

ANCIENT FORESTS AS HIGH CONSERVATION VALUE AREAS (HCV-AF) IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BASIN (FRA0037-BFME)

Metagoal : Better protection and management of HCV-AF and associated values, as a key factor of forest biodiversity resilience, in a priority ecoregion threatened by global changes.

GOAL 1

Share the reality of HCV-AF conservation in the ecoregion

Promote an adapted and mutual definition of HCV-AF, based on science and socio-historical reality.

Contribute to create practical tools to identify HCV-AF.

Define HCV-AF's references in each country.

GOAL 2

Promote HCV-AF values and reduce threats

Develop convincing scientific, ecologic, social, cultural and economic arguments.

Counter the strongest threats (lack of awareness , fire, urbanization, global change, bad management, fuel wood, excess of visitors) through an adapted strategy.

Set up a tool for payments for ecological services.

Demonstrate possible solutions for the most urgent threats.

GOAL 3

Protect HCV-AF natural capital

Influence public policies (environmental) : protected areas network, wilderness areas, World Natural Heritage.

Act to better protect HCV-AF in the Mediterranean priority landscapes.

Initiate or stimulate projects to survey HCV-AF and protect them with key stakeholders.

GOAL 4

Promote innovative management inspired by HCV-AF

Lobbying public forest policies.

Demonstrate values of alternative silvicultures.

Ensure HCV-AF consideration in FSC national standards.

Develop innovative management tools inspired by HVC-AF and promote them through actions in priority landscapes.

GOAL 5

Promote a Mediterranean culture about ancient forests

Create and lead a community on the topic in the Mediterranean basin.

Campaign to sensitize the general public about the need to preserve HCV-AF.