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# WG 2-non wood forest products

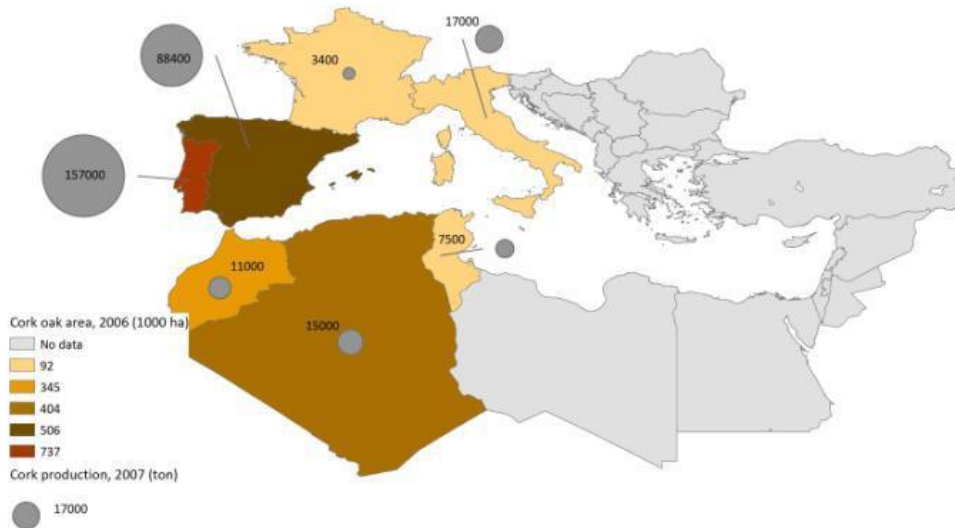
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## Work plan 2009-2012

- Background of working group

Research network

Wg cork and cork oak



Antalya, Turkey, 2012, *“to evolve / extend the mandate of the Working Group on Cork oak (...) to the broader strategic question of Mediterranean Non Wood Forest Products (WG2) in order to reinforce the active participation of interested countries and, consequently, review the work plan 2012-2013*



## Work plan 2009-2012



**Promotion of the cork mark**



**Preparation of research projects on cork oak  
MEDSUBER seminar Algeria, October 2011,  
namely a cork oak working group meeting**

**VIVEXPO (stoppper war)2010 (climate  
change), 2012 (eco-building);**

**cork oak international genetic trials**



**2012-2015**

Key contribution to the SoMF with chapters on Cork Oak,  
Pine Nuts and other NWFPs

potential of “carbon finance” for Cork Oak landscapes and  
Cork Value Chain and agreement FAO/Inst Med Liège



- Aim of the WG: To exchange information and technology and to share experiences aiming at increasing the value of NWFP for the benefit of society, especially in rural areas.
- Strong link with the Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests “ SL 1 - developing and promoting goods and services -improve sustainable production of goods and services 8but also SL2 – enhance role of med forests in rural development
- But Need to focus! Most important products, members show interest, feasible activities



## Work plan 2016-2017

*FAO: “Non-wood forest products - goods of biological origin other than wood, derived from forests, other wooded land and trees outside forests (...)*

### **Non-exhaustive list of the Mediterranean NWFP**

- a) Cork
- b) Resins
- c) Fruits and seeds
- d) Medicinal plants
- e) Aromatic plants
- f) Fodder [*note: FAO definition excludes grazing*]
- g) Other tradable plants (wild flowers, foliage, asparagus)
- h) Mushrooms and truffles
- i) Honey
- j) Wild fauna (incl. game)



## Work plan 2016-2017

### Objectives for the next years

1. Promote the sustainable use of NWFP
2. Facilitate the marketing of NWFP

#### 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;

we need to assess the status information

#### Recommendation 1:

Valorize processing market chains values of wood and NWFP (cork, honey, mushrooms...) while preserving Mediterranean forest resources;



## Recommendation 6:

In the long run, help  
members to →

Define management rules  
and practices that support  
provision of goods and  
services benefiting rural popu-  
lation;





## Strategy: start communicating

Use an updated list of Silvamed national focal points and send an inquire:

- interest of the country in the wg
- expectations
- possible activities

Members interested should express it and nominate experts (following a general approach to silvamed focal points– see Turkish proposal)



## Use events coming on

Vivexpo'2016 in June in Vivès, France.

Aromatic and medicinal plants: CIPAM 2016, 29 May-1 June  
Coimbra, Portugal (<http://cipam2016.com/cipam/>)

Agropine (*pinus pinea*) 2016, 18-20 May 2016, Oeiras, Portugal  
(<http://agropine2016.iniav.pt/>)

StarTree project - international conference on Wild Forest  
Products in Europe on 13–14 October 2016 in Barcelona, Spain  
(COST Action FP1203: European non-wood forest products  
(NWFPs) network)

**Proposal:** to have a meeting of the wg2 in Portugal, in  
conjunction with one of the events



## Outlook for future activities 2016-2017

Activities: to be defined once there is a show of interest by Members, but could be update information concerning the different NWFP, in relation to “Production”, “Trade”, “Organization” and “Regulation” (lead by members responsible for one specific nwp - questionnaire)  
link with SMForests?



## Interactions

- Need support and interaction with FAO Officers – valuable work done, lots of publications and information, expertise
- Wg 3 and 5