The regional FFEM project: main lessons learned and evaluation

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**Goal** = to incentive the stakeholders to manage and restore Mediterranean forest areas, and to **achieve sustainable provision of environmental goods and services** in a context of fast global changes and very strong anthropogenic pressure on ecosystems.

**Strategy** = creating a network for forestry sector stakeholders and establishing a pilot site in each of the five beneficiary countries (Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Lebanon and Turkey).

Joint responsibility *SilvaMediterranea* Committee - FAO and *Plan Bleu*
Components

**Component 1:** Production of data and tools supporting decision making and management relating vulnerability to climate change impacts and their adapting capacities

**Component 2:** Estimation of the social and economical value of goods and services

**Component 3:** Development of participative governance modalities at territorial scale

**Component 4:** Optimization and valorization of the mitigation potential (carbon sinks)

**Component 5:** Contribution to the activities of coordination and communication within the CPMF
Main Results

- Availability of an extensive range of literature and methodological summaries
  - On-line bibliographic database
  - Methodological summaries
  - Reference guides
  - Regional assessments
- Strong representation at international events on forests
- Facilitation of experience-sharing and capacity-building dynamics
- Ensured durability of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests,
- Substantial methodological experience acquired on the pilot sites and heightened expertise capacities for the beneficiary countries
- Tunisia, Morocco and Lebanon have engaged in policy by which their forestry sectors contribute to international policy for mitigation and access to carbon finance mechanisms
Evaluation conclusions

“The project, as a whole, is a success and most of the expected outcomes were achieved or even surpassed”

“The project has also made a great contribution to implementing the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests and the Strategic Framework for Mediterranean forests”

Weaknesses:

• Results are all abstract
  Sustainability of the impacts and deferred offsets of the project?

• The participation of countries north of the Mediterranean did not take place

• Real technical assistance services provided but in an “off and on” manner
Recommendations for future projects

Focus on **participatory, integrated management** of pilot sites based on the methodology already developed, “as the previous project proves that, so far, the most effective climate change adaptation measure is to regulating wood-cutting”

Focus activities on a **single pilot site per country**, and avoid protected areas

Plan mechanisms to replicate the results

Include a component on the possibilities of setting up ecosystem services payment mechanisms

Consider **extending the list of beneficiary** countries (Albania, Jordan, Iran, etc.)

Seek effective collaboration with north Mediterranean countries

Seek appropriate **co-financing**, including counterpart funding by the beneficiary countries
Publications

Available on the stands at the V MFW

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Available online:

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