

# REPORT OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP ON MEDITERRANEAN FORESTS

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## 1. Partnership and logical framework

### 1.1 Background (C. Besacier)

The Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests (CPMF) has the purpose to improve implementation of policies for sustainable management of forests and environmental services provided by forest ecosystems in the context of climate change.

CPMF objectives are:

- 1) Strengthen forest administration capacity;
- 2) Develop intersectoral cooperation with other relevant economic sectors;
- 3) Improve communication, knowledge and information on the importance of sustainable forest management, goods and services provided by these ecosystems, and on potential impacts of climate change;
- 4) Mobilize external support and partnerships.

Five new members joined the CPMF in 2012: the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Office for Turkey, the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM), The Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), The Forest Sciences Center of Catalonia (CTFC) and the Turkish Cooperation Agency (TIKA).

### 1.2 Logical framework purpose and update (C. Besacier)

In 2010, the logical framework for the period 2010 to 2013 was created. The template of activities to be carried out during this period showed three types of stakeholders: financial partners, technical partners and both technical and financial partners (See Annex 1).

It is now necessary to include the new members of the Partnership into this template and update activities for the period 2014-2016.

➔ Proposal of a new logical framework with details of activities for the period 2014-2016 under discussion at the next Steering Committee to be held by end of 2013 (FAO and other members of CPMF)

### **1.3 Evaluation of the CPMF for the period 2010-2013 (C. Besacier)**

According to the agreement signed by members, an evaluation of the program of the partnership should be provided to analyse the first phase of the CPMF over the period 2010 - 2013. The Secretariat of *Silva Mediterranea* will prepare terms of reference for this evaluation by the summer 2013 for validating specific modalities of implementation (including budgetary aspects) before the next Steering Committee planned for late 2013.

A. Kastl also reports that GIZ is preparing the report of its activities and planning its budget for year 2013. At the end of this planning exercise it will be able to identify what resources can be mobilized to contribute to the CPMF evaluation.

It was discussed whether the CPMF should be opened or not to new members. At the moment, the partnership will not be open to new countries, but only to other international/regional organizations in accordance with procedures previously validated in 2011 (*need for sharing a mutual interest between the new member and the CPMF, a declaration of intent sent by the new member and final approval by the Steering Committee*).

In addition, if partners are inactive and do not attend several meetings of the Steering Committee, it will be decided if they should remain members of the CPMF or not. Regarding this last point, the evaluation of the Collaborative Partnership planned for the period 2010-2013 will clarify what steps to be taken with these members for the period 2014-2016.

➔ Preparation of terms of reference for the CPMF evaluation by the Secretariat of *Silva Mediterranea* within summer 2013;

➔ Exchanges on these terms of reference between CPMF members;

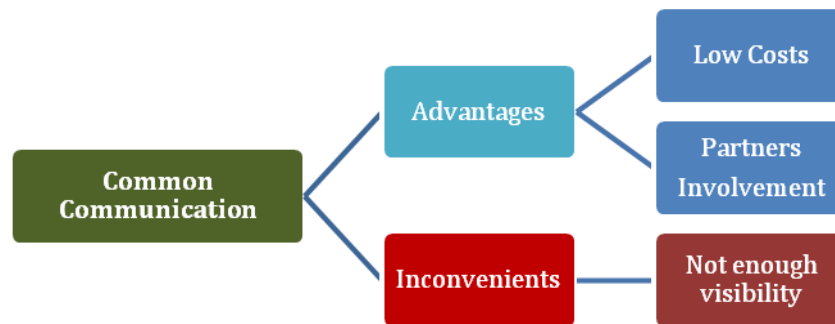
➔ Validation of the terms of reference and discussion on the modalities of implementation (contribution of members to the evaluation of the CPMF, expertise mobilized for this evaluation of CPMF, deadlines for submission of the report of the evaluation of the CPMF) during the Steering Committee of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests to be held by end 2013.

