. Marco Vignano explaining why?

[Why the Kundudo is the final point of the East Tourism Route](#)



Strangest eccentrics all team members had ever come across, "These Formations typically went half a meter horizontally, under our feet, above the flowing waters"

**SPORTING ACTIVITIES:**

Other sporting activities were also explored; Mt. Kundudo with four waterfalls can attract various sporting activities such as canyon and rock climbing. The flat top plain offers great runway for paragliding activities.



We presume, and open the first canyoning route in the Country, on the Immis stream falls on the awe-inspiring Kundudo North face. Marco, 5/02/2009

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