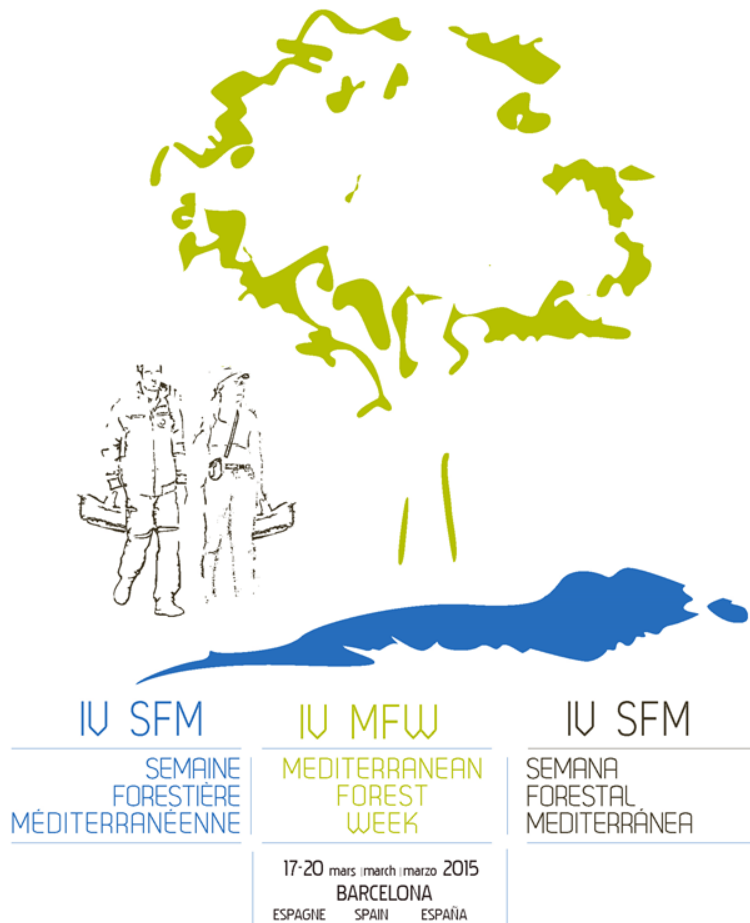


Session on Follow up of Tlemcen Declaration

IV Mediterranean Forest Week



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III Mediterranean Forest Week:

When : 17-21 March 2013

Where : Tlemcen in Algeria

Venue: Headquarter of the
National Park of Tlemcen

Title of the III MFW:

"Mediterranean forests for
sustainable development of
territories: strategies of mitigation
and adaptation to global change?"

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Key outputs of the III MFW : SoMF, SFMF and Tlemcen Declaration

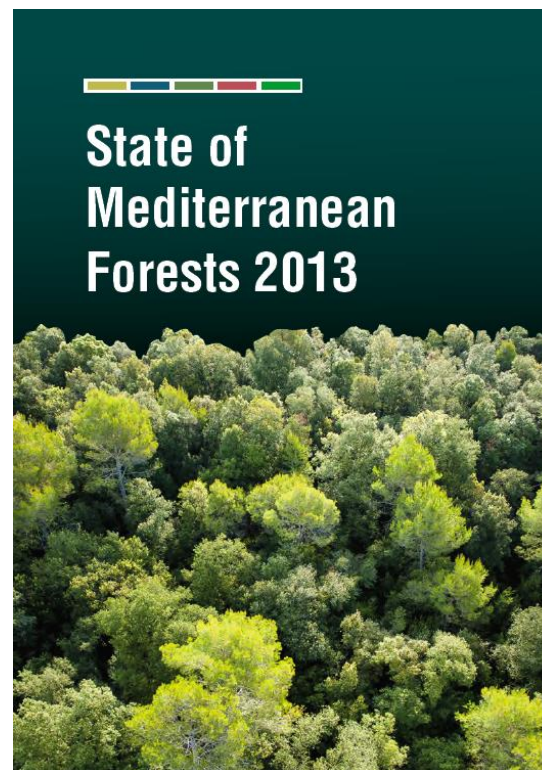
State of Mediterranean Forests (SoMF)

