

BEST PRACTICES ON FOREST INNOVATION IN **VALENCIAN REGION** **- SPAIN**

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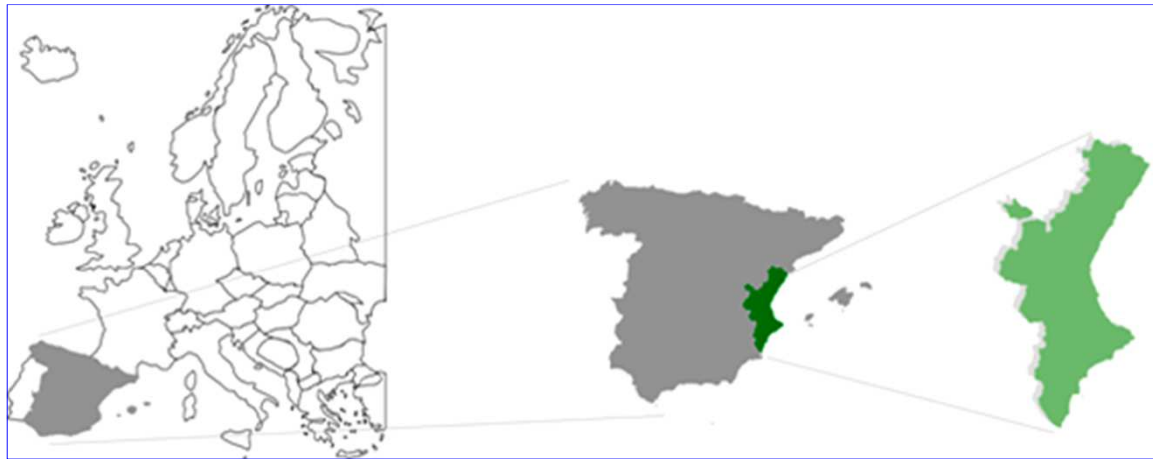
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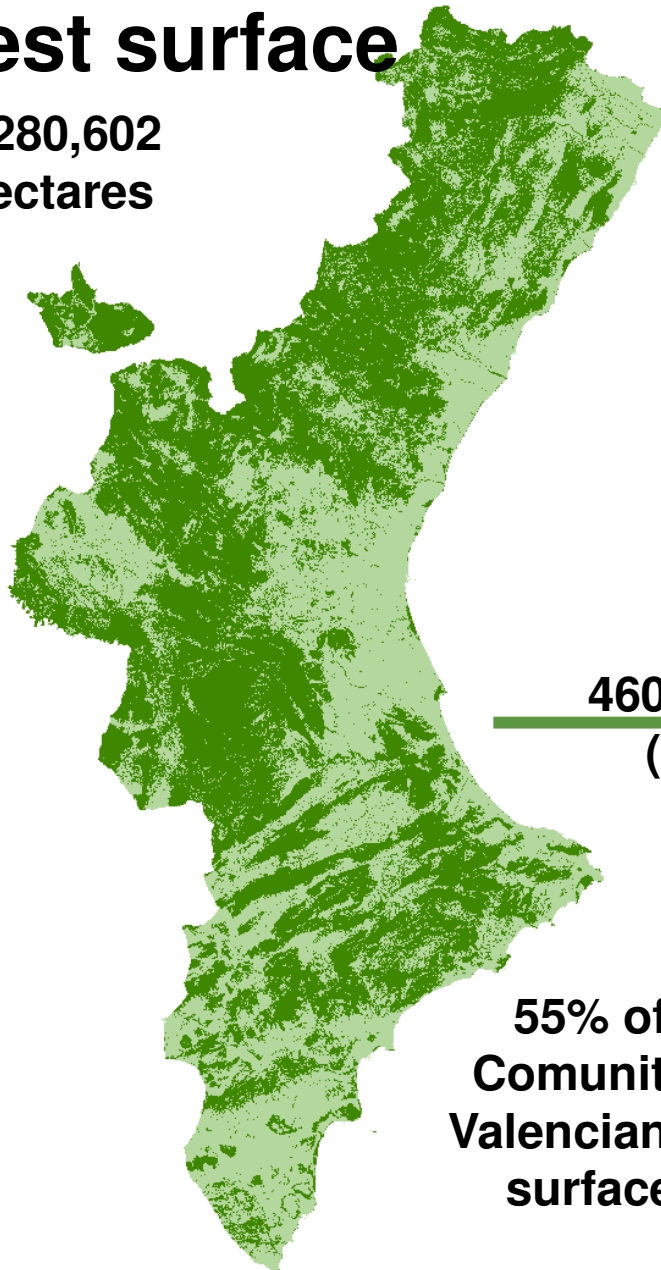
Where are we?



