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Session 2
EU Forestry Networking: state of the art

FAO Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions - *Silva Mediterranea*

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The geographic context

- Membership is open to all Members of FAO
 - Member Countries of the European Forestry Commission (EFC), the Near East Forestry Commission (NEFC) and the African Forestry and Wildlife Commission (AFWC)
 - whose territories are situated wholly or partially in the Mediterranean basin
 - to meet, share experiences and establish cooperative programmes
- Membership is also open to those with forest, agricultural or grazing economies that are intimately associated with those of the Mediterranean region
- 27 Members, including 26 states and one organization



The mission

- periodically review **trends in the use of forest land** in the Mediterranean area and assess the impact of changes implemented in the agricultural, industrial and urban sectors;
- **advise Member Governments** accordingly on the reorientation or improvements necessary to meet evolving situations or newly emerging needs
- determine and carry out technical studies and surveys **to assist in the formulation and implementation of national forest policies** in collaboration with Member States and with the support of the appropriate national forestry agencies
- identify **forestry research priorities** in the Mediterranean area, determine forestry research projects of common interest to Member Governments in the region and recommend measures necessary for forestry research institutes in the region to carry out these projects

More than 100 years of forestry cooperation

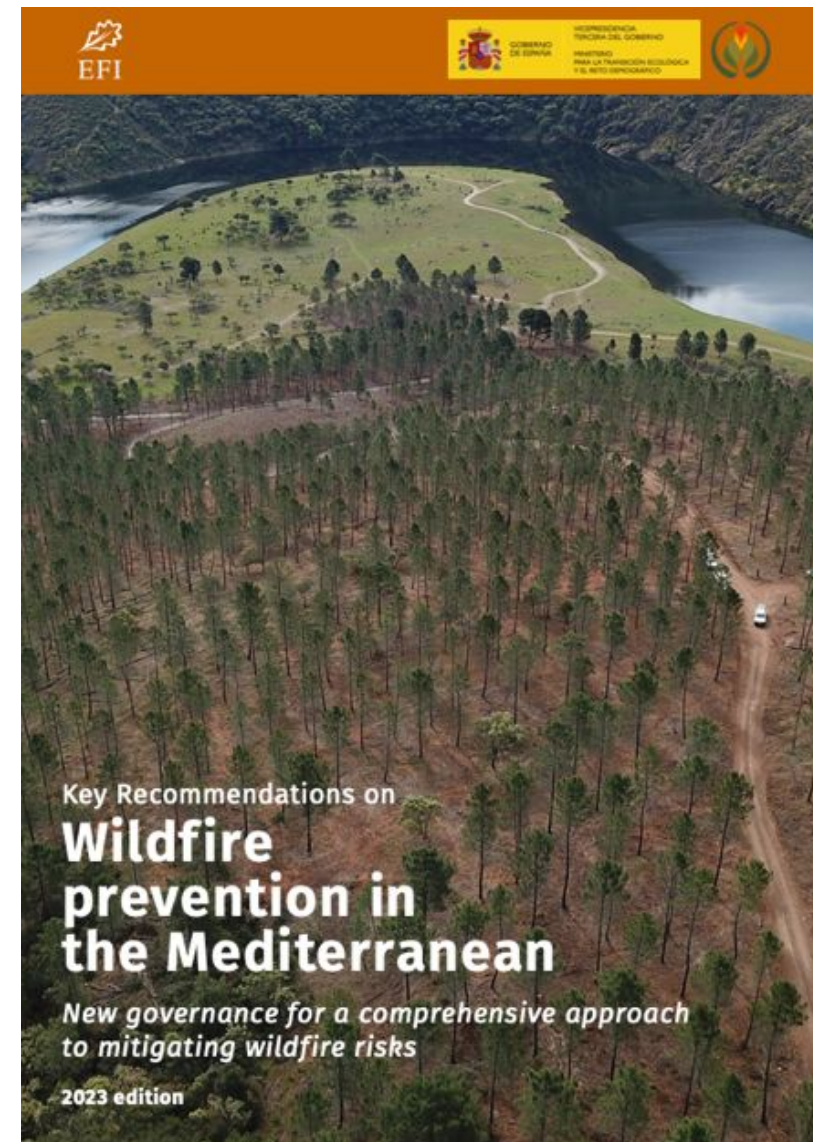


Working groups activities

- Workshop “Flagship program in the Mediterranean Region - UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration”. Jordan, COFO Drylands
- Capacity building workshop on monitoring tools available for forest and landscape restoration the Mediterranean region. FAO, EFIMED. 6–10 November 2023, Barcelona, Spain
- XV Workshop of the WG on Urban and Peri-urban Forestry
- WG Fires Key Recommendations on Wildfire Prevention in the Mediterranean, 2023 Edition

An update of the 2011 Position paper on Wildfire Prevention in the Mediterranean. Published by EFI and MITECO (Spain)

8th International Wildland Fire Conference. Porto, 16–19 May 2023





MEDITERRANEAN YOUTH TASK FORCE



- Young Leadership Programme: Land abandonment and cultural landscapes. EFIMED, 2–6 October 2023, Barcelona Spain
- Conference “Parmenides X”: Trees and forests at the forefront of resilience in Mediterranean countries. CIHEAM, the *Groupe Interacadémique pour le Développement* (GID), EFI. 24–26 October 2023, Chania, Greece
- WFF side event with the International Forestry Students’ Association (IFSA), discussing the theme “Youth-Led Agroforestry”, October 2023
- Series of Masterclasses (8) “Voluntary Carbon market and its climate change mitigation potentials” - online