#### 1.4 Communication Strategy of the CPMF (C. Marchetta)

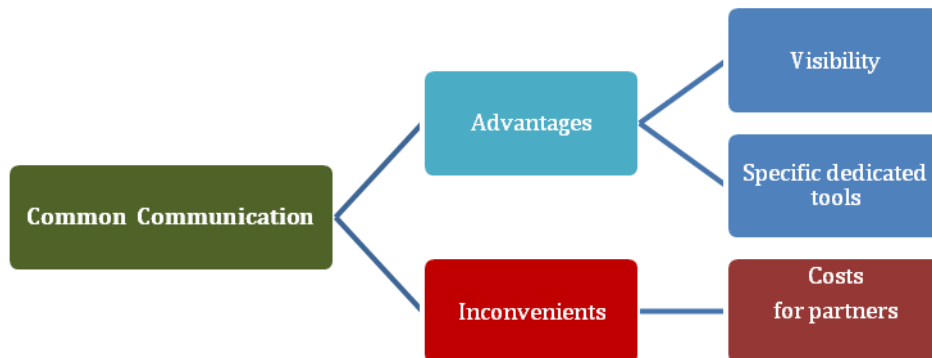
The objective is to obtain a joint communication strategy not only to improve communication among partners but also to encourage cooperation with other organizations and, eventually, to open the CPMF to new members.

Two communication options have been proposed by FAO:

**Option 1 (adopted):** the communication is mainly based on the existing communication tools of partners: approximate annual cost of about € 15 000



**Option 2:** create specific communication tools, including a dedicated website, which involves external service: estimated annual cost of approximately € 50 000



#### Internal communication among partners

- Email will be the primary method of communication
- Calendar with events linked to Mediterranean forests, internal or external to the CPMF, will be regularly distributed; either members send information to the Secretariat of *Silva Mediterranea*, which centralizes and disseminates, or a shared and participatory calendar can be created, according to FAO rules - to be confirmed by C. Besacier and C. Marchetta.

It will allow a strategic organization of CPMF events according to the International agenda, the European Union, and the members of the CPMF.

In this context, Mr. Belen, president of *Silva Mediterranea*, during the 21<sup>st</sup> session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO) in September 2012, called on Member States dealing with Mediterranean issues to join the CPMF. In light of the current international situation (economic crisis), it would be interesting to have the support of new Mediterranean countries such as Italy and Spain.

→ Mr. Belen proposes to negotiate the organization of a parallel event on CPMF issues with the organizing committee of the 10<sup>th</sup> United Nations Forum on Forests (Istanbul, April 8- 19, 2013).

- An **annual report** of CPMF members activities to be prepared (members' contributions and preparation by the secretariat of *Silva Mediterranea*) before the Steering Committee to be held each year in November.

Plan Bleu emphasizes that one of CPMF feature is its flexibility and this risk to add administrative work. The Secretariat specifies that an annual report on activities should be written to keep in mind what activities should be carried out by CPMF members.

#### **External communication tools:**

- Presentation of the new CPMF leaflet proposed by Plan Bleu: template and content of the document were validated. Plan Bleu will make some corrections (logos, photos, titles) before releasing the final version of the document to members of the CPMF. The new leaflet will be finalized for the Third Mediterranean Forest Week (III MFW).

Plan Bleu will prepare this document in English and French. Translation into Arabic will be necessary. Funds made available by GIZ for translations of documents into Arabic could potentially be mobilized. Otherwise additional resources will be identified to achieve this new translation of the CPMF leaflet.

- Create a specific **logo** for the CPMF. C. Besacier and C. Marchetta will ask for proposals to communication experts of FAO.
- **Websites:** each member organization will create a page on the CPMF on its website, with a general presentation (text common to all) and a presentation of specific activities of the organization within the CPMF. In the meantime, a simple link to FAO website dedicated on the CPMF (<http://www.fao.org/forestry/silvamed/66624/en/>) can be quickly employed by all CPMF members.
- The CPMF will not be present in social networks due to a lack of human resources. It was agreed that CPMF members present on social networks should add the link of the CPMF website in their page.
- **Publications:** articles on activities carried out within the CPMF will be regularly published in newsletters, magazines and journals of CPMF members. C. Besacier also requested the publication of a special edition of *Unasyva* on Mediterranean Forests in 2013/2014.