Valencian Region is in the
Mediterranean basin

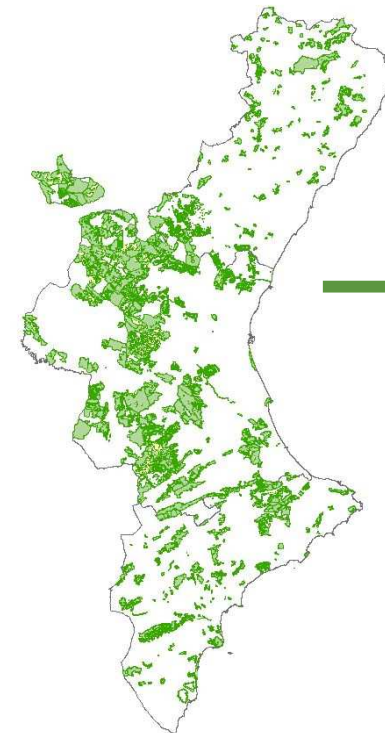
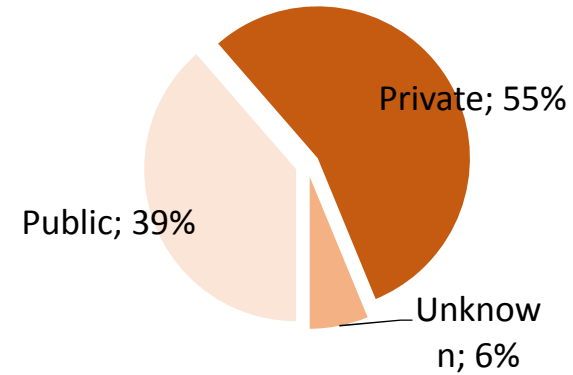
Forest surface

1,280,602
hectares



460,605 ha
(36%)

55% of
Comunitat
Valenciana's
surface



Forest Surface managed by
Regional Government

273,282 ha
(60%)
NATURA 2000

Public Utility Forest

Forest Surface: 1,280,602 ha
Public Utility Forests surface: 414,050 ha
(32%)



**The first
protection figure
in the world**

**Creation: Madoz disentailment
Year 1855**



**Catalogue of Public Utility Forests
Last approval year 1970**



**Natura 2000
delimitation**

Public Utility Forest



Forestry Act 2003

**strengthens the protection
of Public Utility Forests**

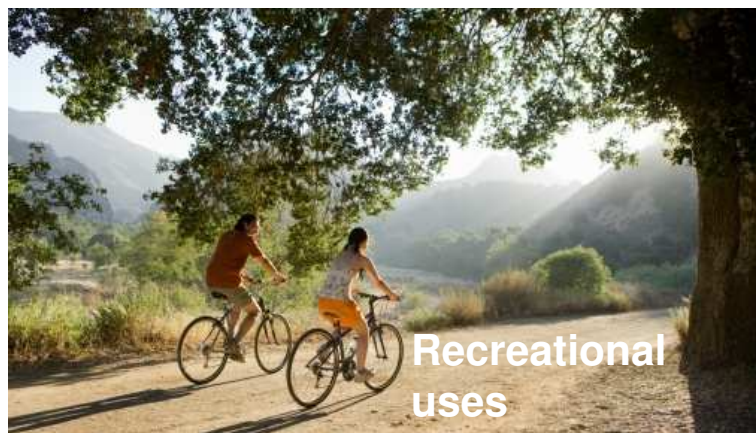
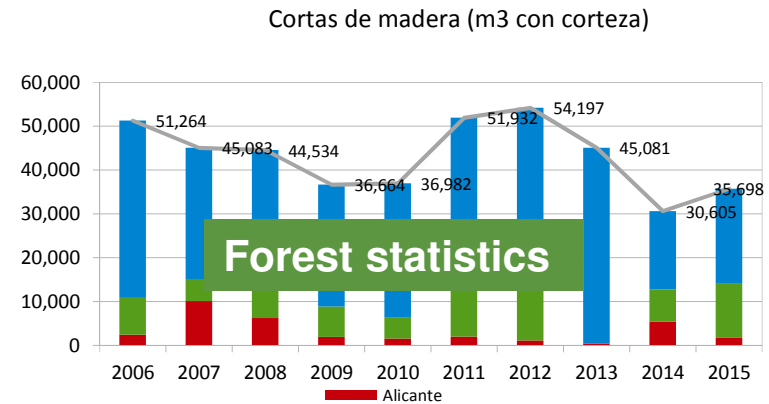