Launched in March 2013 (during the III MFW held in Tlemcen)

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Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK on MEDITERRANEAN FORESTS



Policy orientations for integrated management of forest ecosystems in Mediterranean landscapes



Structure of the Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests (SFMF):

- 1) *Rationale based on the key findings of the State of Mediterranean Forests*
- 2) *Three main objectives presented with nine strategic lines and several key recommendations for decision-makers*

Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests

Objectives	Strategic lines of Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests
Developing and promoting forest goods and services	Improve sustainable production of goods and services by Mediterranean forests
	Enhance the role of Mediterranean forests in rural development
	Promote forest governance and land tenure reform at a landscape level
Promoting resilience under global changes	Promote wildfire prevention in the context of global changes
	Manage Forest Genetic Resources and biodiversity to enhance adaptation of Mediterranean forest to climate change
	Restore degraded Mediterranean forests landscapes
Enhancing capacities and mobilizing resources	Develop knowledge, training and communication on Mediterranean forests
	Reinforce international cooperation
	Adapt existing financing schemes and develop innovative mechanisms to support implementation of forest policies and programmes

The Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests was prepared with the support of several key partners in 2012/2013

Rationale

Forests and other wooded lands are highly integrated into Mediterranean landscapes. Through millennia, Mediterranean civilisations have been using multiple social, economic and environmental goods and services provided by these ecosystems. As a consequence the present landscapes are the result of a long-term interaction between populations and forest ecosystems. These multiple goods and services provided by forest ecosystems contribute directly to food security of rural population in the Mediterranean.

Important disparities between northern and southern rim of the Mediterranean are the result of both different degree of urbanization, industrialization and globalization of trade and tourism, and distinct population growth rates. As a consequence of socio-economic processes, forest landscapes and uses have suffered strong alterations and pressures (rural abandonment, aging of rural populations, intensification of production systems, etc.) causing drastic changes in vegetation structure and modifying the role of the primary sector in national economies.

Strategic line 5

Manage Forest Genetic Resources and Biodiversity to enhance adaptation

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Recommendation 1:** Integrate knowledge on genetics, eco-physiology and forest dynamics to develop new decision support models and tools useful for forest managers and develop adaptive silvicultural practices in the context of climate change.
- Recommendation 2:** Keep forest management options open to maintain genetic diversity over the long term.
- Recommendation 3:** Take action on natural regeneration and plantations to foster evolutionary processes.
- Recommendation 4:** Choose the suitable species, varieties and genotypes, in particular native ones, well adapted to local constraints and needs.
- Recommendation 5:** Promote innovative technologies with low water intake for plant production in low arid areas and nurseries to improve the quality of seeds, seedlings and cuttings.
- Recommendation 6:** Review existing guidelines (e.g. FAO and EU) guidelines for transferring reproductive material, in particular to facilitate *in situ* conservation of specific endangered species.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Recommendation 1:** Produce high quality seedlings, cuttings and grafted material.
- Recommendation 2:** Incorporate forest genetic resources into National Adaptation Plans.
- Recommendation 3:** Maintain and diversify the genetic diversity of species/cultivars.
- Recommendation 4:** Establish provenance trials and trials in *in situ* habitats.
- Recommendation 5:** Develop capacity of foresters and users on restoration approaches, practices and tools.
- Recommendation 6:** Plan forest restoration actions at the right scale and with an integrated approach on the long-term and addressing drivers of land degradation and desertification.

