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Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea*

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- 27 members
 - Open to all Members of the African, European, and Near East Forestry Commissions of FAO
- whose territories are situated wholly or in part in the Mediterranean basin
- or whose forest, agricultural, or grazing economies are intimately associated with the Mediterranean



Forest fires in the Mediterranean

A strategic framework for the Mediterranean region



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- Priority lines of actions
 1. Rural land management: achieving landscape sustainability
 2. Wildfire prevention: reducing risk while increasing preparedness
 3. Wildfire suppression: strengthening interoperability of resources
 4. International cooperation: reinforcing preparedness
 5. Coordinated research: providing answers to end users' needs



Forest genetic resources

Reinforce the supply of forest reproductive material

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- Establishment of a Task Force under IUFRO
 - Enabling Mediterranean countries to integrate systems of conservation and management of forest genetic resources
 - Set a decision-making tool to be used for the nursery supply chain
 - Make available data on forest genetic resources accessible to all
 - Compile a regional register of basic materials (*in situ* seed sources)



Urban and peri-urban forestry

Importance of trees outside forests in urban environments

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- Definition of terms, standards and indicators
- Raising awareness
- Local adaptation of the outcomes of the 1st World Forum on Urban Forests, November 2018, Mantova



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Desertification and restoration

Forest and landscape restoration to achieve climate goals

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- Mediterranean component of the global project “The Paris Agreement in action: upscaling forest and landscape restoration to achieve nationally determined contributions”
 - 2019-2022, funding of the IKI Programme
 - Labelling by the UfM
 - Mediterranean regional activities: reinforce national capacities
 - Lebanon: restoration in pilot sites
 - Morocco: restoration in the Maâmora forest



Young entrepreneurship

Empowering young forest entrepreneurs in the Mediterranean

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- MedForYouth project
 - Incubator of forest-based projects for young entrepreneurs
 - All necessary steps to bring forest-related innovative ideas to the market
 - Connect and integrate dynamic and large networks, bringing together international organizations from around the Mediterranean



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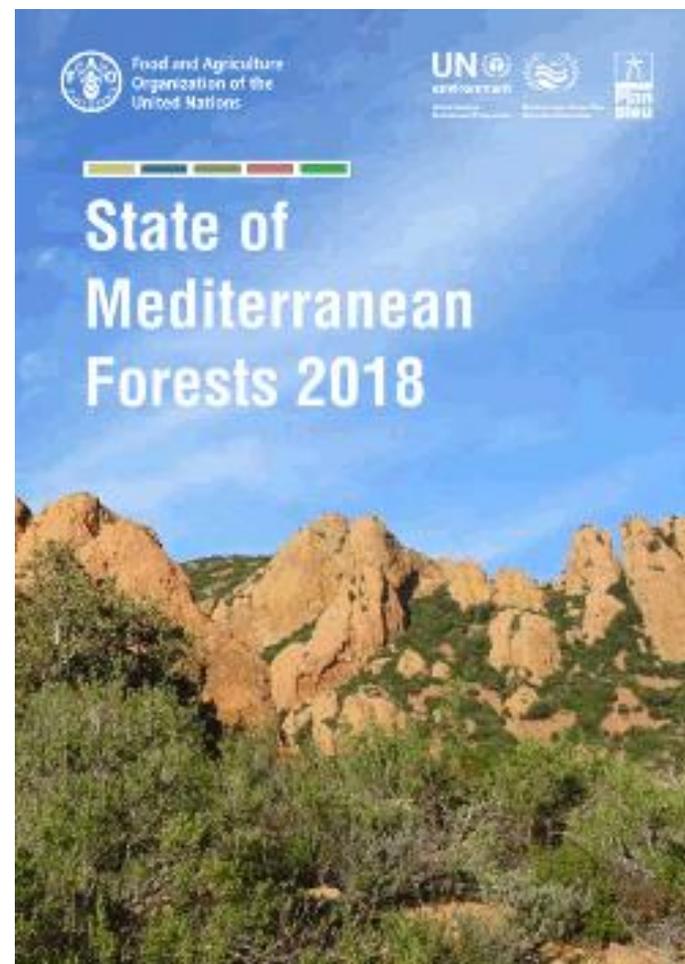
The State of Mediterranean Forests

A knowledge product on Mediterranean forests

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- 2nd edition published on 27 November 2018
 - Importance of Mediterranean forests to implementing solutions to tackle global issues such as climate change and population increase
 - Part 1: The Mediterranean landscape: importance and threats
 - Part 2: Mediterranean forest-based solutions
 - Part 3: Creating an enabling environment to scale up solutions



Mediterranean Forest Weeks

An advocacy for Mediterranean forests

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- 6th Mediterranean Forest Week, 1-4 April 2019, Brummana, Lebanon
 - Role of Mediterranean forests in the Paris Agreement
 - Brummana Declaration for the role of Mediterranean forests to fulfil NDCs
- 7th Mediterranean Forest Week, 22-26 March 2021, Tunisia
 - Role of youth in Mediterranean forests: Innovation and creation of green jobs



Points for consideration

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- The Commission may wish to:
 - a) Urge FAO to explore ways and means to develop and implement the project “MedForYouth-Empowering Young Entrepreneurs around the Mediterranean”
 - b) Contribute to the preparation and encourage high-level participation in the seventh Mediterranean Forest Week to be held in 2021 in Tunisia



Thank you!



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