PUBLIC DOMAIN

Forest Management Service (Regional Government)



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Innovative practices

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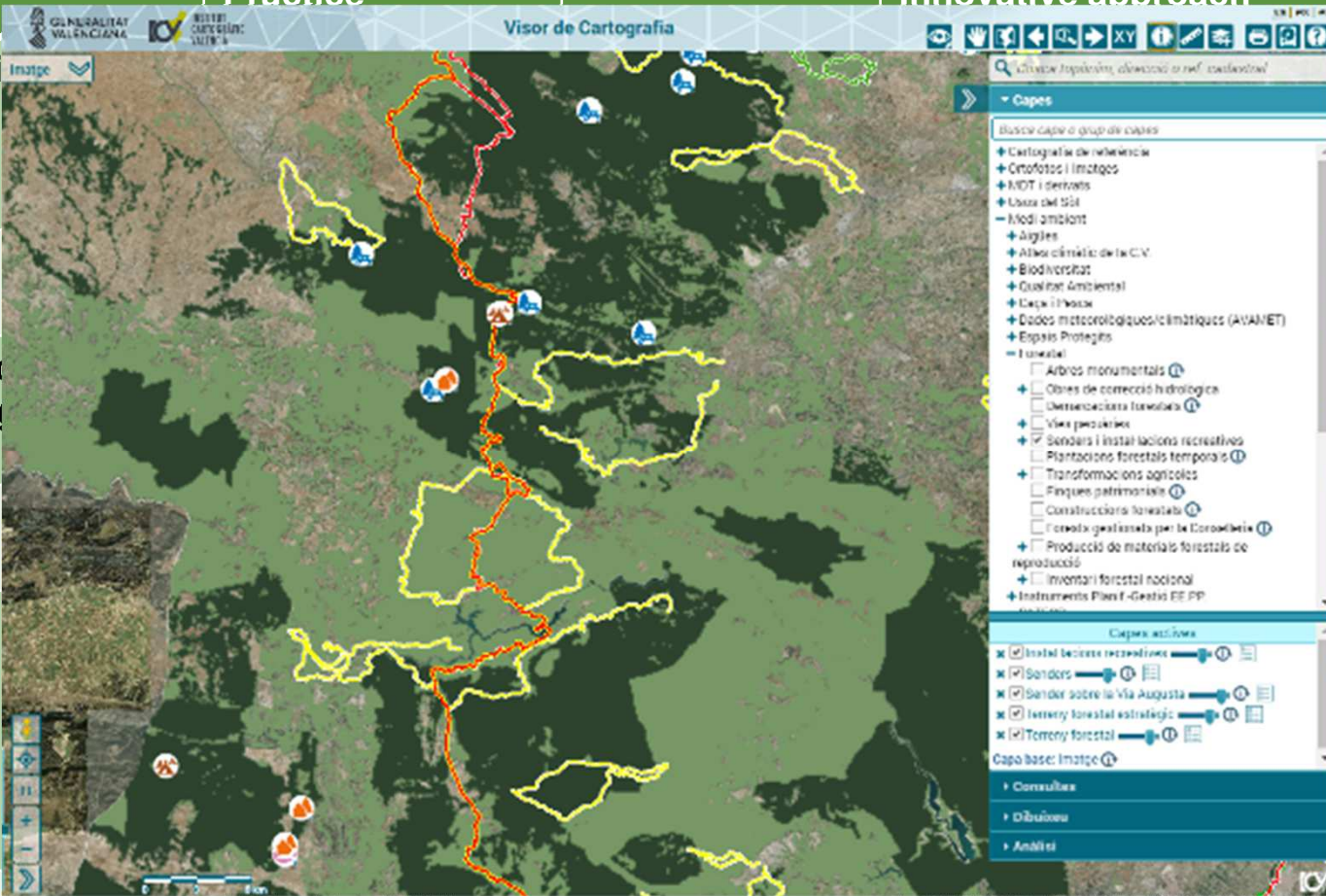
Executive Framework

