

THE FIFTH MEDITERRANEAN FOREST WEEK



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MEDITERRANEAN FOREST AND LANDSCAPE RESTORATION

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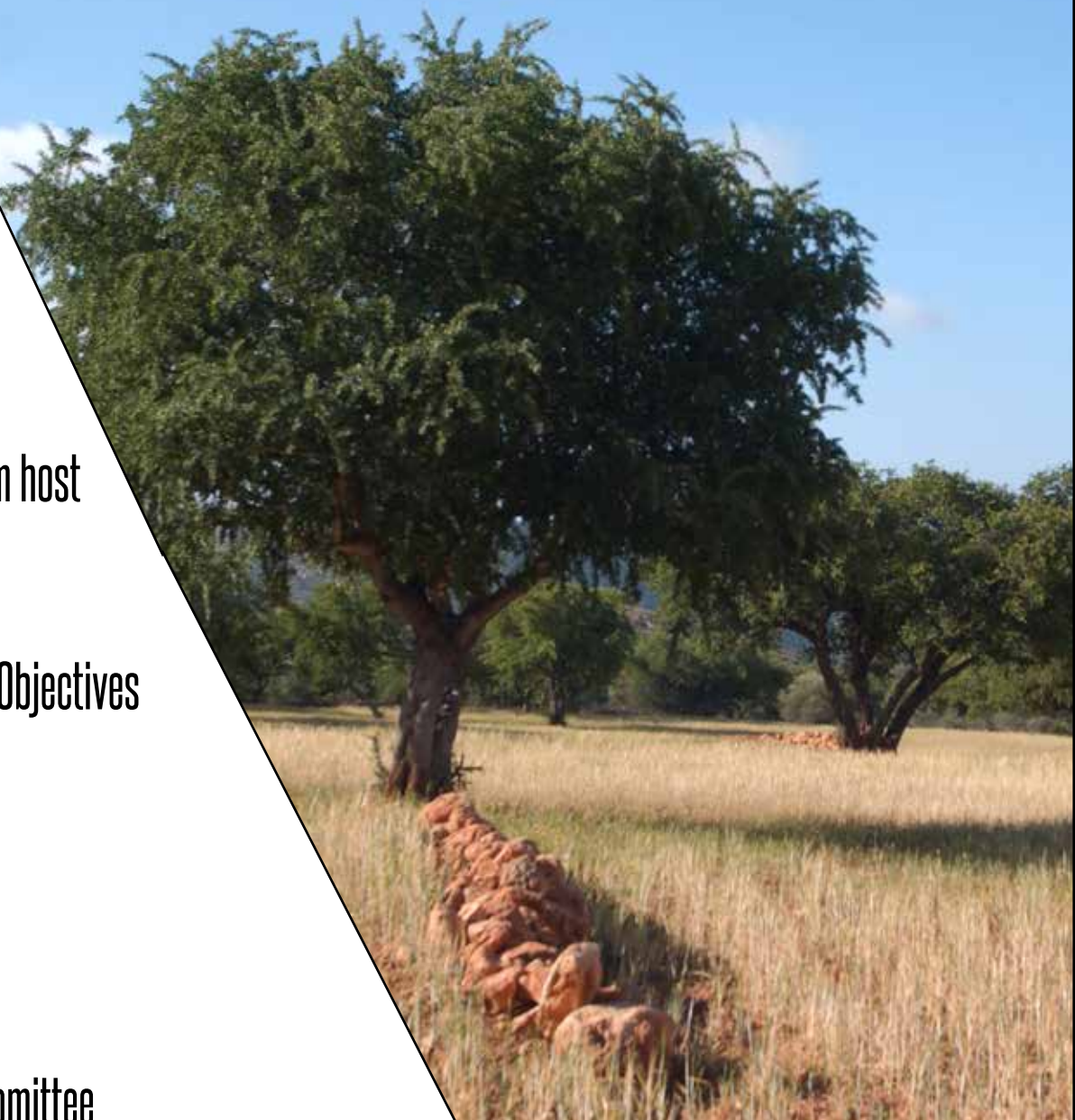




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Message from the host

Morocco, as a part of the Mediterranean region, offers exceptional richness in terms of geographic, climatic and environmental variability. It has developed, over time, a variety of ecosystems placing the Kingdom of Morocco at the forefront in terms of richness within the Mediterranean and North-African region.

This richness is the result of the particular position of the country: at the conjunction between Africa and Europe; the Atlantic and Mediterranean maritime fronts; the presence of mountain chains with numerous peaks surpassing 3,000 meters and the proximity to the Sahara. These factors contribute in shaping its biodiversity.

However, this ecosystem is under multiple pressures. Natural resources are increasingly threatened by human activities, especially by changes in lifestyles. Moreover, climate change strongly affect the Mediterranean region. It is therefore urgent to reinforce regional cooperation (North-South and South-South) through an exchange of experiences and a common design of innovative solutions is crucial in facing these new challenges.

Following this spirit of cooperation, the Mediterranean Forest Week is built as a platform for mutual exchange and dialogue.

The theme for this, fifth Mediterranean Forest Week, is "Mediterranean forests and landscapes of restoration" and Morocco has organized this event in Agadir from 20-24 March 2017. It will raise issues that face, all Mediterranean countries and transcends initiatives and commitments within the framework of the international agenda: the concept of land degradation neutrality, the Bonn challenge, Aichi targets, and climate change resilience based on sustainable land management.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all partners that have supported Mediterranean forest ecosystems. I warmly welcome you all to the Fifth Mediterranean Forest Week (5 MFW) in Morocco.

The High Commissioner for Water, Forests and the Fight against Desertification of Morocco
Abdeladim Lhafi

Location

The venue

The Fifth Mediterranean Forest Week will be held at the Atlantic Palace Hotel Agadir: Secteur Balneaire et Touristique, BP 194, Agadir 80000, Morocco

Participants are responsible for booking their own rooms. A negotiated rate is available at 550+28,60 MAD per night, including breakfast and taxes. To benefit from this, tell the hotel that you are participating in the Fifth Mediterranean Forest Week. Contact the hotel by telephone or by email (+212 528 82 41 46 - a.bouabda@atlanticpalace.com). You can find more information on the website of the hotel: www.atlanticpalace.com.

Agadir

Agadir is a major modern city in the southern part of Morocco. It is of interest primarily because of its location, surrounded by the Anti Atlas, the Sahara Desert

on the Atlantic coast with many national parks, and secluded beaches which are all easily accessible.

How to get there

Agadir's international airport, the Agadir-Al Massira Airport, has direct scheduled flight from major cities in Europe as well as many charter flights arriving from all over Europe. If you are flying from the US, Canada, Asia or elsewhere, you must change planes in Casablanca. An internal flight takes just an hour and prices are competitive. Immigration queues can be very lengthy, often required more than an hour to pass through. Waiting times are longer in the evenings.

Airport-taxi prices average 200 MAD during the day and 300 MAD during the evening after about 20:00 hours. A booked taxi can bring you to and from your hotel at any time, day or night, and costs not more than taking the taxi in the street.



