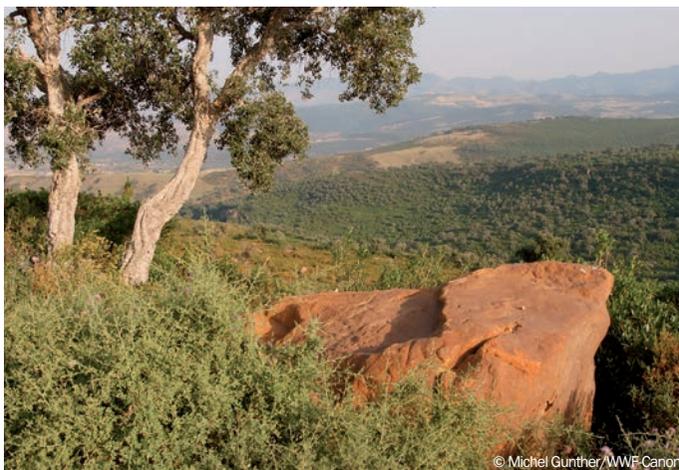


Our objectives

In view of protecting Mediterranean forest ecosystems and enhancing the vital services they provide, the CPMF aims at addressing the following challenges:

- **Strengthen the capacities of forest administrations**
- **Intensify inter-sectoral cooperation** with other relevant sectors of the economy
- **Improve communication, knowledge and information** on the importance of sustainable forest management, on forest-based goods and services, and on the potential impacts of climate change
- **Mobilize external support and partnerships**



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Members' contributions depend on their mission and skills and can be achieved in different ways (knowledge and expertise, networking, financial support, etc.).

Contact us

If you are interested in our activities and wish to join our partnership, please feel free to contact us at:

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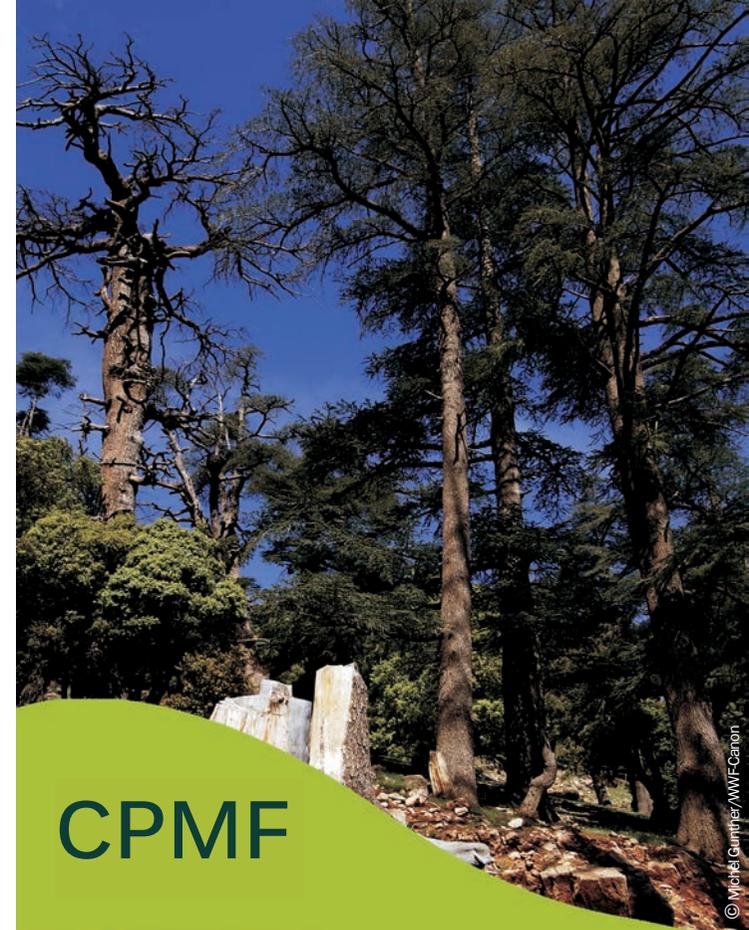
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Did you know?