Level	Practice		Innovative approach
Strategic planning	Valencian Community Forestry Territorial Action Plan		Environmental services approach Millennium Ecosystem Assessment
Tactical planning	Forest Resources Management Plans		Environmental services approach Millennium Ecosystem Assessment
Operational planning	Forest digital cartography	https://visor.gva.es/visor/	Available to the public. Cartography according to European Directive INSPIRE 2007/2/EC
	PROFORBIOMED project		Promotion of forest biomass in the Mediterranean basin
	LIFE RENAIX EL BOSC project		Adaptive forestry for the recovery and conservation of Tilio-Acerion forest formations
	LIFE TECMINE project		Demonstration project to test new environmental and sustainable restoration techniques in mining forest areas

Innovative practices

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Executive Framework


Level	Practice	Innovative approach
Strategic		Approach assessment
Tactical		Approach assessment
Operational planning		European EC
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		recovery and on forest
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Innovative practices



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Executive Framework

Level	Practice	Innovative approach
Strategic		
		
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Innovative practices According to the EU Forest Strategy

Executive Framework

Level	Practice	Funds	Innovative approach
Operational planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Forest management plans in public and private forests (grants) ✓ Forestry treatments ✓ Forest Health 	 The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development <small>Europe investing in rural areas</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Environmental services approach ✓ Forestry for fire prevention ✓ Water forestry to generate forest masses that consume less water ✓ Adaptive forestry to generate local rainfall
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Environmental restoration of areas affected by forest fires, drought or pests ✓ Hydrological-forestry restoration projects ✓ Reforestation projects 	 European Union <small>European Regional Development Fund</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Adaptive forestry for increasing carbon capture and storage capacity

Building the forests of the 21st century

Forests that protect themselves

Forest that generate rainfalls

Forest that harvest water

Forests that mitigate climate change

Forests that defend life

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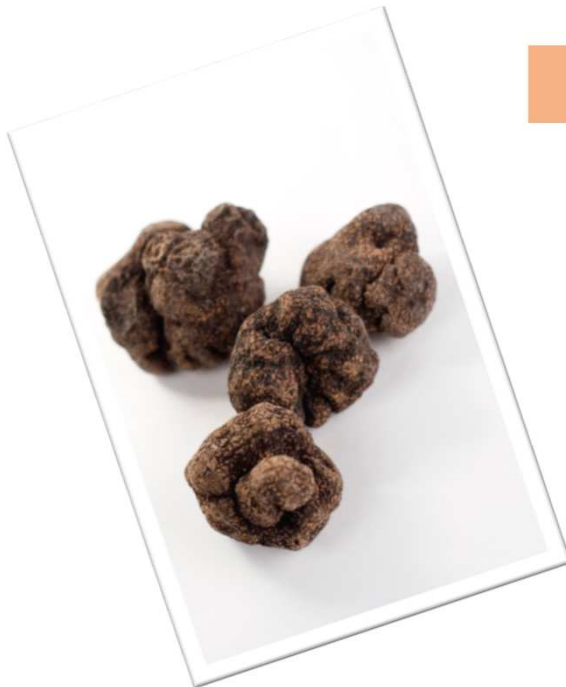
Legal Framework

