Lessons on territorial experiences of management of Mediterranean forest ecosystems. Case Study in Spain (Urbión, Castilla Leon, mushrooms traceability)

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Model forest principles

- An inclusive and dynamic partnership
- A landscape large enough to represent an area’s diverse forest uses and values
- A commitment to the sustainable management of forested landscapes
- A governance structure that is representative, participative, transparent and accountable
- A program of activities reflective of partner needs and values
- A commitment to knowledge-sharing, capacity-building and networking, from the local to international level

Every model forest is unique principles are shared by all
The Urbion Model Forest Association was created on 19th March 2007 in Monte Comunero de Revenga, Burgos. The first Spanish and Mediterranean Model Forest after it became part of the International Model Forest Network at the Directory Meeting held in San Ignacio de Velasco (Bolivia) on 29th April 2007. Model Forests are voluntary associative initiatives linking forestry, research, agriculture, recreation and other values and interests in a landscape. They are based on a decentralized approach that combines the social, cultural and economic local and long-term sustainability of rural landscapes in which forests are an important part. In a Model Forest different people form a partnership to achieve the following goals: manage their own natural resources in the most logical way for them, considering their history, economic situation and their identity.

For more information, see the attached document "Urbion Model Forest General characteristics".

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Strategic plan: 2009–2013

Public participation:

Aim: to identify local needs and define and concretise long-term objectives.

- Forest use
  Promote an active wood market
- Climate change
  Support the valuation of externalities
- Identity and communication
  Biosphere Reserve Communication
Model Forests, NTFP and...

Traceability

Focusing traceability from Model Forests:

• Forest of origin
• Positive approach
• System integration
Traceability
Projects going on

PEFC Project, in collaboration with Ecotrust (CCPEFC Collaboration Fund Application)

Forest traceability: marketing mushrooms in the Spanish Urbion Model Forest (100% PEFC Certified)

1) OBJECTIVE: Fully investigate the local marketing synergy between PEFC certification and traceability

2) OBJECTIVE: Test traceability in a PEFC region and targeted sector (mushrooms)
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