- **Events:** various events organized by members will be used to support communication and give visibility to the CPMF.

- ➔ Link to the FAO web page about the CPMF on partners' websites and social networks
- ➔ A second version of the leaflet will be submitted to consultation with CPMF members and validated during the next organizing committee of the III MFW to be held by end of January 2013.
- ➔ Identification of resources for a possible translation of the Arabic leaflet (GIZ?)
- ➔ Logo proposal by the Communication Department of FAO by November 2013
- ➔ Mr. Besacier will propose to the editorial board of Unasyva in 2013 to create a special edition dedicated to Mediterranean forests by end 2013 or early 2014

## **2. Activities of FAO/Silva Mediterranea in the context of the CPMF (C. Besacier)**

Some regional initiatives began in 2010/2011 and will continue in 2013, e.g. the organization of the Third Mediterranean Forest Week (III MFW), the preparation of the Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests (SFMF) and the publication of the first State of Mediterranean Forests expected in March 2013.

### **2.1 The State of Mediterranean Forests (SoMF), in coordination with Plan Bleu**

The report on the State of Mediterranean Forests mobilized multiple partners. The exchange of data with IUCN shows the great interest and the proper implementation of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests.

The report consists of five chapters:

- Mediterranean context : changes and prospects;
- State of forest resources in the Mediterranean region;
- Forest policies, institutions and legal frameworks;
- Mediterranean forests and climate change;
- Some key forest management issues at landscape level.

- ➔ Validation, editing and presentation of the report at the III MFW (coordination FAO and Plan Bleu)
- ➔ Preparation of a flyer presenting the report (one page) by FAO and Plan Bleu, which will be included in the "kit of participants" and will show the link to the website where the full report in PDF format can be downloaded. This will reduce waste of paper (see principles of eco responsibility for the III MFW) and secondly, it will allow an evaluation of the impact of the report thanks to the number and origin of downloads

## 2.2 The Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests (SFMF) in coordination with Plan Bleu

Considerable time was devoted to the preparation of this document, which will be presented during the III MFW. Following the expert workshop in Chania (organized with the support of CIHEAM and the French Ministry of Agriculture and Forest) a "version 0" of the SFMF was prepared. The document includes a strategic summary introducing context and issues that justify the choice of nine strategic lines and nine sheets detailing expected results and recommendations for these strategic lines.

"Version 0" was circulated to *Silva Mediterranea's* members for consultation around mid-October and mid-November 2012. Comments received were then integrated and discussed during the meeting held in Tlemcen on 21 and 22 November 2012. A "version 1" will follow to this meeting in Tlemcen.

Translation of the Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests in Arabic has been suggested after the III MFW. GIZ will support this process of translation and will make funds available to FAO.

- ➔ Version 1 of the Strategic Framework will be circulated in mid-December 2012 for a second phase of consultation. Version 2 incorporating all comments will be presented by end of January 2013 during the 5<sup>th</sup> Organizing Committee of the III MFW.
- ➔ From February to March 2013, finalization of the Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests, French translation, editing/printing in French and English and presentation during Sunday session of the III MFW.
- ➔ From March to July 2013, finalization of the final edition of the SFMF, Arabic translation and printing of the final edition in English, Arabic and French to be widely spread among Mediterranean partners.

## 2.3 Thematic workshops on fire

A training workshop on causes and investigations post fires was held in late October 2012. It brought together participants from Europe (Sweden, Spain, France, Italy and Turkey), Lebanon and the Maghreb (Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia). A good dynamic was created during the workshop, especially thanks to the CPMF, and now countries wish to share this training at national level to better understand causes of forest fires and, therefore, implement prevention strategies best suited to their national needs.