Legislation development

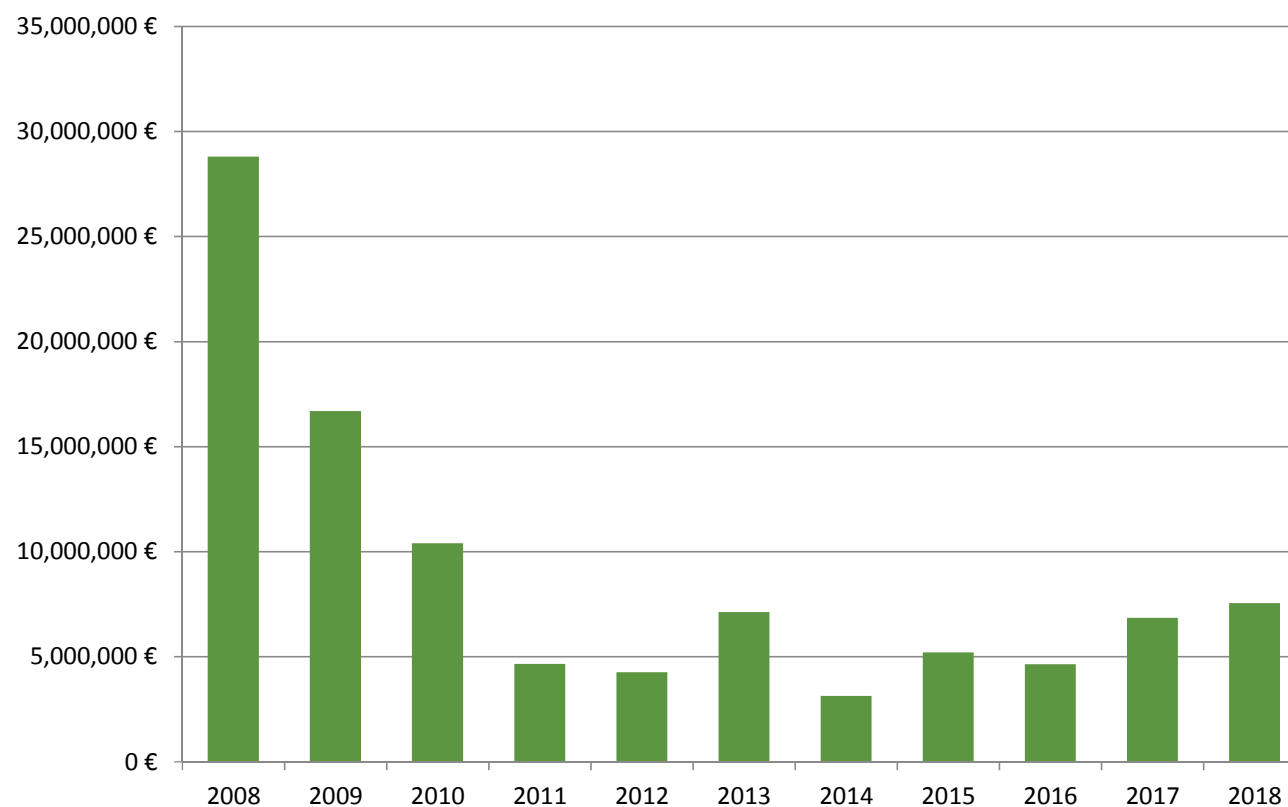
Forest harvesting
Forest management plans
Harvesting truffles
Temporary forest plantations

Administrative procedures

Forest management plans
Timber inspections
Temporary forest plantations



Forest investment



Conclusions

- ✓ **We manage 36% of the forest surface**
- ✓ **Our forests are not economically profitable**
- ✓ **Private owners don't manage**
- ✓ **Public investment is not enough**
- ✓ **Our forests are stagnant**
- ✓ **We need forest prepared to climate emergencies**
- ✓ **We need European funds to increase investment**
- ✓ **Natura 2000 is located in forest areas**
- ✓ **Natura 2000 Directive requires actions to be carried out in the natural environment**
- ✓ **The European Forestry Strategy has not developed Directives that oblige states to act in the forest environment**
- ✓ **Forests must be preserved to preserve Natura 2000**

Thanks for your attention

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