Agenda

	Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24		
09:00-10:30	Registration	SESSION 3 Ceremony International Day of Forests	Field trip	SESSION 8 Monitoring, evaluation of impacts <i>Atlas room (plenary)</i>	High-level segment <i>Atlas room (plenary)</i>		
10:30-11:00	Coffee break			Coffee break			
11:00-13:00	SESSION 1 Opening ceremony <i>Atlas room (plenary)</i>	SESSION 4 State of play, Success stories, Mediterranean restoration baseline <i>Atlas room (plenary)</i>		SESSION 9 Perspectives and obstacles to the funding of restoration <i>Atlas room (plenary)</i>	High-level segment <i>Atlas room (plenary)</i>		
13:00-14:30	Lunch break						
14:30-16:30	SESSION 2 Context, Global initiative and regional dynamics, Evaluation of forest degradation <i>Atlas room (plenary)</i>	SESSION 5 Identification of opportunities for restoration <i>2/3 Atlas room</i>	SESSION 6 Local governance <i>Taj Mahal room</i>	22 nd session Committee Silva Mediterranea <i>2/3 Atlas room</i>	SESSION 7 Scientific session <i>Taj Mahal room</i>	SESSION 9 Perspectives and obstacles to the funding of restoration <i>Atlas room (plenary)</i>	Posters will be displayed throughout the week in the coffee break area
16:30-17:00	Coffee break						
17:00-18:30	CBD training session <i>Atlas room (plenary)</i> IBP side-event <i>Mamounia room</i> CPMF side-event <i>Taj Mahal room</i>	CBD training session <i>Taj Mahal room</i> Forest health side-event <i>Mamounia room</i> MEDFORVAL side-event <i>2/3 Atlas room</i> BeWater side-event <i>1/3 Atlas room</i>	22 nd session of Silva Mediterranea <i>2/3 Atlas room</i> Great Green Wall side-event <i>Mamounia room</i>	SESSION 7 Scientific session <i>Taj Mahal room</i> Communica- tion side-event <i>1/3 Atlas room</i>	SESSION 9 Perspectives and obstacles to the funding of restoration <i>Atlas room (plenary)</i>		
				Gala Dinner <i>Hotel Sofitel Agadir</i>			

Quercus suber native to southwest Europe and northwest Africa grows to up to 20 m. Cork oaks live about 150 to 250 years. Virgin cork is the first cork cut from trees that are generally 25 years old. Another 9 to 12 years is required for the second harvest, and a tree can be harvested about twelve times in its lifetime.

Background and objectives

Towards an enhanced regional cooperation to restore Mediterranean landscapes: improving resilience for the benefit of people and the environment.

The Mediterranean Forest Week (MFW) brings together a diverse set of actors to participate in one of the most vital fora on Mediterranean forests today. The biennial event facilitates cooperation amongst the research community, policy-makers and other relevant stakeholders by providing a common regional platform for dialogue.

The event also promotes the relevance of Mediterranean forests globally and calls attention to the specific challenges these forests face. Participants include forest administrators, the scientific and academic community, the private sector, donors, civil society, environmental agencies and non-governmental organizations.

This year, Morocco will host the fifth MFW, which will focus on the restoration of Mediterranean forests and landscapes. The event will promote forest and landscape restoration as essential to the ongoing initiatives of the Rio Conventions and will call for an ambitious action agenda in the field that mobilizes technical and financial partners across the Mediterranean.

The fifth MFW will advance a new approach to forest restoration that encourages cross-sectoral cooperation by working with local actors to foster productive and multifunctioning landscapes that will increase economic, social and environmental benefits. This approach promotes synergies between the three Rio Conventions

on climate change, biodiversity and desertification - and thereby contributes to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Objectives of the fifth MFW include:

- Strengthen exchanges and synergies between global stakeholders in the restoration of Mediterranean forests and landscapes.
- Help achieve SDG 15 - Life on Land - especially target 15.3, by supporting efforts to restore degraded lands in the Mediterranean region.
- To contribute to Aichi target 15 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) by facilitating the conservation and restoration of biodiversity in Mediterranean forest ecosystems.
- Facilitate the mitigation and adaptation of Mediterranean forest landscapes to climate change, as well as achieving non-carbon benefits in order to support the implementation of Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) as part of Article 5 of the Paris Agreement.
- Reach land degradation neutrality goals set by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) by actively promoting forest restoration.

Mediterranean forest and landscape restoration



Opening Ceremony

20 March 2017
11:00 - 13:00

Context

According to the Global Partnership on Forest and Landscape Restoration (GPFLR), forest and landscape restoration (FLR) is an active process that brings people together to identify, negotiate and implement sound practices. These help to restore an agreed, optimal balance of the ecological, social and economic benefits of forest and trees within a broader pattern of land use in the Mediterranean area.

The need to address land degradation was identified during the third Mediterranean Forest Week, leading to the launch of the Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests (SFMF) which calls for restoration of “degraded Mediterranean forest landscapes”, promotion of restoration as a way to improve resilience, food security and livelihoods and enhancement of environmental

and cultural services while managing, monitoring and evaluating restored forest ecosystems. In this context, and after the success of previous Mediterranean Forest Weeks, Morocco is hosting this fifth edition focused on the restoration of Mediterranean forests and landscapes. The event opens with welcoming remarks and three background presentations that will address global FLR issues, the global context, scientific issues and particular issues for the Mediterranean region:

- Global context. Presentation focused on the Bonn Challenge.
- Scientific context. Presentation focused on definitions/ concepts of FLR and key knowledge gaps with a scientific perspective from the Society of Ecological Restoration.

- Regional context. Presentation focused on the Mediterranean political process (Union for the Mediterranean) and its existing sectoral land use strategies/policies in the region, to highlight how FLR can contribute to the related strategies/policies.

5 MFW with the welcome remarks of the President of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions – *Silva Mediterranea*. This session will also allow to inform participants on the global, regional and scientific contexts of Forest and Landscape Restoration.

Objective

The objective of this opening ceremony will be to welcome participants and to give an overview of the

Time	Content	Speakers
11:00	Welcome address by the host country representative	(HCEFLCD - Morocco)
11:10	Welcome address by the Chair of <i>Silva Mediterranea</i>	İsmail Belen (Turkey)
11:20	Welcome address by the Ambassador of the EU	Ambassador of the EU (Morocco)
Background presentations		
11:30	Presentation of the outcomes of the CBD COP13 and perspectives on ecosystem conservation and restoration	Catalina Santamaria (CBD)
11:50	Presentation of the Bonn Challenge	Horst Freiberg (BMU, Germany)
12:10	Presentation on the scientific background on FLR	James Aronson (Missouri Botanical Garden/SER)
12:30	Presentation on the Mediterranean context and its political process: the Union for the Mediterranean	Alessandra Sensi (Union for the Mediterranean)
12:50	Discussion (Q/A)	

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Session 2



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20 March 2017
14:30 - 16:30

Context, global initiatives and regional dynamics Evaluation of forest degradation FAO - HCEFLCD

Context

According to the UNCCD, the term “land degradation” refers to any reduction or loss in the biological or economic productive capacity of the land resource base. Continued landscape degradation poses serious obstacles to eliminating poverty and hunger, maintaining biodiversity and to the ability of farmers and local communities to adapt to the impacts of climate change. This process of land degradation is also increasing competition for scarce natural resources and therefore, threatens livelihoods, food, water and energy security as well as the resilience of both people and natural ecosystems.

