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# **COLLABORATIVE ENDEAVORS ACROSS THE MEDITERRANEAN BASIN TO CONSERVE ECOSYSTEMS**

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# Who We Are

- AIFM : International Association for Mediterranean Forests
- International NGO based in France
- Created in 1996
- implement forestry related projects in the basin



Mediterranean  
woodlands are  
threatened

**20%**

mediterranean  
species are in  
danger of extinction

**75Mha**

to preserve and  
sustainably  
manage





## Value

Protect the Mediterranean forests and woodland from the current threats (fire, human interventions...)



# Vision & Mission



## Vision

A world where the Mediterranean forest would be recognized as indispensable, in particular for the populations living around the basin



## Mission

- Establish a framework where Mediterranean people build the future of their woodland areas
- Create a linkage between actors in 25 countries to preserve the exceptional heritage of the Mediterranean forests





# What We Do



01

To carry out pilot actions to **preserve and sustainably manage** the 75 millions of hectares of the Mediterranean forests.

02

To develop and animate the community of public, private and scientific actors of the countries located in these zones, estimated at 5,000 people, through **cooperation projects** and **dissemination of know-how**.

03

To raise **public awareness** on the challenges of sustainable management of Mediterranean forests.



# MEDFORVAL



Identify and develop preservation practices of 19 HVE sites

## Project details

- **Countries:** France, Spain, Italy, Montenegro, Portugal, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Jordan, Lebanon, Greece, Morocco, Turkey, Tunisia, Croatia.
- **Duration:** March 2015 to February 2018.

## Project objectives

Create a network of practitioners and decision-makers to **protect, manage or restore sites** of high ecological value (HVE) in the Mediterranean forest based on 4 ecological clusters.



## Project activities

- 6 local preservation and development projects were awarded (€20 000 each).
- 2 grants for the development of joint projects were awarded.
- 2 exchange visits on the good management practices: Turkey / Spain and Jordan / Lebanon.
- 4 experience sharing workshops were held.



# MEDLENTISK

Develop knowledge and share best practices on products from the Lentisk tree



## Project details

- **Countries:** Italy, Greece, Tunisia, Turkey, France.
- **Duration:** September 2020 to August 2022.

## Project objectives

- Favorise the **exchange of the fixed oil of lentisk** good practices (emblematic NWFP) in the Mediterranean.
- Improve the knowledge of **lentisk properties, its exploitation and its uses** (therapeutical).

## Project activities

- 3 meetings for sharing scientific knowledge and good practices.
- A database of research works on *Pistachia lentiscus* has been compiled.
- A guide of good practices was published.



# RESTOR'MED FOREST

Raise awareness of sustainable management among local populations

## Project details

- **Countries:** Morocco , Lebanon.
- **Duration:** January 2021 to December 2023.

## Project objectives

Preserve biodiversity and endemic forest species in Morocco and Lebanon, threatened by forest fires and agricultural occupation of lands, by actively involving the local populations:

- **In Talassemtane, Morocco :** 11 forest species (*Abies marocana*) and 35 other emblematic species.
- **In Menjéz, Lebanon :** Mount of Tabor oak *Quercus ithaburensis* and many rare endemic floral species
- **In Bentaël Nature Reserve, Lebanon :** biodiversity hot spot and IBA.



## Project activities

- 2 pilot sites were sustainably restored
- 2 management plans were developed
- Capacity building workshops were organised
- Awareness sessions were organised for the kids
- Forest management best practices were implemented



# Testimonials



MENJEZ



## Joseph Mkhael

Now, we all have faith in the success of any environmental project, when we have patience and faith, we could succeed, also because of the trainings now I can share my knowledge with the surroundings and local community, starting with my family



BENTAEL



## Charbel Matta

By employing the local community in this project, they are now part of the reserve and care for its protection.



# INTEGRADIV

## Towards an efficient conservation of Mediterranean forests



### Project details

- **Countries:** Albania, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Montenegro, Portugal, Slovenia, Southern Macedonia, Spain.
- **Duration:** March 2023 to March 2026.

### Project objectives

- Identify spatial patterns of tree, bird and butterfly biodiversity and their drivers, in Euro-Mediterranean woodlands.
- Engage with stakeholders to outline a spatially-explicit prioritization plan that will allow protecting the unique biodiversity and socio-cultural inheritance of this region.





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