THE MEDITERRANEAN FLAGSHIP

The countries

- The Mediterranean Flagship targeted the Mediterranean region as a whole with regional activities with specific focus on four countries: **Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia and Türkiye.**

Selection based on:

- level of political will and tangible commitments at national level
- learning, replicability, and scalability potential
- global and regional outreach potential



THE MEDITERRANEAN FLAGSHIP

The Targeted Support



- Showcasing all effective **post-fire restoration practices** being used in the region that could be replicated in different areas and will set the basis for regional collaboration
- **Knowledge sharing and learning** opportunity for all stakeholders dealing with wildfire management in the region
- **Increase the political will** to seek a joint regional effort to restore more resilient landscapes prone to wildfire risk, thus contributing to the implementation of the regional flagship

Publications

State of Mediterranean Forests
(SoMF) 2024



Unasylva on restoration in the
Mediterranean region (255)



The Paris agreement in action

- IKI-funded project 2018-2024
- Mediterranean regional component + 2 national components in **Morocco** and Lebanon
 - Letter of Agreement with **Associazione Foresta Modello delle Montagne Fiorentine**
 - **Objectives:**
 1. Implement restoration activities on the ground in Ifrane (Morocco) in collaboration with Ifrane Model Forest and Arebica association
 2. Organize exchange visits on restoration between 2 Mediterranean countries (Italy and Morocco)



Activities with MMFN

1. Implement restoration activities on the ground in Ifrane (Morocco) in collaboration with Ifrane Model Forest and Arebica

- 50 ha under restoration in the Ifran Model Forest
- 25 ha under restoration in the Aghbalou Larbi forest (Arebica)
- Activities will include capacity-building, dissemination and involvement of local population and communities

2. Organize exchange visits on restoration between 2 Mediterranean countries (Italy and Morocco)

- Experts from Morocco and Italy will visit each-other sites and learn more/discuss about restoration options and management of forest resources, with a participatory approach



Eight Mediterranean Forest Week

Working together for sustainable and resilient Mediterranean forests

Towards a collaborative roadmap
Barcelona, Spain, 4-6 November 2024

Partners

FAO, EFIMED, DGF Tunisia, OGM, MoA LB, Seeds-Int, Cesefor, AIFM, MMFN, local partners



Six plenary sessions and side events

- Successful landscape approaches in forest restoration and management initiatives for resilience and biodiversity conservation
- Efficient forest management for adaptation to climate change
- Broader stakeholder engagement in the integrated management of Mediterranean forests, with a focus on youth
- Produce actionable recommendations, a strategic roadmap and a visionary Statement for the future of Mediterranean forests



Thank you



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