In the Mediterranean region, land degradation is mainly caused by rapid land-use changes (e.g. urbanization, over-grazing, wild fires, poor management). This occurs in the context of climate change which exacerbates the effects of these changes through increasingly frequent heat waves, droughts, and an overall temperature rise. Drylands cover 73 percent of the Mediterranean biome in the Mediterranean Basin, of which 52 percent corresponds to semi-arid Mediterranean drylands. Further, estimates suggest that some areas classified as semi-arid drylands are now affected by desertification processes.

To reduce the effects of climate change and land degradation, several international agreements, initiatives and commitments by countries have aimed reduce degradation and to promote restoration and sustainable land management. Examples of these initiatives include the Sustainable Development Goals, the Aichi Biodiversity

Targets, Nationally Determined Contributions, New York Declaration on Forests, Land Degradation Neutrality, the Bonn Challenge and its regional initiatives including Initiative 20x20 or AFR100, and the African Union Great Green Wall for the Sahara and the Sahel.

Momentum is building around national activities regarding forest and landscape restoration, and heading towards a regional commitment at the Mediterranean level. In the context of regional restoration initiatives in the Mediterranean, “The Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests: Policy orientations for integrated management of forest ecosystems in Mediterranean landscapes” was presented during the third Mediterranean Forest Week held in Tlemcen, Algeria in 2013. It urges restoration of “degraded Mediterranean forest landscapes” with the following results expected:

- Resilience to climate change is enhanced by restoring Mediterranean forest ecosystems with a global vision to cope with desertification issues.
- Forest ecosystems restoration is promoted as an opportunity to enhance food security and livelihood in Mediterranean drylands
- Environmental and cultural services (including biodiversity) are regained in these restored forest ecosystems.
- Forest restoration is considered long term and with integrated approaches, restored forest ecosystems are managed, monitored and evaluated.

Objective

This session aims to set the Mediterranean scene within the context of both international commitments and regional initiatives focused on the Mediterranean region. The session will also acknowledge how Forest and Landscape Restoration (FLR) can contribute to achieving international targets in the context of the Rio Conventions. Building on current efforts in the region, the aim is to find opportunities for “regionalization” of the Bonn Challenge

in the Mediterranean and to identify the value for countries to be part of a regional initiative.

It will be also the opportunity to show the results of the Global Drylands Assessment in the Mediterranean region; and measure SFMF implementation and results against recommendations proposed during the third MFW – that is, the call for restoration of “degraded Mediterranean forest landscapes”.

Chair

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Rapporteur

Ms. Valentina Garavaglia
Forest expert
Silva Mediterranea Secretariat - FAO

Time	Content	Speakers
14:30	Brief presentation of the session and speakers	Horst Freiberg (BMU – Germany)
First part – Contribution of FLR to global targets in the context of the Rio Conventions		
14:35	Perspective from CBD Secretariat on the contribution of FLR to Global Biodiversity Targets (Aichi Targets 14 - 15)	Blaise Bodin (Convention on Biological Diversity CBD)
14:50	Perspective from The Global Mechanism / UNCCD Secretariat on the contribution of FLR to the Land Degradation Neutrality Targets	Ludwig Liagre (GM, UNCCD)
15:05	Perspective from the UNFCCC on the contribution of FLR to the Paris Agreement (NDCs) building up on the last COP22 Marrakesh	Abderrahim Houmy (HCEFLCD – Morocco)
15:20	Discussion	
Second part – Regional dynamics and situation of FLR in the Mediterranean		
15:30	Presentation of the Global Partnership on Forest and Landscape Restoration (GPFLR) and current regionalization dynamic of FLR in the context of the Bonn Challenge	Peter Besseau (GPFLR)
15:45	Regional dynamic on FLR in the Mediterranean – SFMF and Silva Mediterranea working group “Desertification and restoration of Mediterranean drylands”; and scientific perspective on FLR in the Mediterranean region	Nicolas Picard (FAO Silva Mediterranea) /Inazio Martínez de Arano (EFIMED)
16:00	Assessment of degradation in the Mediterranean based on the data from the Global Drylands Assessment	Pablo Martín (Universidad Politécnica Madrid)
16:15	Discussion – Q/A	
16:25	Conclusions – closing remarks	Valentina Garavaglia (FAO Silva Mediterranea)

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Session 4



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21 March 2017
11:00 - 13:00

State of play: Success stories; Mediterranean restoration baseline AIFM - Plan Bleu - FAO - CTCF

Context

This MFW aims to develop a restoration approach involving intersectoral coordination. That, in turn, will aim to promote productive and multifunctional territories with a negotiated balance with local actors in terms of delivering economic, social and environmental benefits. This vision of Forests and Landscapes Restoration (FLR), now internationally recognized, helps to promote synergies between the three Rio conventions and contributes to the Sustainable Development Goals. The central question of this 5 MFW is therefore: how can efforts to restore Mediterranean forests and landscapes contribute to achieving global objectives around these issues?

This MFW will promote the theme of restoration at the Mediterranean scale; unity around forest initiatives in line with the Rio conventions; implement initiatives through ambitious actions on the ground while collectively mobilizing technical and financial partners in the Mediterranean region.

Objectives

During this, the second plenary session of the week, will focus on the status of restoration in the Mediterranean, examining regional activities that illustrate the main principles presented at the first session. This session will include concrete examples of restoration initiatives, successful or not.

Part 1: restoration state of play - an overview of the Mediterranean situation

Based on the work of FAO Forestry's Drylands team, this session will provide an overview of restoration in the Mediterranean and highlight the tools, needs and possible gaps.

It will also be an opportunity to present work now underway or foreseen for the near future by Working Group 8 of the Silva Mediterranea Committee, named "Desertification and Restoration of the Mediterranean Drylands".

Part 2: examples of recent or ongoing restoration initiatives

The second part of the session will present practical examples of restoration initiatives recently completed or still in progress.

These will include both successful examples (dissemination of good practices) and others that have not worked (identification of difficulties, and potential solutions). A synthesis will identify priorities and paths for future action.