- ➔ Translation into Arabic of methodological guides on forest fires investigation (GIZ support to be confirmed) to disseminate knowledge on investigation methods at national level in the MENA countries.
- ➔ Development of national-level training designed to help countries to identify and analyze causes of forest fires, with the support of French, Spanish and/or Italian experts. Spain, France and Italy committed to support the implementation of national training and promote better methods of investigation in the MENA countries. Training in Morocco and in Algeria will be organized in 2013.
- ➔ Continue to support the integration of non-European CPMF countries into the European Information System on Forest Fires (EFFIS): a training for focal points from Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia must be organized by EFFIS team in March 2013 (4 to 8 March 2013 and/or 11 to 15 March 2013) with the main objective to collect data on forest fires in these four countries and integrate them into EFFIS database.

## **2.4 Contribution to the project "Maximize the production of goods and services of Mediterranean forest ecosystems in the context of global changes" funded by the French Global Environmental Facility**

The launch of this project required a long coordination for institutions and meetings with countries for the final selection of pilot sites of the project.

Activities on pilote sites will start in 2013 as approved by the Steering Committee of the FFEM project on 21 September 2012. Next meeting of the Steering Committee of the project is scheduled for late April 2013 in Beirut (Lebanon). Then future meetings of the Steering Committee of the FFEM project will be systematically organized jointly with meetings of the Steering Committee of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests.

## **2.5 Other activities**

- Preparation of the III MFW to be held from March 17 to 21, 2013.
- A COST project was submitted to the European Union, which aims to provide answers to the following questions: how marginal populations of southern Europe cope with climate change? How to manage better genetic resources and how genetic variation contributes to better adapt to climate change? The ultimate goal is to promote good practice guides for forest managers and have maps incorporating the impacts of climate change on the distribution of different Mediterranean species.

COST initiative of the European Union provides support for projects networking of research institutions. It covers 22 member countries of northern and southern Europe, including France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Cyprus and Turkey.

→ Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia and Syria will be invited to the working groups of the COST project in order to create synergies with Component 1 of FFEM project.

- The lack of forest data in the Mediterranean region is very significant. FRA team of FAO has proposed to organize a workshop in the Mediterranean with the purpose of training countries to collect data for FRA 2015 and to identify common indicators to specific Mediterranean countries in order to provide an improved version of SoMF in 2016. This capacity building on the collection of information on Mediterranean forests must be long term thinking.

→ Identify a country to host this workshop (20/25 people): CTFC will consult the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture to establish if it can host and support the event. The workshop could be organized at FAO.

→ Finalize the terms of reference by end of January 2013 to organize this workshop which will incorporate results of the workshop held in September 2013 for Europe (SOEF) and take into account difficulties encounter in the preparation of the first State of Mediterranean Forests.

→ Mobilize co-financing partners involved in organizing this workshop in late October 2013 (FAO/FRA, GIZ, Spain and other countries of the Northern Mediterranean).

- As part of an agreement GIZ-FAO (project GCP/GLO/392/GER), translations of Arabic documents are planned for the year 2012/2013. In 2012 documents translated into Arabic were the following: Newsletter 9 and 10 of *Silva Mediterranea*, Position Paper on the Prevention of Forest Fires and the report of the 21<sup>st</sup> session of *Silva Mediterranea* Committee.

The following activities were foreseen for 2013:

- ➔ Translation into Arabic of *Silva Mediterranea* newsletters of January 2013 (Meetings in Algeria in November / December 2012) and April 2013 focused on the results of the III MFW.
- ➔ Translation into Arabic of final edition of the Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests.
- ➔ Translation into Arabic of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests leaflet and/or the methodological guides on forest fires investigation?

