



# **Progress of Silva Mediterranea and progress report of the European Forestry Commission Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds**

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# I. Activities of Silva Mediterranea

- Strategic Framework for Mediterranean Forests
- State of Mediterranean Forests (2023 edition)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Forest Week and 24<sup>th</sup> Committee of Silva Mediterranea
- Points for Consideration

# A. Strategic Framework for Mediterranean Forests



- Draws on recommendations provided in the State of Mediterranean Forests (SoMF) 2013 publication, which also inspired creation of Tlemcan Declaration (2013).
- Silva Mediterranea 2019-2030 Strategy, established at 23<sup>o</sup> Session of Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions (2019), guides vision for current and future Mediterranean forests.

# B. State of Mediterranean Forests (2023 Edition)



- Two surveys launched to determine themes of State of Mediterranean Forests 2023
- First survey in Feb 2020; second survey in coming months

# C. 7<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Forest Week and 24<sup>th</sup> Committee of Silva Mediterranea

- Originally to be hosted by Tunisian Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries => Turkish General Directorate of Forestry
- 21-25 March 2022 in Antalya, Turkey
- Main topics:
  - identifying opportunities of forest-based solutions for young people
  - promoting landscape approaches with focus on restoration and conservation of biodiversity

## D. Points for Consideration



- The Commission may wish to:
  - (a) Encourage development of activities related to youth entrepreneurship in the bioeconomy to address challenges faced by Mediterranean forests in the context of global changes;
  - (b) Contribute to preparation of and encourage high-level participation in the 7th Mediterranean Forest Week in 2022.

# II. Activities of the Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds

- Activities of the Working Party
- Points for Consideration



# A. Activities of the Working Party (1)

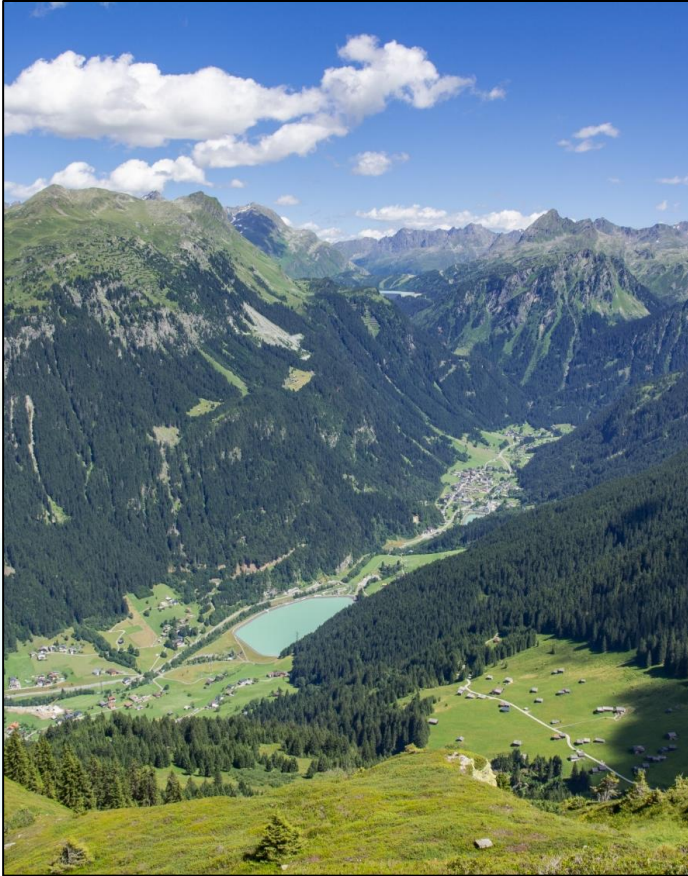
- 2019-2021: Three virtual steering committee meetings of the Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds (WPMMW)
- Working Groups: WG1 'Forest and Water' (Czech Republic); WG2 'Hazards and Disaster Risk Management' (Austria and France); WG3 'Protective Functions of Forests' (Austria)
  - **WG1** conference on '30 years of Headwater Control: Forest and Water in Changing Environment and Society' (Feb 2020; Prague) with follow-up publications
  - **WG2** workshop on 'Forestal and Technical Measures on Erosion-Torrent Control and Landslide Management in Mountain Watersheds (Sept 2021; Trabzon-Rize, Turkey), along with scientific publication
  - **WG3** first meetings in Jan 2021 and June 2021



# A. Activities of the Working Party (2)

- **33° Session of the Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds** in Traunkirchen, Austria (13-15 October 2021): *‘Integral approach to the flood protection effect of the forest with special consideration of water and sediment retention’*
  - 5-year action plan for Working Party and Working Groups
  - ‘Model-Watershed’ excursion
  - Co-publication (FAO and Austrian Government) on ‘The protective functions of forests in a changing climate – European experience’

## B. Points for Consideration



- The Commission may wish to take full advantage of the services of the Working Party and facilitate its work by:
- (a) Strengthening further commitment, including through designating a focal point to the Working Party;
- (b) Providing continued guidance for the Working Party, especially on priority topics to be addressed;
- (c) Publicizing work of the Working Party and making full use of its services, e.g. submission of news items and announcements to be posted on website.



# Thank you

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