Chair

Mr. Jean Stephan
Assistant professor
University of Lebanon

Rapporteur

Ms. Nelly Bourlion
Program Officer
Plan Bleu

Time	Content	Speakers
11:00	Introduction: context, objectives and session program	Jean Stephan (University of Lebanon -AIFM)
First part – Restoration state of play: an overview of the Mediterranean situation and future actions		
11:05	Presentation of FAO synthesis work: forest and landscape restoration in the Mediterranean	Nora Berrahmouni (FAO Dryland forestry)
11:15	Working Group 8 of the Silva Mediterranea Committee: "Desertification and Restoration of the Mediterranean Drylands"	Özlem Yavuz (Turkey)
11:25	Questions, discussion	Jean Stephan (AIFM)
Second part – Examples of recent or ongoing restoration initiatives – success stories		
11:35	Restoration of Shouf biosphere reserve: planning, funding & results	Nizar Hani (SBR)
11:45	After fire restoration: the French experience	Yvon Duche (ONF - France)
12:00	Fight against desertification and green barrage in Algeria	Nedjma Rahmani (Algeria)
12:15	Spain's experience in forest landscapes restoration: history, innovations and current techniques	Francisco Martinez (Sylvestris Spain)
12:30	Questions, discussion	Jean Stephan (AIFM)
12:50	Session synthesis: priorities and future actions	Nelly Bourlion (Plan Bleu)

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Session 5



21 March 2017
14:30 - 16:30

Identification of restoration opportunities (methods and practical cases) FAO - IUCN MED

Context

Significant ecosystem degradation has been occurring around the world, with negative impacts on biological diversity and livelihoods. This triggers calls for restoration efforts alongside work to conserve biological diversity through protection of critical areas. Alternatively, as stated by the Society for Ecological Restoration (SER), “ecological restoration can enhance biodiversity outcomes as well as improve human well-being in degraded landscapes.”

There is great potential in making ecological restoration a key element of ecosystem management. Successful ecological restoration should:

- improve biodiversity conservation
- improve human livelihoods
- empower local people
- improve ecosystem productivity

Ecological restoration could be an important component of conservation and sustainable development programmes throughout the world, valued for its inherent capacity to repair ecological damage. In many instances, ecological restoration has also helped to renew economic opportunities, rejuvenate traditional cultural practices and refocus the aspirations of local communities.

Forest and landscape degradation in the Mediterranean is having a powerful impact on the regions forests, which represent a source of income through tourism and provide goods and services such as fuelwood and food. This degradation is mainly caused by abrupt land use changes and poor management of natural resources, made worse by climate change and resulting in biodiversity loss, increased poverty and the risk of desertification.

More than two billion hectares (ha) of forests worldwide could be candidates for restoration, according to the Atlas of Forest and Landscape Restoration Opportunities developed by the World Resources Institute (WRI) (Minneneyer et al. 2011). That includes the Mediterranean basin as a candidate for restoration.

Objectives

This session aims to identify opportunities for ecological restoration, improved biodiversity conservation and improving livelihoods.

Chair

Mr. Marcos Valderrábano
Ecosystem Program Coordinator
IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation

Rapporteur

Ms. Carolina Gallo Granizo
Forest expert
Forest and Landscape Restoration Mechanism - FAO

Time	Content	Speakers
14:30	Presentation of the session and speakers and brief introduction to the topic	Marcos Valderrábano (IUCN)
14:35	State of the art of ecological restoration in the Mediterranean (challenges and opportunities)	Jordi Cortina (Universidad de Alicante)
14:50	Short term action plan on ecosystem restoration	Catalina Santamaria (CBD)
15:10	Presentation of ROAM (Restoration Opportunities Assessment Methodology)	Mirjam Kuzee (IUCN)
15:30	Potential Biodiversity Index	Laurent Larrieu (INRA - France) Pierre Gonin (Centre National de la Propriété Forestière - France)
15:50	Think Globally, act locally. A successful example of restoration in Mediterranean ecosystems outside the Mediterranean Region	Tiziana Ulian (Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew)
16:10	Question - Debate: What are the challenges of landscape restoration in the Mediterranean?	Invited experts + participants
16:20	Conclusions & closure of the session	Marcos Valderrábano (IUCN)

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Session 6



21 March 2017
14:30 - 16:30

Restoration state of play in the Mediterranean: focus on local governance, issues, methods & concrete cases AIFM - Plan Bleu

Context

The 5 MFW envisions a restoration approach that requires intersectoral coordination to promote productive and multifunctional territories, including an optimal and negotiated balance with local actors in terms of delivering economic, social and environmental benefits.

This vision of Forests and Landscapes Restoration (FLR), now internationally recognized, helps to promote synergies between the three Rio conventions and to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals. The central question of this 5 MFW will therefore be: how can efforts to restore Mediterranean forests and landscapes contribute to achieving global objectives on these issues?

The 5 MFW will aim to promote the theme of restoration at the regional scale, to unite around initiatives in line with the Rio conventions and to realize these initiatives through an agenda of ambitious actions on the ground and collectively mobilizing all the technical and financial partners of the countries in the region.

Objectives

Governance is “the exercise of economic, political and administrative authority to manage a country’s affairs at all levels. It comprises the mechanisms, processes and institutions, through which citizens and groups articulate their interests, exercise their legal rights, meet their obligations and mediate their differences,” says the United Nations Development Programme (cited in Plan Bleu, 2014).

This session is devoted to local governance, an integral part of the restoration state of play in the Mediterranean. It provides examples of successful cases of Mediterranean forest and landscapes restoration initiatives that have addressed issues of governance during their implementation, with a view to disseminating good practices while identifying possible difficulties and possible solutions.

Chair

Mr. Alain Chaudron
Member of the Board and Treasurer
International Association for Mediterranean Forests

Rapporteur

Ms. Marine Lovero
Executive assistant and project leader
International Association for Mediterranean Forests

Time	Content	Speakers
14:30	Introduction: context, objectives and session program	Alain Chaudron (AIFM)
14:35	Local governance: issues at stake and methods	Nelly Bourlion (Plan Bleu)
14:55	Forest restoration and participatory management by civil society in a communal forest in Spain	David Solano (CTFC)
15:10	Building-up a participatory governance framework for the sustainable development of forests and rural territories in Lebanon	Patricia Sfeir (SEEDS-international)
15:25	Questions, discussion	Alain Chaudron (AIFM)
15:45	Management of climate forest risks in Morocco	Mohamed Endichi (HCEFLCD – Morocco)
16:20	Questions, discussion	Alain Chaudron (AIFM)
16:25	Session synthesis: priorities and future actions	Marine Lovero (AIFM)

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Session 7



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22 March 2017
14:30 - 16:30

Restoring sustainable forest value chains EFIMED - GPFLR

Context

For over a century, economic growth has been based on fossil fuels and an accelerated consumption of non-renewable resources, including land degradation and sealing. Trade-offs have dominated the relationships between development and ecosystem functioning, between livelihoods and nature conservation.

However, as society begins to consider nature-based solutions and bio-based materials, awareness is growing of the need for a new paradigm to replace the approach of trade-offs. We see that human development must be compatible with sustainable management of natural resources and healthy ecosystem functioning.

Synergies between human development and nature conservation must be identified and enhanced. Mediterranean forested landscapes are social-ecological systems. Forest restoration cannot be successful unless both the ecological and the social aspects of ecosystem functioning are restored. This demands not only stakeholder engagement in ecological restoration efforts but a new focus on the restoration of sustainable value chains based on healthy ecosystems.

