



SILVA MEDITERRANEA

The Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions



WHAT IS IT?

Silva Mediterranea is a statutory body of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Its members include **27 countries and the European Union**.

Silva Mediterranea focuses mainly on **sustainable forest management and the well-being of communities** that rely on forests.

Activities are designed to **meet the needs expressed by countries and their forest sectors** especially regarding:

- the socioeconomic role of forests;
- the conservation of biological diversity; and
- climate change and desertification.



WHAT DOES IT DO?

Silva Mediterranea's goal is to **facilitate exchanges on forestry and foster cooperation** among Mediterranean countries and institutions.

Silva Mediterranea operates through **working groups**:

- Forest fires
- Cork oak and non-timber forest products
- Forest genetic resources
- Urban and peri-urban forestry
- Desertification and restoration of Mediterranean drylands

Together with regional partners, *Silva Mediterranea* organizes **the Mediterranean Forest Week** every 2 years. A regional platform for cooperation on Mediterranean forestry issues.

The **UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration Flagship "Restoring Mediterranean Forests"**, spearheaded by *Silva Mediterranea*, addresses the degradation of forest ecosystems by focusing on proactive forest management. It stretches across the Mediterranean region, where Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, and Türkiye act as pilot countries.

MEDITERRANEAN YOUTH TASK FORCE



The Mediterranean Youth Task Force is the **youth branch of *Silva Mediterranea***. It comprises individuals under 35 either from or living in the Mediterranean, including students, researchers, young professionals and those active in forestry. The task force aims to **get young people involved in Mediterranean forestry**.

THE MEMBERS

The members of *Silva Mediterranea*: Albania, Algeria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Malta, Morocco, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Türkiye, Yemen and the EU.

