



Silva Mediterranea

Working Group on “Forest Fires in the Mediterranean Region”

2013-2016 Work Plan

Forest Fires: Prevention through Sustainable Forest Management practices at local level, and building forest resilience at landscape level, a key issue to limit the increasing risks of Mediterranean forest fires in a context of Climate Change





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OBJECTIVES FOR THE PERIOD 2013-2016

1. Forest Fires Working Group, Silva Mediterranea

- Maintaining the contacts of the FFWG network updated at the Website (<http://www.fao.org/forestry/35587/en/>).
- Reinforce the already collaboration with the Forest Fire Expert Group of the European Commission.
- Collaborate with other Mediterranean countries as Australia, Chile, State of California of the United States of America.

2. Forest Fires Prevention

- Promoting forest fire causes investigation and follow up with training on this issue.
- Elaboration of technical **document/guidelines on prescribed burning** in the Mediterranean.
- Promote forest fires **awareness and Community Based Fire Management (CBFiM)** initiatives. Connection with CBFiM work developed and led by FAO.
- Continue promoting the application and extension of **EFFIS** to all Mediterranean Basin countries.

2. Forest Fires Suppression

- Promote the adoption of the **Incident Command System (ICS)** in the Mediterranean as the organizational tool to assure effectiveness and safety in forest fire suppression operations and exchange of resources.





- Promote the adoption of FAO **Voluntary Guidelines** on Fire Management as well as other guidelines regarding the use of aerial resources, the exchange of resources or safety, which are being developed in other forums (EU Civil Protection, UNISDR-GFMC...).
- Promote forest fires accidents investigations and spread technical documents about those investigations.
- Promote bilateral/multilateral **agreements between countries**. Develop and disseminate a standard cooperation agreement template considering the region characteristics.

3. Others

- Dynamize **Silvamediterranea web page** regarding activities of the WG1. Turn the website into the reference place for forest fires information exchange in the Mediterranean.
- Create a link at the SilvaMed Web page where to upload links or materials about forest fires prevention campaigns of the Mediterranean countries, to share these materials between countries.
- Preparation of the forest fire chapter of the State of Mediterranean Forests.

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