### 3. GIZ Regional Project activities within the CPMF (L. Liagre)

GIZ works at regional level and with common national processes. It also has specific national activities. All actions taken in 2012 were presented as well as actions planned for 2013 (programme still ongoing end of November 2012)

#### 3.1 Component 1: Strengthening capacity of forest administration on the issue of climate change

GIZ has developed activities based on a double approach:

- Priority 1: Adaptation of Forests (strengthening ecosystems resilience and management methods)

Achieved in 2012:

Activities on management methods:

- Regional exchanges on regeneration of cedars/junipers;
- Participation of experts from MENA countries to the project ForClimAdapt (Vesuvius, Italy, March 2011, AIFM) and to the conference "Forests cope with climate change" (Tours, France, May 2011).

Workshops on forest fires:

- Regional Workshop on the possibility to extend the European Forest Fire Information System - EFFIS to MENA countries (Rabat, October 2011)
- Training on Forest Fire Causes and Investigation (Sabaudia, November 2012)

- ➔ Participation to the workshop on "Prevention on forest fires" held in Batna, December 2012



- Priority 2: adaptation based on forests (forest ecosystems as a solution to adapt to climate change (CC) at territorial level).

- ➔ Design National training on Climate Change Adaptation on the basis of existing training developed by the OECD/GIZ.
- ➔ Training for "Adaptation based on Forest Ecosystems (AbEF)" in selected areas and work on frameworks for policy measures ABEF.

### **3.2 Component 2: Institutional relations with other sectors to promote the importance of goods and services of forest ecosystems (FGS)**

The activities under this component aim to promote the importance of forest goods and services (FGS). They are classified into two components:

- Support cross-sectorial dialogue

Training for intersectoral negotiation was held with the support of the *Collective Leadership Institute* in Lebanon, Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria and Turkey.

- ➔ A process of training is also planned in Tunisia and Turkey

An analysis of the integration of climate change issues in forest policies and in other sectorial policies was conducted. An expert went in each country: Turkey, Lebanon, Tunisia and Algeria, to better understand intersectoral relations. A regional trade workshop on policy analysis was held in Beirut in June 2012.

- Promotion of forests for a green economy

Concept and first results were shown with lectures and workshops:

- Conference on Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity in Tunis in June 2011: 130 participants (Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey, members of the CPMF and WWF);
- Conference, "Forests and green economy", and promotion of forest products at the fair of Bonn in October 2011;
- Workshop TEEB "The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity" in Beirut in February 2012: 80 participants (Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey, Syria and forest administrations, ministries of environment, representatives of the CBD and UNEP).

Studies on this topic are in progress:

- Morocco: Assessment of forest goods and services and integration in national administration (EFIMED);
- Lebanon: Update of FGS evaluation in the context of the National Forest Programme;
- Tunisia: Ecotourism. Technical support for the development of a new forests based on ecotourism;

A publication entitled, "Contribution of MENA region forests to a green economy" (L. Croitoru) will also be prepared by March 2013.

➔ From January 2013, development of a new priority of work: development of value chains for non-timber forest products (Person in charge: Ms. Gisa Marggraff)

### **3.3 Component 3: Communication, information and public awareness**

Activities carried out and in progress:

- Website of the project GIZ in the MENA region under construction;
- Side-event, "Mediterranean Forests for Development" at Rio+20 Conference (June 18, 2012 - 70 people);
- About fifty press releases;
- Morocco: support the process of making a film on Mediterranean forests;
- Tunisia: support a unit of communication and relationship with media and organization of panels (9 and 10 November 2012) in preparation for the National Tree Day (11 November 2012).

➔ III MFW: Financial support for brochure, website and three journalists (press, radio, TV) from each country

➔ *Silva Mediterranea*: funding the translation of newsletters in Arabic

➔ From January 2013: a communication expert (M.Lennertz) will support, for the project of GIZ, internal and external communication for partner administrations.

