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# AFWC/EFC/NEFRC COMMITTEE ON MEDITERRANEAN FORESTRY QUESTIONS – *SILVA MEDITERRANEA*

## TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION

**Antalya, Turkey, 21 – 25 March 2022**

### SECRETARIAT NOTE ITEM 6 UNASYLVA SPECIAL ISSUE ON THE LAST TEN YEARS OF *SILVA MEDITERRANEA*

#### I. INTRODUCTION

1. *Unasylva* is a multilingual international journal of forestry and forest industries published by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). With editions produced in English, French and Spanish, *Unasylva* presents news about forest science and policy. It covers all aspects of forestry, including policy and planning; conservation and management of forest-based plants and animals; rural socio-economic development; species improvement; industrial development; international trade; and environmental considerations, including the role of forests and trees in maintaining a sustainable base for agricultural production as well as the effects of environmental change on forestry. *Unasylva* is addressed to a broad range of readers – policymakers, forest managers, technicians, researchers, students and teachers.

2. In 2013, the special issue of *Unasylva* 242, entitled “[A new Dynamic for Mediterranean Forests](#)” underlined the strong technical basis and political will across the countries of the Mediterranean to find solutions to several threats affecting Mediterranean forests, including climate change, emphasizing the importance of establishing regional strategies, such as the Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests, described in the publication.

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Since its release, the publication has been downloaded 12,049 times and has been distributed to several stakeholders in numerous international events concerning the Mediterranean.

## II. PREPARATION OF THE SPECIAL ISSUE ON UNASYLVA

3. In 2022, *The Committee* proposes to the Unasyuva Editorial Board to prepare a new special issue dedicated to Mediterranean forests, to be launched in late 2023 or early 2024. It can represent a follow-up of Unasyuva 242. The main topic of the special issue is reporting the activities of the last ten years of *Silva Mediterranea*, and could be launched at the Eighth Mediterranean Forest Week in early 2024, together with the next edition of the State of the Mediterranean Forests 2023/2024.

### RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- *The Committee* recommends that the Secretariat prepare a scoping note to be presented at the next extraordinary session of *Silva Mediterranea* to be held in Rome on the occasion of the 26<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee on Forestry (3 – 7 October 2022).
- *The Committee* recommends that the Secretariat coordinate the preparation of this special issue of Unasyuva by the end of 2023 and mobilize members, working groups and partners for the preparation of multiple articles.