Developing sustainable value chains for wood, non-wood forest products, agroforestry and ecosystems services could be crucial to long-term restoration and management of Mediterranean forests. This will only be

possible if we unleash the innovative potential of local, rural and urban populations to establish new production and consumption patterns.

This session will aim to achieve a common understanding of the socio-economic dimensions of forest restoration, to share some key initiatives aimed at fostering innovation and entrepreneurship in Mediterranean forestry and to advance on a shared vision of how to involve stakeholders in long-term self-sustaining restoration efforts.

Objectives

The objectives of this session include:

- exchange views on successful approaches to stakeholder engagement and the role of green-value chains in forest restorations
- draw inspiration from relevant experiences in green entrepreneurship
- discuss mobilization of the restoration research community towards innovation and green economy.

Chair

Mr. Inazio Martinez de Arano
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Rapporteur

Ms. Christine Farcy
Professor
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Time	Content	Speakers
14:30	Objectives of the session	Inazio Martinez de Arano (EFIMED)
14:35	Keynote	James Aronson (Missouri Botanical Garden/SER)
14:50	Inspiring examples on entrepreneurships and land restorations	Jaime Coello (CTFC) Alfredo Sendim (Herdade Freixo do Meio)
15:40	Round table: Promoting entrepreneurships in Mediterranean forests	Mustapha Chehhar (Crédit Agricole du Maroc) Florence Laloe (ONFi France)
16:25	Closing remarks and conclusions	Inazio Martinez de Arano (EFIMED)

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23 March 2017
09:00 - 11:00

Monitoring and evaluation of impacts FAO - GPFLR

Context

In the context of several international and regional restoration commitments -- the Bonn Challenge, Initiative 20x20, AFR100, the African Union Great Green Wall for the Sahara and the Sahel Initiative -- monitoring and evaluation of Forest and Landscape Restoration (FLR) is crucial to assess the effectiveness of FLR efforts and to identify possible challenges and opportunities, and determining if adjustments to the programmes are needed.

To ensure global restoration momentum brings enduring results, FLR interventions at large scale and major investments are needed. Monitoring FLR will play a critical role to:

- Support implementation of FLR interventions at all scales and provide feedback for adaptive management and learning;
- Provide evidence of progress, achievements and impact in relation to expectations and targets;
- Communicate results and outcomes to keep the momentum going and inspire emulation;
- Support reporting to FLR investors (government, private sector, donors, smallholders); foster additional investments by projecting ability to oversee FLR investments;

- Support reporting on national, regional and international commitments.

It is expected from the session to achieve a common understanding of needs and challenges regarding monitoring and evaluation of FLR, as well as of the relevant indicators and frameworks where it can be included.

To facilitate monitoring and evaluation of FLR at regional scale, key actions to be implemented will be identified during the session.

Objectives

The objectives of the session will be:

- Exchange ideas about the needs and challenges regarding monitoring and evaluation of Forest and Landscape Restoration (FLR) through concrete study cases.
- Discuss the relevant indicators and frameworks where the monitoring and evaluation of FLR can be included, such as the Sustainable Development Goals (in particular target 15.3) and the FLR collaborative roadmap.

Chair

Mr. Fred Stolle
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World Resources Institute (WRI)

Rapporteur

Mr. James Aronson
Researcher - Restoration Ecology
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Missouri Botanical Garden

Time	Content	Speakers
09:00	Context and objectives of FLR monitoring and evaluation	Fred Stolle (WRI)
09:10	Join efforts for FLR monitoring and evaluation: collaborative roadmap	Christophe Besacier (FAO FLRM)
Existing monitoring tools for FLR		
09:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovative technologies – Collect Earth-Google Earth Engine • Country case of Drylands Assessment 	Kamel Aloui (DGF – Tunisia)
09:40	Monitoring FLR – The Drylands Restoration Initiative Platform	Nora Berrahmouni (FAO Dryland forestry)
09:55	Land Cover Mapping and Local Survey Network – natural resources monitoring tools, at mapping and ground levels	Nabil Ben Khatra (Observatoire du Sahara et Sahel)
Emerging issues at national and landscape level		
10:05	PAN LCD: From the spatialization of the problem to the operationalization of the monitoring and evaluation systems Case of the homogeneous zone of the Arganeraie/Souss-Massa region	Rochdi Ouchna (HCEFLCD – Morocco)
10:20	Example of a pilot country for LDN target setting – the case of Algeria	Zohra Ghazi (DGF Algeria)
10:35	Online database of monitoring tools contained in the knowledge platform of the FLR Mechanism	Carolina Gallo (FAO FLRM)
10:45	Q/A – Discussion: towards better FLR monitoring systems in the Mediterranean region	Invited experts + participants
10:55	Closing remarks and take home messages	James Aronson (Missouri Botanical Garden/SER)

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Session 9



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11:30 - 18:30

Challenges and opportunities for sustainable financing of forest and landscape restoration

Global Mechanism of the UNCCD - FAO - AIFM - Plan Bleu

Context

A 2015 study by FAO and the Global Mechanism of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification found that US\$ 300 billion will be needed annually to achieve the land-degradation neutrality (LDN) 2030 Sustainable Development Goal as well as others, including the Bonn Challenge, New York Declaration on Forests and Aichi 15.

Obtaining the necessary levels of private-sector finance will therefore be crucial, and predicated on several factors, including: creating an enabling environment for successful investments; developing investment cases; compiling FLR and LDN investment profitability data; mitigating financial and institutional risks; and promoting marketplaces for FLR and LDN. The success of sustainable FLR and LDN development will be determined in large part by the ability of countries, partners and international agencies to mobilize private-sector finance. It will entail systemic fostering of inclusive FLR and LDN stakeholder dialogues, and sharing lessons learned as well as information on effective financing mechanism practices and gaps and challenges. Opportunities to promote synergies between different financing approaches must also be seized.

While forest and landscape restoration efforts are critical for building an inclusive green economy in the Mediterranean region, more investments and means of implementation are needed. Successful initiatives are ongoing and lessons learned must be shared in the region. As new opportunities emerge, (e.g. on climate-change and LDN finance) it will be important to build a relevant strategy related to creating an enabling environment for increased investments in FLR.

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Objectives

- Sharing lessons learned and good practices on FLR financing innovations from the Mediterranean region and beyond;
- Identifying risks and barriers limiting FLR financing and proposing risk mitigation solutions;
- Presenting and discussing emerging financing opportunities from climate and LDN finance;
- Specifying the key elements of a financing strategy for a possible Mediterranean Restoration Initiative.