### **3.4 Component 4: Mobilization of external support and partnerships**

Activities of this component are classified into two components:

- Support for setting up new projects and co-funding
- Support the development of GIZ projects in the MENA region;
- Declaration of co-financing (including the FFEM project);
- Initiation of a South-South cooperation "Morocco-Costa Rica" with the support of the German Development Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ);
- Forests Projects & Adaptation to climate change (FAO): support two planning workshops (Cairo, 2011) to prepare a regional project for submission to GEF.

- Innovative financing mechanisms

*Ongoing activities:*

- "Partnership on Moroccan Forests": platform for financing forestry projects by the private sector through National Forest Funds (with the support of ONF International);
- Cost-benefit analysis for development of a REDD+ strategy for Morocco (with the support of the research department Salva Terra).

- ➔ Development of a strategy "Access and Sharing of Benefits" in Algeria under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD);
- ➔ Workshop on national forest funds (possibly arranged with FAO) with the objective of updating these forest funds and make them operational in MENA countries;
- ➔ A regional workshop on funding opportunities in the forestry sector (to be organized with FAO)

### **3.5 The gender approach**

At all levels and in all sectors, GIZ promotes women participation. GIZ follows statistically women's participation in its activities and requiring to its partners the same participation of men and women for its activities. 50% men and 50% women is the goal not yet reached. However there is an improvement in women's participation in workshops and other events organized by GIZ.

To promote gender equality, GIZ has organized the workshop: "Women in Science", jointly with the Mediterranean Forest Research Agenda (EFIMED). It was open to all Mediterranean women who wished to expose their research work. In addition, the German cooperation will support participation to the new Master MEDFor of six female students coming from MENA countries.

- ➔ Support 6 students to attend the Master MEDFor in 2013;
- ➔ Develop a roadmap for the integration of gender dimension in the activities of HCEFLCD Morocco;
- ➔ Continue gender approach and awareness in the MENA region.

### **3.6 Other activities within the CPMF**

- Support development of the National Forest Programme in Lebanon;
- Support development of a Forestry Strategy and Itinerary 2012-2021 in Tunisia
- Organize the III MFW: GIZ is involved in the preparation of Session 2 and in carbon offsetting. It will support 60 participants from MENA countries in March 2013.

#### **4. Plan Bleu activities (M. Briens)**

##### **4.1 The State of Mediterranean Forests (SoMF) in coordination with FAO**

The state of forests is carried out in partnership with FAO - *Silva Mediterranea*

Plan Bleu prepared the following chapters: "context" and "governance - policies, institutions and legislation" of the SoMF. It also coordinates the preparation of chapters on ecosystem services (with EFIMED) and on climate change and REDD mechanisms (with ONFI).

The interim report of the State of Mediterranean Forests was presented:

- During COFO in September 2012 in a side event on the III MFW;
- During the workshop on the Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests (SFMF) held in Chania in September 2012. The executive summary of the SFMF is the result of the SoMF.

→ Proofreading and translation process in progress by end of 2012.

→ Finalization and publication ready for the III MFW

##### **4.2 Contribution to the preparation of the Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests (SFMF)**

The strategic framework is developed in partnership with members of the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions-*Silva Mediterranea* and members of the CPMF. Plan Bleu has contributed to the SFMF providing data for the SoMF and participated to the workshop for the preparation of the SFMF in Chania in September 2012 for the development of its "version 0". Plan Bleu has subsequently contributed to the revision of "version 0" and to the workshop to prepare "version 1" (which followed the consultation held in October 2012) held in Tlemcen in November 2012.

→ Future revisions of version 1 of the SFMF and proposed support of FAO for the preparation of following versions before (Version 2) and after the III MFW (Final Version).

##### **4.3 Participation in the organization of the Third Mediterranean Forest Week (III MFW)**

Plan Bleu is a member of the III MFW's Organizing Committee. It is involved in preparing the session where the SoMF will be presented, together with FAO, and the session 2 on "The value of goods and services provided by Mediterranean forests" in coordination with GIZ.

