

Workshop

Preserving and Managing Forest Habitats in the Mediterranean area

LIFE GoProForMED

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In-presence and online participation

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Introduction

In the Mediterranean region, forest habitats face threats from climate change and unsustainable management practices, leading to inadequate conservation. Recognizing and classifying these habitats lacks a common system, hindering clear conservation assessment. There's a need for better knowledge about the defining characteristics and indicators for these habitats. Transnational strategies for Mediterranean forest conservation are also lacking.

Simultaneously, the importance of forest management has grown at the European level, driven by the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 under the European Green Deal. This strategy emphasizes sustainable forest management as a nature-based solution against climate change, calling for biodiversity-friendly forestry practices and Closer-to-Nature Forest Management guidelines to be developed.

These guidelines (July 27, 2023 (SWD(2023) 284 final) aim to promote biodiversity-friendly and adaptive forest management within a common framework. Although Closer-to-Nature Forest Management is common in Central Europe, its adoption is limited in Southern Europe, mainly existing as local experiences.

In this context, the [LIFE GoProForMED](#) project was initiated to improve the conservation status of four target forest habitats in the Mediterranean region. This involves applying Closer-to-Nature models across four representative Mediterranean countries.

The project's specific objectives include establishing a transnational conservation strategy, implementing demonstrative conservation practices, promoting suitable forest management models, and disseminating knowledge about Natura 2000 Network and Closer-to-Nature Forest Management to various stakeholders.

Roughly one year into the project, LIFE GoProForMED is organizing a workshop to share initial results, focusing on planning and characterizing ecological network elements for forest habitat preservation. The workshop will address key challenges faced by Mediterranean forests, such as forest fires and grazing.

PROGRAM (first draft)

MORNING SESSION - GOPROFORMED		
TIME	TOPIC / CONTENT	SPEAKER
9.00 – 9.30	Registration	
9.30 – 9.40	Welcome	Antonio Casula (FORESTAS)
9.40 – 09:50	Forestas' activities and role in LIFE GoProForMED	Maurizio Mallocci (FORESTAS)
09.50 - 10.00	The importance of nature-based solutions for forest management	Kyriakos Skordas (EUROSITE)
10.00 – 10.10	Project presentation	Marcello Miozzo (DREAM)
Project’s sites: implementation of the ecological network		
TIME	TOPIC / CONTENT	SPEAKER
10.10– 10.20	The Protocols for Core Areas and Biodiversity Islands in the target habitats	Serena Corezzola (DREAM)
10.20 – 10.30	Application in the Italian sites	Marcello Airi (FORESTAS)
10.30 – 10.40	Application in the Greek sites	Petros Kakouros (EKBY) Peri Kourakli (MINEE/GFS)
10.40 – 10.50	Application in the French sites	Haimad Baudriller (CNPf) online
10.50 – 11.00	Application in the Catalan sites	Mar Pallarés (CTFC)
11.00 – 11.20	The case study of Montes: from the characterisation of the ecological network to the definition of interventions	Serena Buscarini (DREAM)
11.20 – 11.40	Coffee break	
Relationship between biodiversity and indirect indicators, first results		
TIME	TOPIC / CONTENT	SPEAKER
11.40 – 12.10	Monitoring biodiversity	Lorenzo Balducci (UNISAP) Giada Giacomini (DREAM)
12.10 – 12.30	The allometric approach: first application (Montes)	Tommaso Anfodillo (UNIPD)
12.30 – 12.45	Structural indicators	Giorgio Matteucci (CNR)
12.45 – 13.00	Adaptation of IBP to Greece and Spain	Pierre Gonin (CNPf)
13.00 – 13.15	A&Q from participants in presence and online	
13.15 – 14.30	Lunch time	

AFTERNOON SESSION – ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION		
TIME	TOPIC / CONTENT	SPEAKER
14.30 – 14.40	Introduction of the roundtables	Marcello Miozzo (DREAM)
Relationship between biodiversity conservation actions and forest fires		
MODERATOR: Mario Beltrán (CTFC)		
TIME	TOPIC / CONTENT	SPEAKER
14.40 – 15.10	Conservation of forest biodiversity in the Mediterranean area and fire prevention practices	Davide Ascoli (UNITO)
15:10 – 15:20	French experience on the forest fire prevention, and some questions on the relationship with biodiversity	Haimad Baudriller (CNPFP) online
15.20 – 16.00	DISCUSSION	
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee break	
Relationship between forest habitat management and grazing		
MODERATOR: Teresa Baiges (CPF)		
TIME	TOPIC / CONTENT	SPEAKER
16.30 – 16.50	Historical overview of domestic grazing pressure in the Supramonte area	Salvatore Mele (FORESTAS)
16:50 – 17:00	Grazing in the forest critical issues and solutions	Giovanna Seddaiu (UNISS)
17.00 – 17.30	DISCUSSION	
Final conclusion		
17.30 – 18.00	Conclusion	Marcello Miozzo (DREAM)

The workshop can be followed in person and online, with a **simultaneous English/Italian translation service**.

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