Restore degraded Mediterranean forest landscapes

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Recommendation 1:** Recognize and ensure the contribution of forests and ecosystems to biodiversity in the context of desertification.
- Recommendation 2:** Identify restoration priorities and goals as well as required funding on the long-term.
- Recommendation 3:** Develop capacity of foresters and users on restoration approaches, practices and tools.
- Recommendation 4:** Plan forest restoration actions at the right scale and with an integrated approach on the long-term and addressing drivers of land degradation and desertification.
- Recommendation 5:** Select the right species, varieties and genotypes. The promotion of native species is often the best choice as they meet social, environmental, cultural and economic demands and they are well adapted to environmental constraints such as water scarcity and climatic trends.

Strategic line 1

Improve sustainable production of goods and services by Mediterranean forests

- Recommendation 1:** Monitor processing market value chains of wood and NWFP (honey, mushrooms, etc.) while preserving Mediterranean forest resources.
- Recommendation 2:** Develop knowledge on quantity and quality of goods and services that are produced and used, to improve management plans and increase sustainability of forest management.
- Recommendation 3:** Involve all stakeholders in the process of forest policy design, formulation, implementation and monitoring, especially local population and private sector.
- Recommendation 4:** Recognize, make the population aware and further explore services provided by urban and peri-urban forests to population.
- Recommendation 5:** Develop and implement forest policy rules and mechanisms facilitating trade between water, soil protection and other goods and services.
- Recommendation 6:** Define management rules and practices that support rotation of goods and services benefiting rural population.

EXPECTED RESULTS

Strategic line 2

Enhance the role of Mediterranean forests in rural development

- Recommendation 1:** Set up financial mechanisms (compensations) to a provision of ecosystem services.
- Recommendation 2:** Improve knowledge on environmental services provided by forests.
- Recommendation 3:** Integrate existing economic valuation services, such as T1 systems and T2 (International Platform for Forest Services).
- Recommendation 4:** Develop management plans which recognize the wide range of possible sources of income from Mediterranean forests.
- Recommendation 5:** Promote research to ensure the sustainability of forest services.
- Recommendation 6:** Encourage production, quality label development, marketing and traceability of local products, especially through short supply chains.
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- Recommendation 8:** Enhance the development and marketing of eco-tourism by promoting eco-touristic activities and related investments in wooded areas.

EXPECTED RESULTS

Strategic line 3

Promote forest governance and land tenure reforms at landscape level

- Recommendation 1:** Support the development of inter-sectoral collaborative bodies at all levels.
- Recommendation 2:** Ensure the involvement of stakeholders in the decision making process.
- Recommendation 3:** Take into account traditional user rights of local populations for implementation of land tenure reforms in Mediterranean landscapes.
- Recommendation 4:** Better communicate on benefits provided by forests and success stories outside the forest sector.
- Recommendation 5:** Launch pilot projects at landscape level integrating various sectors that benefit from forest goods and services.
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EXPECTED RESULTS

Strategic line 4

Promote wildfire prevention in the context of global changes

- Recommendation 1:** Enhance international cooperation on wildfire prevention.
- Recommendation 2:** Promote exchange programmes at all levels and improve bilateral or international cooperation.
- Recommendation 3:** Place the debate on wildfire management in the international agenda.
- Recommendation 4:** Encourage agencies and groups to support the adoption of the Management Strategy Guidelines.
- Recommendation 5:** Develop transboundary cooperation on wildfire prevention and suppression in the Mediterranean.
- Recommendation 6:** Integrate wildfire prevention in forest management plans and adaptation strategies to climate change.
- Recommendation 7:** Implement the recommendations proposed in the Forest Policy on wildfire prevention in the Mediterranean published by FAO in 2011.
- Recommendation 8:** Carry out cross sectoral prevention actions with more coordination among stakeholders to face forest structural and spatial planning issues (fire risk, wildfire burning, woodland regeneration).