Plan Bleu also coordinates the process of eco-responsibility of the event (proposals, monitoring and communication) in collaboration with GIZ.

#### **4.4 Coordination of Working Group 3 of *Silva Mediterranea* (WG3)**

Working Group 3 of *Silva Mediterranea* is coordinated jointly by Plan Bleu and AIFM. Objectives of WG3 are:

- Continue and strengthen exchange and promotion of experiences on sustainable management and governance of forest areas and resources;
- Facilitate development and implementation of national forest strategies that contribute to sustainable development of landscapes;
- Encourage development of sustainable projects in agro silvo pastoral areas;
- Communicate on activities of the working group and promote Mediterranean forests at the international level.

WG3 aims to contribute to CPMF activities in terms of advice, support, networking, communication and dissemination of knowledge and information (SoMF, Component 2 of project FFEM, sessions of the III MFW).

#### **4.5 Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests (CPMF)**

Plan Bleu has worked to develop a new leaflet on the CPMF which was presented during the communication strategy session (See section 1.4).

#### **4.6 Contribution to the project "Maximize the production of goods and services of Mediterranean forest ecosystems in the context of global changes" financed by the FFEM**

Project coordination of this project is managed with FAO.

Plan Bleu is responsible for the implementation of component 2, "Evaluation of the economic and social value of goods and services provided by Mediterranean forest ecosystems" and component 3, "Development of participatory and territorial approaches of governance in Mediterranean forest ecosystems management".

Plan Bleu, together with FAO, is also in charge of the project's coordination (especially for the organization of steering committees of the FFEM project).

Plan Bleu was also in charge of pilot sites' selection in 2012 (supporting countries in this process in partnership with ONFI and FAO) to:

- Prepare a methodological guide to support the identification of pilot sites for countries;
- Organize workshops to introduce the project and support identification of potential pilot sites in each country (except in Turkey);
- Outline proposed pilot sites, organize the workshop for pilot sites selection and the first Steering Committee of the project (Rome, September 2012).

**→ Extension of the project in accordance with decisions made in September 2012:**

- Component 2: Production of a regional study and launch of studies on pilot sites;
- Component 3: Development of a methodology for participatory territorial governance and implementation of the process on selected pilot sites.

## **5. Activities of new CPMF members**

### **5.1 CTFC (D. Solano)**

CTFC was cooperating with members of the partnership before to join the CPMF. CTFC offers its technical expertise to build a collaborative project and mobilize funds (Catalonia, Spain and the European Union).

CTFC has just finalized a five-year project with Syria and Lebanon on:

- growth models of the two main forest species in Lebanon: *Pinus brutia* and *Quercus calliprinos*;
- strengthening forestry administration competence;
- development of goods and services provided by forest ecosystems.

CTFC is currently working in collaboration with Lebanon (National Reforestation Plan), Tunisia (Grafted stone pine, EuropeAid project in the park of Bouhedma), Turkey, *Silva Mediterranea* (workshop on fire in Batna from 3 to 5 December 2012, the Working Group on Non Timber Forest Products), with AIFM and CESEFOR in the project ForClimAdapt and provides technical support in the FFEM project. A new project has been also submitted in November 2012 by CTFC, in collaboration with AIFM and MMFN, to a call for capitalization of INTERREG MED of the European Union, entitled "Designing a future and common scheme of territorial development to protect natural resources in synergy with social and economic values".

In progress: a project with the Ministry of Agriculture of Morocco to improve processing and trade of Argan products in Europe and particularly in Spain, and a project in the context of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENPI) to do market research on non-timber forest products and supply of renewable energy in the Mediterranean including forest biomass. As a new member, and not knowing the standards of operation, CTFC has to understand better how to enter into relations with the CPMF members and how to communicate on these projects. It was reminded that the annual Steering Committee serves to take stock of the activities of each member and structure joint activities. Details of activities and organization were further discussed only among members involved by an activity of the CPMF.

