



**AFWC/EFC/NEFC COMMITTEE ON MEDITERRANEAN FORESTRY QUESTIONS  
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**STATUTES**

1. The functions of the Sub-Commission shall be to advise, in the light of past and current trends in land use, on the formulation of a broad forest policy for those countries the territories of which are situated wholly or in part of the Mediterranean basin proper, or the forest, agriculture and grazing economies of which are intimately associated with those of the Mediterranean area, especially in regard to soil conservation, afforestation and long-term production of timber; to coordinate the implementation of this forest policy; to exchange information and, generally through special subsidiary bodies, advise on suitable practices and action in regard to technical problems; and make appropriate recommendations in relation to the foregoing.
2. Membership in the Sub-Commission is open to all Member Nations and Associate Members of the African, European and Near East Forestry Commissions of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the territories of which are situated wholly or in part in the Mediterranean basin proper, or the forest, agriculture and grazing economies are intimately associated with those of the Mediterranean region. Membership shall comprise such eligible Nations as have notified the Director-General of the Organization of their desire to be considered as Members.
3. Any Member Nation of the Organization and any Associate Member that is not a member of the Sub-Commission but has a special interest in the work of the Sub-Commission may, upon request communicated to the Director General of the Organization, attend as observer sessions of the Sub-Commission and of its subsidiary bodies and *ad hoc* meetings.
4. Nations which, while not Member Nations or Associate Members of the Organization, are Members of the United Nations, may be invited at their request to attend in an observer capacity meetings of the Sub-Commission in accordance with the provisions relating to the granting of observer status to nations adopted by the Conference of the Organization.
5. The Sub-Commission shall report and make recommendations to the Conference through the Director-General of the Organization, it being understood that copies of its reports, including any conclusions and recommendations, will be circulated to interested Member Governments and international organizations for their information as soon as they become available.
6. The Sub-Commission may establish such subsidiary bodies as it deems necessary for the accomplishment of its task, subject to the availability of the necessary funds in the relevant chapter of the approved budget of the Organization.
7. The Sub-Commission may adopt and amend its own rules of procedure, which shall come into force upon approval by the Director-General, subject to confirmation by the Conference.