- Mediterranean forests extend over **25.5 million hectares**, and other wooded lands over 50 million hectares.
- **Primary forests** cover nearly 2 million hectares, while 14 million hectares are forest plantations.
- The Mediterranean region is one of the main «**hot spots**» of biodiversity in the world. It hosts 10% of the global biodiversity of flowering plants, of which more than half are endemic.
- 10% of forest areas are protected in the region; this share is 3% in the south of the Mediterranean.
- The Mediterranean region is the first region of cork production in the world.

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The Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests



Better managing Mediterranean Forests

Mediterranean forests and other wooded lands require special attention due to their unique natural heritage and the essential contribution they make to populations' welfare.



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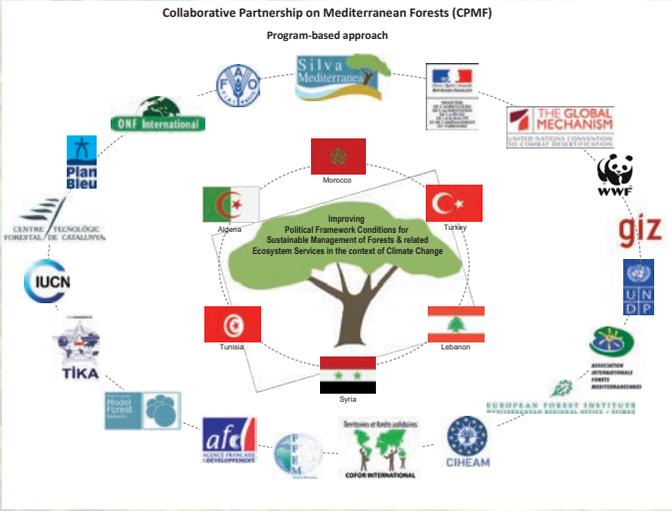
They play a vital role in maintaining biodiversity and landscapes, regulating water cycles, protecting soils and storing carbon. The many services and products they provide to society support various economic activities (from grazing and farming to crafts and tourism) and generate substantial incomes in rural areas.

However, forest ecosystems and related services are threatened by increasing climatic and anthropogenic pressures. Management strategies at regional, national and local levels need to integrate climate change issues as well as socio-economic dynamics, including poverty, rural unemployment and demography in Southern and Eastern rims.

Uniting our efforts to improve forest management in the Mediterranean: The Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests

The Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests (CPMF) is an international association which gathers various institutions concerned by the future of Mediterranean forests and involved in regional cooperation actions aimed at improving forest management and enhancing its benefits for society.

Through this voluntary partnership, members aim at coordinating their activities and seeking synergies to strengthen countries' capacities and support their strategic orientations towards sustainable and integrated management of forest areas.



The CPMF is particularly focused on the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries that are most forested and showed particular interest in the initiative: Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey. Governments of these partner countries are thus actively involved in CPMF activities.

Who are we?

The Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests gathers the following members:

- The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations
- Plan Bleu, a regional activity centre of UNEP/ Mediterranean Action Plan
- The Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
- The German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ)
- The French Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forest (MAAF)
- The French Development Agency and French Global Environment Facility (AFD/FFEM)
- The International Association for Mediterranean Forests (AIFM)
- The Mediterranean Model Forest Network (MMFN)
- National Forestry Office - International (ONF-I)
- The European Forest Institute's Mediterranean Office (EFIMED)
- The Forest Sciences Center of Catalonia (CFTC)
- The International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM)
- The International Union for Conservation of Nature – Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation (IUCN – Mediterranean)
- The World Wide Fund for Nature's Mediterranean Programme (WWF – MEDPO)
- Association of Forest Communities (COFOR International)
- The Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA)
- The United Nations Development Programme Turkey (UNDP Turkey)



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