### **5.2 The Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (Y. Brahimi)**

The Global Mechanism aims to develop strategies for mobilizing resources to combat desertification. The Global Mechanism uses an integrated approach: the forest as a tool to fight desertification.

It provides a South-South cooperation platform <http://www.slmfinance.net/regional-platforms/>, including the Great Green Wall platform (interesting sites like Djelfa in Algeria located near the desert and partner of the project FFEM). This platform could contribute to CPMF communication.

The Global Mechanism can also help mobilizing internal and external funds, support the development of innovative financing mechanisms and facilitate their access to local stakeholders (fundraising environmental instruments like PES, etc.). It could link some of its activities with those of the FFEM project.

### **5.3 CIHEAM (P. Plaza)**

CIHEAM finds the partnership interesting. It identifies partners to develop training courses around the Mediterranean. CIHEAM is already involved in the organization of the III MFW and in the preparation of the Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests. CIHEAM has not yet a quantified and detailed programme of 2013 forests activities of the CPMF. It is strongly involved in several activities that will be presume an agreement FAO-CIHEAM (SFMF, III MFW and COST project).

### **5.4 TIKA (Ismail Belen attended for TIKA)**

The Turkish Cooperation Agency is currently developing guidelines for the fight against desertification. It also organizes workshops with FAO on this subject in Senegal (January 2013). TIKA offers Mediterranean experts interested to invest in these activities hosted by FAO (cost of participation in workshops supported by TIKA).

### **5.5 UNDP-Turkey (Ismail Belen attended for UNDP-Turkey)**

UNDP-Turkey prepares a project funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) with GIZ and the Turkish government. Representatives of UNDP-Turkey have discussed in Rome (September 2012) synergies between the new project FFEM (September 2012) and the GEF project with partners and representatives of the OGM.

## **6. Wood energy**

AFD opened a discussion on wood and woody biomass.

Each country's representative briefly stated on this issue:

- Algeria: forest management plans are especially directed towards protection and recreation. There is not enough timber exploitation in Algerian forests.
- Lebanon: There is a high demand for firewood and therefore pressure on this resource. Lebanon would like to expand the use of forest by-products to make wood chips and granules. It is needed a support for population to acquire technologies for production and consumption of wood chips and pellets.
- Morocco: harvesting firewood for heating and cooking by rural populations is a major cause (together with grazing) of forest degradation in Morocco. The challenge is to reduce this demand. There is a strong need on one hand to quantify how much wood should be reserved for these uses, to know its origin and its power to heat and, on the other hand, to propose alternatives solutions.

- Tunisia: work on quantification and evaluation of pruning waste and renewal cutting in arboriculture is required.
- Turkey: production of wood chips and pellets could be important to develop small projects of energy plant. AFD, in partnership with the ONF, is already working on this issue with a loan of 100 million Euros granted to Turkey.

Some members of the CPMF are already working on this subject:

- AIFM works on the subject wood energy with the project “Promotion of residual forestry biomass in the Mediterranean Basin” (Proforbiomed). AFD works with ONFI in Brazil on wood energy and is thinking about possible ways to adapt this experience to the Mediterranean;
- CESEFOR held the largest exposition on wood energy in Europe in October 2012;
- Since 2005, CTFC has worked in this field, with more than forty studies/activities on territorial analysis and quality of resources analysis, operating/distribution logistic, and promotion for the use and entrepreneurship. CTFC has a boiler and gasifier forest biomass for the production of thermal and electrical energy in its new building opened in 2008

- ➔ AFD/Plan Bleu/GIZ/FAO jointly proposed to reflect on fuelwood to identify country needs - a proposal to conduct a survey based on a questionnaire for countries to be prepared and disseminated in the coming months (summer 2013).
- ➔ Workshop possibly to be financed by AFD in the second half of the year to discuss results of the survey and decide what priority activities to be launched on this issue for the period 2014-2016.