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Recommendation 1:** The increasing role of wildfire is addressed through new fire management approaches and policies.
- Recommendation 2:** Good practices are developed in order to reduce the increasing role of Mediterranean wildfires in the context of climate change.
- Recommendation 3:** Clearly legal aspects and define obligations of stakeholders.
- Recommendation 4:** Encourage development of wildfire management plans.
- Recommendation 5:** Promote integrated fire management approaches including possible use of prescribed fire.
- Recommendation 6:** Promote knowledge and education on wildfire prevention.
- Recommendation 7:** Scale the priorities on forest fire identified in the Mediterranean Forest Research Agenda (MFRFA) for the period 2010 - 2020.
- Recommendation 8:** Develop and implement international training courses with a transnational training methodology on wildfire prevention for land and forest managers.

EXPECTED RESULTS

Strategic line 8

Reinforce international cooperation

- Recommendation 1:** Publish every 5 years of Mediterranean Forest Challenges. The time has come to improve and strengthen the current dynamics of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions/Global Mediterranean Forests.
- Recommendation 2:** Integrate forestry topics in the several fora on the EU-MENA dialogue and raise awareness of the European Commission on Mediterranean forest issues.
- Recommendation 3:** Develop collaboration on prevention and mitigation with United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification considering the high risk of desertification on Mediterranean forest ecosystems.
- Recommendation 4:** Develop shared vision and positions on Mediterranean forests specific issues, and promote them within international organizations (UNEP, Forest Europe, UNECE, EU, FAO, ERF, World Bank, Rio Convention).
- Recommendation 5:** Integrate forest issues in the programs of bilateral cooperation agencies (North-South, South-South and North-North).
- Recommendation 6:** Streamline administrative procedures and reduce the delay for the preparation and negotiation of project proposals.

EXPECTED RESULTS

Strategic line 9

Adapt existing financing schemes and develop innovative mechanisms

- Recommendation 1:** Adapt the budget allocation of the forest sector in the Mediterranean region by developing financing strategies based on a wide range of financing solutions from public, private, national and international sources.
- Recommendation 2:** Develop, according to the legal framework, the use of National Forest Funds (NFF) as a key institutional and financial instrument for supporting IFM through mobilization of public and private resources.
- Recommendation 3:** Promote the assessment of the value of forest goods and services and related management costs and benefits in order to:
- Advocate for adapted budget allocations for the forest sector;
 - Help to build cost-efficient financing mechanisms for IFM.
- Recommendation 4:** Adapt to the Mediterranean context innovative Financing Mechanisms (IFM) and instruments such as Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES) schemes, REDD+ and compensation mechanisms.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Recommendation 1:** Budget allocations of forest administrations are adapted to financial needs for ensuring sustainable forest management (SFM) and the sustainable production of forest goods and services.
- Recommendation 2:** Sustainable financing strategies for the forest sector are developed, based on a wide range of financing solutions from public, private, national and international sources.
- Recommendation 3:** Innovative financing mechanisms and instruments are explored and adapted to the Mediterranean context.
- Recommendation 4:** Create the enabling environment for the development of innovative Financing Mechanisms (IFM).
- Recommendation 5:** Improve the understanding of these mechanisms through capacity development.
- Recommendation 6:** Learn good practices from other regions.
- Recommendation 7:** Communicate widely on the importance of forest ecosystem goods and services and the need to raise necessary financial resources for their sustainable management.
- Recommendation 8:** Start designing first initiatives of IFM, such as REDD+ pilot projects in selected areas of the region.
- Recommendation 9:** Enhance the involvement of the private sector in developing the value chains of wood and non-wood forest products.

Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests

Endorsement of the Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests (SFMF) during the III MFW in Tlemcen (Algeria - March 2013)

ADOPTION OF THE STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK
ON MEDITERRANEAN FORESTS (STRATEGIC
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ADOPTION OF THE "TLEMEN DECLARATION"

Tlemcen Declaration



Tlemcen Déclaration

Mediterranean forests for sustainable development of mediterranean landscapes: adaptation and mitigation strategies to face with global changes ?