Chair Sub-session 1

Mr. David Solano
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Chair Sub-session 2

Mr. Horst Freiberg
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Time	Content	Speakers
11:30	Presentation of the session and brief introduction to the topic	Carole S. Laurent (IUCN)
11:40	Forest financing mechanisms and approaches in the Mediterranean region: a state of the art	Ludwig Liagre (GM) /Elena Gorris (EFIMED)
Sub-session 1: Diversity of existing Public Private Partnerships for Forest Finance in the Mediterranean		
11:50	Floresta Atlântica Fund in Portugal: Partnership between Forestry and Agriculture for Sustainable Landscape Finance	Carla Wadewitz (BBI & Católica Lisbon School of Business & Economics)
12:00	FLR Financing in Lebanon: Funding Mechanisms innovations under the 40 Million Trees Programme	Chadi Mohanna (MoA Lebanon)
12:10	Crowdfunding for forest and landscape restoration: case of the Mirlo Positive Nature Initiative in Spain	Yeray Martinez (Mirlo)
12:20	Partnership for Moroccan Forests: case of the Green Bank Card	Amal El Malouani (Crédit Agricole du Maroc)
12:30	Facilitated discussion on the solid public private partnerships and implication of the civil society for sustainable forest financing	Carole S. Laurent (IUCN) + participants
Lunch break 12:45-14:15		
Sub-session 2: Climate Finance Opportunities for Forest and Landscape Restoration: seizing adaptation and mitigation potential of Mediterranean Forests		
14:15	Mobilizing climate finance for forests in MENA: lessons learned and experience from the World Bank	Benoit Blarel (World Bank)
14:25	Climate financing opportunities from the EU cooperation for Med. forests	Didier Nils (EU delegation)
14:35	REDD+ opportunities for MENA countries: taking stock of regional FFEM project outputs	Florence Laloé (ONFi)
14:45	Agri-culture development project in Morocco: GCF funding through the Agricultural Development Agency and the National Agency for Oasis and Argane Areas Development	Abderrahmane Aitlhaj (ANDZOA)
14:55	Facilitated discussion on the opportunities from climate finance and way forward in MENA	Horst Freiberg + participants
Sub-session 3: 'Land Degradation Neutrality' Finance: where do we stand in the Mediterranean region?		
15:30	LDN Fund: Financing approach and Opportunities for the MENA region: An Investment Case in Morocco	Boris Spassky (Mirova-LDN Fund)
15:50	LDN Flagship Value Chain and Business Perspectives: Cork Oak Forest Restoration	Francisco Carvalho (Amorim)
16:00	LDN Flagship Value Chain and Business Perspectives: Argan Development and Design of a Consortium of Argan Oil Producers	Abderrahim Ait El Fakir (Consortium of Argane Oil Producers)
16:10	Support to countries for climate and LDN finance mobilization towards FLR and LDN transformational projects	Christophe Besacier (FAO)/Ludwig Liagre(GM)
16:25	Facilitated discussion on the opportunities offered by the LDN Fund Project	
Coffee break 16:45-17:00		
High-level session: Towards a financing strategy and alliance for forest and landscape restoration		
17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which are the FLR financing priorities for Mediterranean countries? Which funding sources seem more relevant in the Mediterranean context? • How state actors can facilitate the design of bankable projects and promote an enabling environment for private sector investments? • Which would be the key elements of a financing strategy for forest and landscape restoration in the Mediterranean region? 	

Field Trip

Two sites will be visited during the trip that will begin at the Souss Massa National Park to discover the Rokein footpath, an enclosure with Saharian fauna within a stand of Argan trees (dominant species) and *Eucalyptus* (used for sand dune fixation). This site shows the potential of local development based on the valorization of natural resources. Then, an Argan tree restoration area west of Agadir will be visited to observe the restoration efforts of the Argan tree ecosystem. A cooperative will present products supplied by this endemic ecosystem of Morocco.

Souss Massa National Park includes an area of 33, 800 ha between the Souss wadi (Agadir) to the north and Sidi Moussa Aglou (Tiznit) to the south. This coastal strip of land runs 65 km long and averages 5 km in width. A zoning development plan was established after potential of the different areas was evaluated, including socio-economic constraints and land tenure. The following are intended objectives of the park:

- conservation and restoration of habitats and species
- land restoration
- improvement of rural livelihoods
- accommodation, education, public awareness

Its tourist attractions have created a natural space with enormous potential for the development of ecotourism and recreation. The field trip will offer a taste of the richness of the area and showcase efforts by the High Commissariat for Water and Forests and Desertification in managing and developing protected areas in Morocco. Indeed, this 2km nature trail will grant instructive insight on crucial themes such as rehabilitation of Sahelian-Saharan fauna, sand dune fixation and valorization of sustainable regional value chains.

Souss Massa National Park is encompassed by the Arganeraie Biosphere Reserve which was established in December 1998

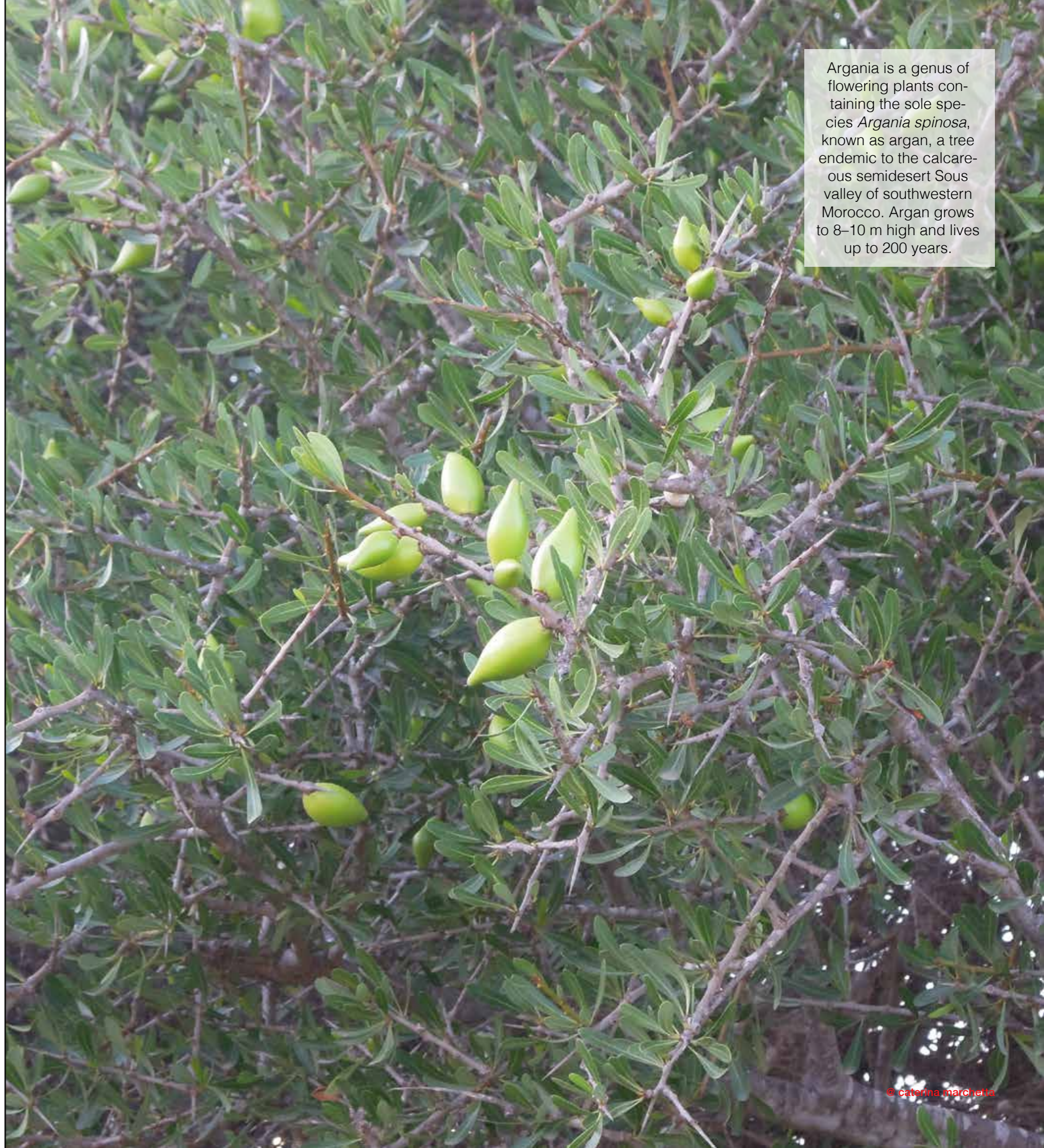
as the first UNESCO Biosphere Reserve of Morocco. Argan (*Argania Spinosa* L.Skeels) is one of the most remarkable essences of Moroccan forest landscapes.

