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# Task force on the preparation of the *State of Mediterranean Forests*

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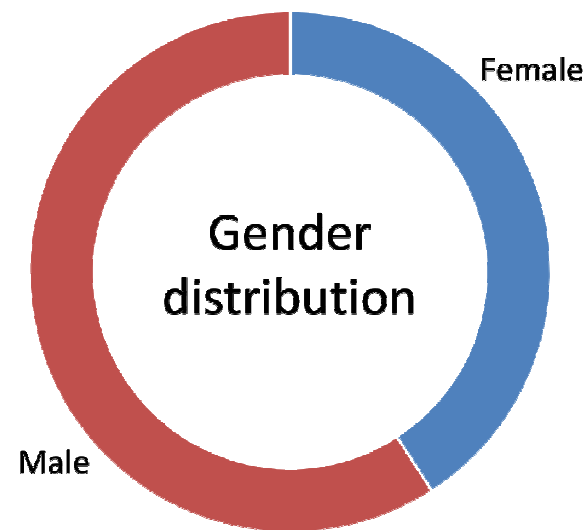
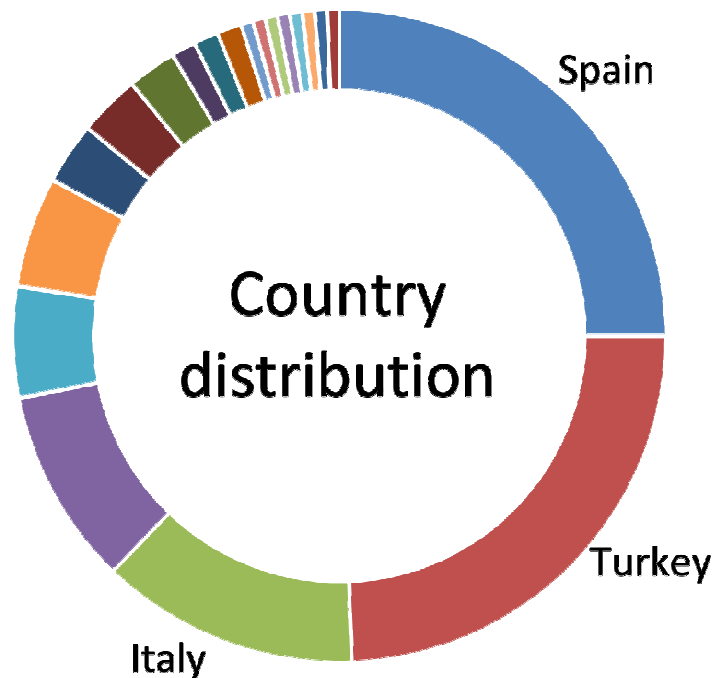
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# State of Mediterranean Forests 2018

A collaborative effort of 164 contributors from 20 countries





# Forests in the Mediterranean landscape matter...



- **Trees outside forests** are extremely important in the Mediterranean region

- Mediterranean forests can **significantly contribute to the global agenda**, including several targets under the three UN Rio Conventions, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030
- There is a moderate but stable overall **trend towards increased forest area** across the Mediterranean, with a corresponding increase in growing stock and carbon storage. Significant variations between countries do, however, remain



... but there are rising threats to address



- Climate change and population growth are overarching processes threatening Mediterranean forests





# Forest-based solutions can address the challenges Mediterranean landscapes face

- Forest ecosystems provide **valuable goods and services**
- **Forest and landscape restoration** is an innovative and particularly relevant approach to address the drivers of degradation in the Mediterranean region
- Forest-based solutions are key to **climate change mitigation and adaptation** in the Mediterranean
- The **biodiversity** of Mediterranean forests is key to their resilience and climate change adaptation, but their value extends far beyond this





# An enabling environment is required to scale-up forest-based solutions



- Scaling-up forest-based solutions will be facilitated by a **paradigmatic shift in the way we perceive forest** goods and services in the economy, from a linear economic model of production to a circular, resource-efficient, bio-based, low carbon and socially fair green economy
- Scaling up forest-based solutions requires **country-level coordination** using carefully prepared and effective national forest policies and programmes
- Robust approaches to **stakeholder participation**, sound governance and community engagement will be critical to the success of forest-based solutions





# An enabling environment is required to scale-up forest-based solutions (Cont'd)



- The successful implementation of forest-based solutions will require a **fair and accurate assessment** of the value of the goods and services on which these solutions are based
- Scaling up forest-based solutions in the Mediterranean region requires appropriate **financing mechanisms**



# Online survey to assess the impact of the *State of Mediterranean Forests*

6 questions to prepare a possible new  
edition of the *State of Mediterranean  
Forests*



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# Points for consideration

The Committee *Silva Mediterranea* may wish to request FAO to prepare a new report on the state of Mediterranean forests, in collaboration with other institutions, in order to review the trends in the use of forests





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