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***Unasylva* special issue on restoration in the Mediterranean region**

Executive summary

This document presents the status of the new special issue of *Unasylva* dedicated to Mediterranean forests, to be launched in English during the Extraordinary Session held on 25 July 2024.

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I. Introduction

1. *Unasylva* is a multilingual international journal of forestry and forest industries published by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).
2. In 2013, *Unasylva* special issue 242, entitled “[A new dynamic for Mediterranean forests](#)”, underlined the strong technical basis and political will across the countries of the Mediterranean for finding solutions to several threats affecting Mediterranean forests, including climate change, emphasizing the importance of establishing regional strategies, such as the Strategic Framework on Mediterranean Forests described in the publication.

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3. During its Twenty-Fourth Session in March 2022, the Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions – *Silva Mediterranea* proposed to the *Unasyuva* editorial board that it prepare a new special issue dedicated to Mediterranean forests, which would be a follow-up to *Unasyuva* 242.

II. Launch of the *Unasyuva* special issue

4. *Unasyuva* issue 255 entitled “Restoration in the Mediterranean region” aims to showcase the status of Mediterranean forest resources, with a specific focus on restoration efforts and recent developments and opportunities to achieve regional and global pledges. By delving into ongoing restoration efforts in the region, this special issue aims to highlight the key contribution of the Mediterranean to achieving the vision promoted in the context of the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021–2030.

5. The issue includes three sections:

- i. Past and current regional dynamic
- ii. Key topics for restoration in the Mediterranean region
- iii. The future of restoration in the Mediterranean region

6. The contents of the special issue are reported in Annex A.

7. The issue launched during the Extraordinary Session of *Silva Mediterranea* is currently available only in English. It will be translated into French and Spanish. The launch of these French and Spanish versions is planned for the Eighth Mediterranean Forest Week to be held in Barcelona, Spain, on 4–8 November 2024.

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