Argan ecosystems are home to one of the most peculiar agroforestry systems in the North African region. However Argan ecosystems, especially if located in plains, are subject to intense anthropic pressure caused mainly by the expansion of intensive agricultural systems. This has expanded at the expense of Argan ecosystems which have suffered both spatial and structural regression.

Argania Spinosa ecosystems are now completely degraded in all aspects of biodiversity. In addition, increasing temperatures exacerbate the process of degradation characterized by (i) decreasing plant cover, (ii) loss of physical-chemical and biological properties in soils, (iii) the complete absence of natural regeneration. Open-field trials on regeneration of Argan ecosystems are currently taking place to test the effects of innovative treatment techniques on Argan seeds. These techniques include mycorrhization, fertilization using bio composts, and monitoring soil humidity with telemetry.

The Argan tree is dependent on mycorrhizal fungi in facing nutritional deficiencies, soil structure disruption and other environmental stress. Bio compost fertilization enables the reduction of bulk soil density, the improvement of soil water retention, improvement of aggregate stability and the development of biochemical activities. Remote sensing of humidity at soil level using capacitive probes enable the optimization of Argan irrigation. *Argania* is a genus of flowering plants containing the sole species *Argania spinosa*, known as argan, a tree endemic to the calcareous semidesert Sous valley of southwestern Morocco. Argan grows to 8–10 m high and lives up to 200 years.

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Speakers

Kamel Aloui



Mr. Aloui is head of the Inventory and Evaluation department for the General Directorate of Forestry

for the Government of Tunisia. Kamel is responsible for the collection and analysis of data through Collect Earth, and thanks to Collect Earth, Tunisia's first national forest inventory was carried out in 2014. As a member of the operational team for the evaluation and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions, he is responsible for the preparation of the national reporting on the evaluation of global forestry resources. Kamel Aloui graduated from the National Forest Engineering College (ENFI) in Morocco and has a Masters degree from the National Agronomy Institute of Tunis (INAT).

James Aronson



Mr. Aronson is a restoration ecologist who spent 24 years as a researcher at the Centre d'Ecologie Fonctionnelle

et Evolutive, Montpellier, France, and is now a senior scientist at the Center for Conservation and Sustainable Development, Missouri Botanical Garden, in the United States. His work aims to advance science, technology, and mainstreaming of ecological restoration in landscape planning, management, and conservation. He has published many books and articles on ecological restoration and restoring natural capital. He is Representative-at-Large of the Society for Ecological Restoration, Editor of the book series Science and Practice of Ecological Restoration (SER), co-founder of the Restoring Natural Capital Alliance, and co-director of Africa's Search for Sound Economic Trajectories.

Ismail Belen



Mr. Belen is a Forest Engineer with two Master Degrees: Natural Resources and Public

Management. He attended several international programmes including Senior Managers in Government of Harvard University. In Turkey, he worked in the field as a Forest Ranger for almost ten years before becoming Head of Department, DDG and Chief of the Cabinet to the Minister. The At international level he worked for several projects at Europe, Central Asia, Middle East and Africa. He has been involved with FAO, UNFF, Forest Europe, UNCDD, UNFCCC, UNECE negotiations as part of Turkish Delegation. He worked as the Vice Chair of European Forestry Commission and UNECE Timber Committee. Since 2012, he has been the Chair of Silva Mediterranea.

Peter Besseau



Peter Besseau last year completed his ten-year tenure as Director of International Affairs for the Canadian

Forest Service and fourteen years as Executive Director of the International Model Forest Network. He continues to work with the CFS as Special Advisor to the Director General and, among other duties, is the current Chair of the Bureau of UNFF12 and Chair of the Global Partnership on Forest and Landscape Restoration. Peter has over 25 years of international forest program and policy experience in Asia, Latin America, Africa, and Russia. He holds an undergraduate degree in Russian language and literature and a postgraduate degree in Political Economy.

Benoit Blarel



Mr. Blarel, graduated from IESEG in 1980, and completed his Ph.D. in Natural Resource Economics from the

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Nelly Bourlion



Ms. Bourlion graduated as an agricultural engineer, has also a MSc. in Economy from the South Dakota State

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Nabil Ben Khadra



Mr. Ben Khadra is an agricultural engineer and GIS-RS specialist with 23 years of experience with

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Nora Berrahmouni



Ms. Berrahmouni is an expert in Forest Ecology and the Forestry Officer for Drylands at FAO. She has over

15 years of experience in capacity development, dryland restoration and management. She has been supporting restoration forestry projects in different dryland regions including the Mediterranean and has coordinated and co-published papers and guidelines on the subject. Her main interest is on sustainable management, restoration and monitoring of dryland forests and agrosilvopastoral systems for food security and resilience and adaptation to climate change. Nora contributes actively to the Silva Mediterranea working group on "[Desertification and Restoration in Mediterranean Drylands](#)".

Christophe Besacier



Mr. Besacier graduated as an agronomist engineer specialized in rural development in 1990 from Ecole

Nationale Supérieure Agronomique of Toulouse. He also obtained his Master degree on Tropical Agriculture in 1991. He has joined the Forest and Landscape Restoration Mechanism group at FAO as Forestry Officer in 2015 (www.fao.org/in-action/forest-landscape-restoration-mechanism). From 2000 to 2004 he was regional advisor for the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Sahel region and for the Congo Basin region from 2004 to 2009. He was in charge of the Secretariat of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-Silva Mediterranea at FAO from 2009 to 2015.

