

# The International Association for Mediterranean Forests



# The AIFM at a glance

- NGO established in 1996 with support of French association « Forêt Méditerranéenne » and other institutions and personalities
- Mediterranean Administrative Board (Spain, Italy, Morocco, Tunisia, Croatia, Turkey, France, Portugal)
- Executive Secretary located in Marseille, France
- Funded mainly from EU and French national and local authorities but not only



# AIFM's Objectives

- Facilitate dialogue between all forest-concerned stakeholders (cross-cutting and multi-level approaches)
- Promote international collaborations on sustainable management of Mediterranean woodlands
- Contribute to better consideration of their specificities in knowledge, regulations and practices on different levels



# AIFM's Missions



## 1. Networking and communication

- Publications (*Latest on the Mediterranean forests*, newsletters...)
- Website [www.aifm.org](http://www.aifm.org)
- Participation in specific events and workshops
- Partnership development
- Management of database (+3000 contacts)

# AIFM's Missions

## 2. International co-operations

- Projects' preparation and building
- Animation and synthesis of exchanges
- Mediterranean communication
  - *Problematics of the Mediterranean forests (Interreg IIC)*
  - *RECOFORME (Interreg IIIB)*
  - *QUALIGOUV (MED)*
  - **FOR CLIMADAPT**, *Arco Latino (ENPI Med)*



# FOR CLIMADAPT

*Contribution to Adapt Mediterranean woodlands to climate change effects*

*(2010-2013)*



# FOR CLIMADAPT

**Origins:** RECOFORME (Interreg IIIB), OCR Incendi projects, Evora's symposium, AIFM's networking

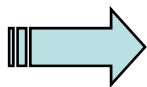
## **General objectives:**

- Improve the capacities of adaptation of Mediterranean natural and woodland areas
- Contribute to formulation of regional policies

## **Specific objective:**

Experiment and validate innovative techniques and tools dedicated to managers and decision-makers to adapt forests to:

- Erosion risk
- Wildfires
- Die-back



focused on Protected areas



# FOR CLIMADAPT

Partners' **pilot activities** to improve:

- Adaptative silviculture that facilitates inner adaptation capacities
- Transferable techniques of ecological restoration and reforestation of damaged areas
- Modalities of information and education

And **share** them

**Relations** between:

- General public, managers, researchers and decision-makers
- Different territorial bodies (local, regional, national...)
- Different sectors (environment, forestry, rural development...)

Main **outputs**:

- Operational and transferable tools, methods and techniques
- Capitalisation (peer review, assessment)
- Recommendations from good practices



# The Mediterranean is specific...

1. The Mediterranean area is **unique**: climate, ecology, history...
2. Completely neglected in global negotiations and events : WFC...
3. Environmental interventions and silviculture: still oppositions
4. **Local** authorities: a primordial role in sustainable development and planification
5. A **model** for other regions: metropolisation, rural exodus, tourism, biodiversity evolution, climate change...

... And has specific needs

Need of **meeting** all initiatives to design and highlight a **commonly-shared statement** of the Mediterranean

To **different levels**: regional, national, european and Mediterranean

All **different sensitivities-stakeholders**: knowledge, education, management, protection, promotion, uses



# Expectations

Federal significant event: **1st Mediterranean Congress on Woodlands**  
involving all stakeholders...

Enlargement of the Mediterranean partnerships (FAO, EFIMED, Blue Plan...)

International review on the Mediterranean woodlands

- Give access to knowledge on their sustainable management
- Facilitate the transfer of research
- Based on the French magazine “Forêt Méditerranéenne”
- Translation into English, Spanish and French
- Both scientific and general articles
- Numero 1 end-2010 about Antalya’s report and conclusions
  
- Collaboration between EFIMED, FAO / Silva Mediterranea, AIFM, ArcMed
- The Union for the Mediterranean, GTZ ?