We, participants at the high-level segment of the third Mediterranean Forest Week held in Tlemcen - Algeria - March 21, 2013, have taken note of the policy orientations proposed by experts from the Mediterranean and discussed during the week.

Convinced that forest ecosystems and other wooded lands in the Mediterranean are an important component of our landscapes and they contribute significantly to rural development, poverty alleviation and food security of these Mediterranean landscapes.

Aware that these forest ecosystems and other wooded lands in the Mediterranean are both sources of wood, cork, energy, food, incomes and many other environmental goods and services (biodiversity conservation, soils and water protection, recreational areas, significant potential for carbon storage) often crucial for many economic sectors of our country (food and agriculture, soils and water conservation, drinking water supply, tourism, energy and forest industry).

Whereas the global changes that affect today the Mediterranean region (changes in societies and lifestyles with, in addition, climate change) heavily mortgaging the future of these forest ecosystems and other wooded land (loss of biodiversity, increasing risk of forest fires and other biotic hazards, watershed degradation and desertification processes) and, therefore, jeopardizing the sustainable provision of these multiple goods and services to populations.

Convinced that combatting the already on going desertification in our Mediterranean landscapes should be a priority in our forest and environmental policies.

We wish that the political and administrative authorities at national, regional and local level and all other stakeholders involved in the management of forest ecosystems and other wooded lands in the Mediterranean (private or public managers and civil society) continue to develop and, if necessary, adapt their strategies and policies, including governance, for sustainable development of our landscapes.

We also ask forest managers, experts and scientific community of the forestry sector to develop and implement, in consultation with all relevant stakeholders, innovative and sustainable management practices of landscapes to be disseminated and shared between countries of the Mediterranean region.

In this spirit, according to characteristics and needs of each country, we are committed to continue implementing actions and measures in order to achieve the proposed objectives in the document entitled "Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests: policy orientations for integrated management of forest ecosystems in Mediterranean landscapes", namely:

1) Developing and promoting goods and services provided by forest ecosystems and other wooded lands in the Mediterranean through implementation of the following strategic lines:

- Improve sustainable production of goods and services by Mediterranean forests;
- Enhance the role of Mediterranean forests in rural development;
- Promote forest governance and land tenure reform in Mediterranean landscapes;

2) Promoting resilience of forest ecosystems and other wooded lands in the Mediterranean to face global changes through the implementation of the following strategic lines:

- Promote wildfire prevention by integrating the increasing risks associated to ongoing climate change in the Mediterranean;
- Manage forest genetic resources and biodiversity to enhance adaptation of forest ecosystems and other wooded lands to climate change in the Mediterranean ;
- Restore degraded Mediterranean forest landscapes.

3) Enhancing capacity of stakeholders and the resources mobilization necessary for the sustainable management of forest ecosystems and other wooded lands in the Mediterranean through the implementation of the following strategic lines:

- Develop knowledge, training and communication on Mediterranean forests;
- Reinforce international cooperation on Mediterranean forests;
- Adapt existing financing schemes and develop innovative mechanisms to support implementation of forest policies and programs on Mediterranean forests.

Follow up of Tlemcen Declaration in March 2015 ?

Level of implementation at the national level since March 2013:

How policies / strategies / national programs currently under review (or recently adopted) in Mediterranean country take into account the recommendations of the Tlemcen Declaration?

How those recommendations and the current regional dynamic helped (or not) the national processes for updating those policies / strategies / national programs?

Future implementation of the Declaration of Tlemcen by 2020 :

How should be plan the implementation and the monitoring process of the Tlemcen Declaration both at country and regional levels (*comparative analysis of national policies/programs according to this grid of the Tlemcen Declaration in the next State of Mediterranean Forests? Better recognition of strategic lines / recommendations of the Tlemcen Declaration in the framework of the Union for the Mediterranean? etc ...*)?

How should the Tlemcen Declaration and SFMF be used by 2020 in the context of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea* ?



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