Alain Chaudron



Mr. Chaudron is honorary general engineer of civil works, waters and forests and is a member of

the [International Association for Mediterranean Forests](#) (AIFM) Executive committee. This nongovernmental association representing civil society facilitates exchanges between all those involved in Mediterranean natural and forest areas through networking. AIFM is a member of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests (CPMF) and of the organizing committee of the 5 MFW. Previously, Mr. Chaudron was, among others, responsible for international forestry affairs at the French Ministry of Agriculture, in charge of forests. In this capacity, he contributed to the renewal of Silva Mediterranea activities and the birth of the CPMF.

Mustapha Chehhar



Mr. Chehhar has had numerous responsibilities and positions in different regions of Morocco before being

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Jordi Cortina-Segarra



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Mohamed Endichi



Mr. Endichi works for the High Commission for Water and Forests and Combatting Desertifica-

tion. In 1982 he was Head of Forest Exploitation and Management Section, Provincial Service of Khénifra and moved through various department to become Head of the Provincial Service of Water and Forests of Taourirt in 1999. In 2004, he became Head of the Provincial Service of Water and Forests of Taza; NS in 2007, Regional Director of Water and Forests of North East. Since 2009 Director of Combatting Desertification and Nature Protection.

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Ms. Ghazi is an agricultural engineer specializing in forests. She has studied at the National Higher

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He is a forest engineer, graduated from the Ecole Nationale des Ingénieurs des Travaux des Eaux et Forêts. At the origin of the Index of Biodiversity Potential (IBP) with L. Larrieu in 2008, he is in charge of the IBP's development program, with communication and training actions as well as works to improve and extend the use of this index in France and abroad. Before that, he worked in private forest organizations where he conducted studies and experiments for the management of forest area for production or environmental purposes.

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Chadi Mohanna



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Pablo Martín Ortega



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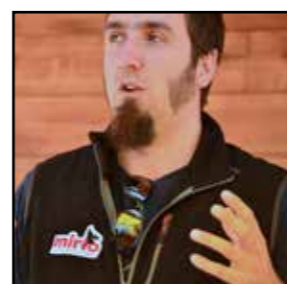
Inazio Martínez de Arano



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Yeray Martínez Montesdeoca



Mr. Martínez Montesdeoca is a forestry consultant and originator of the concept behind the Mirlo

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Nicolas Picard



Dr. Picard graduated as a forest engineer from Agro ParisTech-ENGREF in 1996, then obtained a PhD in forest

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My career evolved through long experience with governmental and academic institutions, from an

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Professor of international forestry of John's Hopkins School for Advanced International studies, based in Washington, DC. His work centers on the development of a publically available decision-support system with continuously updated data on forest and land use. He worked for the United Nations, Environment Program (UNEP) in Nairobi, and for the Education, Science and Cultural organization (UNESCO) in Jakarta, and at the World Agroforestry Center (ICRAF) and Center for International Forestry (CIFOR) in Bogor Indonesia. He holds a MSc in Landscape ecology and a PhD in Geography.

Özlem Yavuz

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Cedrus libani is a species of cedar native to the mountains of the Eastern Mediterranean basin. It is an evergreen conifer that can reach 40 m in height. *Cedrus libani* is the national emblem of Lebanon and is widely used as an ornamental tree.



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Side events

Sharing the BeWater Approach model for scientific participatory development

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Great Green Wall

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Improving Forest Health in the Mediterranean Region

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

MedForum 2foof017 Restoring Mediterranean Landscapes

CESEFOR/MMFN

Protected areas' restoration, management and protection: the MEDFORVAL experience

International Association for Mediterranean Forests (AIFM)

Moving toward a strengthened cooperation in the Mediterranean region

Secretariat of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests (CPMF)

The Index of Biodiversity Potential (IBP) in Mediterranean forests

Centre of Mediterranean Cooperation of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

The Regional Forest Communicators Network for the Mediterranean and the Near East: communicating for people

Forest Communicators Network for the Mediterranean and the Near East

Training session

Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

Posters selected

Title	Author	Country
Building-up a participatory governance framework for the sustainable development of forests in Lebanon (EU-EuropeAid)	Bernadette Karam	Lebanon
Climate change and adaptive capacity of cork oak	Maria Carolina Varela	Portugal
Contribution to the study of the structural characteristics and vulnerability of the forest ecosystem of the Tikjda cedar forest	Radia Larbi	Algeria
Diagnosis of reforestation plantations in the restoration of Saharan Atlas natural forests	Nadia Bouragba	Algeria
Eco-floristic study and structure of vegetation in Thuja de berberia (Tetraclinis articulata Vahl Master) matorrals in order to restore biodiversity. Case of the region of Beni Snouss (Wilaya of Tlemcen, Algeria)	Mohammed Ali Benabdallah	Algeria
Guiding reforestation efforts of Mediterranean forest under climate change	Adriana Príncipe	Portugal
Impacts on biodiversity conservation of landscape restoration in the protected areas	Arpa Nihan Yenilmez	Turkey
Natural sacred sites as indicators of social-ecological systems' change in traditional landscapes of northern morocco	Houda Ben Salah	Morocco
Recovery measures of burned forests: possibilities and constraints. Case of the blideen Atlas forests (Blida-Algeria)	Safia Sebti	Algeria
Reforestation of Ouled Amara (Algeria), an example of success in landscape restoration	Mouna Khaznadar	Algeria
Restoration of degraded forest landscapes of Tunisia	Karem Saad	Tunisia
The development of forest formations in eastern Algeria	Farida Benia	Algeria
The natural regeneration of the Takrouna forest (northwest of Tunisia) after fires	Ammari Youssef Sebei Salem	Tunisia
The phenomenon of creeping plants: an obstacle to the restoration of cork oak forests (Quercus suber L.) in Tunisia	Boutheina Stiti	Tunisia
Vegetative recovery of cork oak (Quercus suber L) after burning in the forest of Beni Ghobri (wilaya of Tizi Ouzou, Algeria)	Ouahiba Meddour-Sahar	Algeria
Vegetative regeneration of cork oak: a real opportunity for restoration and return to production of cork oak forests after fire in Algeria	Rachid Tarik Bouhraoua	Algeria

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- AIFM - International Association for Mediterranean Forests
- CBD - Convention on Biological Diversity
- CESEFOR - Fundación Cesefor
- CTFC - Forest Sciences Centre of Catalonia
- EFIMED - Mediterranean Regional Office of the European Forest Institute
- FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- FERI - Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative
- Forest Communicators Network for the Mediterranean and the Near East
- GM - Global Mechanism of the UNCCD
- GPFLR - Global Partnership on Forest and Landscape Restoration
- HCEFLCD - High Commissioner for Water, Forests and combating Desertification of Morocco
- IUCN - International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs - Republic of Turkey
- MMFN - Mediterranean Model Forest Network
- Plan Bleu - UNEP-MAP Regional Activity Center
- UfM - Union for the Mediterranean
- World Bank - The World Bank Group IBRD IDA



