The Mediterranean Regional Office of the European Forest Institute - EFIMED

EFIMED, established in 2007 through an agreement between the Spanish government and EFI, is the first EFI Regional Office.

The aim of EFIMED is to coordinate and promote research on Mediterranean forests, forestry and forest products, and to make the results of the research known to all interested parties, in order to promote the conservation and sustainable management of Mediterranean forests. EFIMED will provide value-added information on forests at the Mediterranean level.

EFIMED activities focus on conducting and coordinating research, capacity building, networking, advocacy and dissemination of information and have a special emphasis in improving the situation of forest research in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries.

Highlights for 2008 are:

Designing an International Master on Mediterranean forest ecosystems management

Coordination of the DG Agriculture project: Study on the development and marketing of non-marketed forest products and services

A Summer School from 23 -28 June 2008, organised together with MAICh: Do Mediterranean forests compete for water resources? A scale approach from leaf to landscape.

To develop a positioning paper on: Living with wildfires: what science can tell us? A contribution to the Science-Policy dialogue

An International Conference on 30 -31 October 2008 organised with IUFRO, MCPFE and others: Water and Forests: a convenient truth?

Funding 10 Short scientific visits for Mediterranean young scientists

To publish the proceedings “Modelling, valuing and managing Mediterranean forest ecosystems for non-timber goods and services”.