



**Cork oak forests and ecosystem services:  
tools in developing markets**

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## **“Cork oak forests and Ecosystem Services in the Mediterranean: tools in developing markets”**

**Introduction:** Producing, processing and consuming cork is beneficial for the protection of highly valuable ecosystems, i.e. cork oak woodlands, whose conservation heavily depends on the persistence of human intervention in the forest. This two-day event will discuss the role of cork oak woodlands in providing Ecosystem Services (ES) and showcase tools that contribute to sustain rural livelihoods, forest owners, forest managers and industries engaged in sustainable forest management (SFM). Recognition and marketing of ES can play a key role in supporting rural incomes, encourage land stewardship and therefore guarantee cork oak woodland conservation. However, there is ongoing scepticism on the effectiveness of the existing tools in compensating ES provision. For this reason, examples and best practices from across the Mediterranean will be presented, along with the local enabling framework conditions needed to support them.

**Addressed to:** Cork oak forest owners and managers, forest owners' associations, cork enterprises, local communities, decision makers, local authorities across the Mediterranean

**Language:** English (Italian-English translation will be provided)

### **Objectives to be reached:**

#### **A. Participants:**

- get to grips with cork oak woodlands' potential in delivering Ecosystem Services;
- become aware of the main tools and trends to promote ES and fair returns to the cork value chain;
- agree on the future steps to support innovative tools
- lessons learnt from past experiences, and of course:
- become familiar with INCREdible network and objectives

#### **B. Cork iNet questions directly targeted:**

- How can we better evaluate the ES provided by cork?
- Is forest certification a viable tool to increase social awareness and compensation for ES?
- What framework conditions are needed to ensure ES delivery and fair returns to the forest owner?

**Date:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 during the National Forest Year (Anno Forestale) that will also host the AIAF Conference, the National Rural Network workshop and the EURAF pre-congress meeting, all taking place during the week 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> of May and dealing with the theme Agroforestry. The last two days of the week will be devoted to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Incredible Interregional Workshop of the Cork iNet.

### **Location:**

Workshop held at Consorzio Universitario Nuorese – 1<sup>st</sup> floor Via Salaris, 18 (Nuoro, Italy);

Field trip: stop overs across the historical regions of Nuorese and Gallura (Central and North East Sardinia)

## DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday, November 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2019 - Indoor Workshop Nuoro, Via Salaris 18	
9:30	<b>Registration of participants</b>
10:00	<b>Opening session</b> Cork oak woodland management in Sardinia's state forests - Agency FoReSTAS The Cork iNet of INCREDible - Inazio Martinez (EFIMED)
10.40	<b>Session 1. The role of Forest certification in the evaluation of ecosystem services provided by cork oak woodlands</b> Keynote by Miguel Bulghalo (ISA/WWF), Presentations by Diego Florian (FSC Italy), Antonio Brunori (PEFC Italy) Conceicao Santos Silva (UNAC Portugal)
12.40	<i>Facilitated Plenary discussion</i>
13.20	<i>Poster presentation</i>
13:30	<b>Buffet lunch and poster discussion</b>
14.30	<b>Session 2. Tools supporting the delivery, recognition and rewarding of ES ... what lessons can be learnt from Mediterranean oaks?</b> > <i>Ecosystem services that support rural ecosystems and economies</i> > <i>Enabling framework conditions: governance, capacity building and forest owners' associations</i> Keynote by Sven Wunder (TBC), Several case studies and success stories from across the Mediterranean: Italy, Portugal, France Spain and Tunisia
16.20	<i>Poster presentation</i>
17.00	<i>Round table and plenary debate</i>
17.45	<b>Final conclusions and evaluation</b>
18:00	<b>Closure</b>

## Friday, November 22nd 2019 – Field trip Nuorese and Gallura regions

**8:30**

### Departure from Nuoro

The field trip will start in Nuoro at 8.30 and will end at 18.30 at the airport of Olbia. Buses will be arranged by the organizing agency. Participants wishing to return to Nuoro after the field trip, will arrive in town at 19.30. During the field trip various stop-overs across North East Sardinia will allow participants to visit both privately and publicly owned cork oak forests, in both an agro-silvo-pastoral and a woodland setting. The different challenges, opportunities and management approaches of forest owners and managers will be showcased. New and existing tools needed to trigger ecosystem services delivery, along with the benefits and constraints of cork oak woodland certification in Sardinia will also be discussed, possibly within the fascinating setting of the MAB Unesco site of Tepilora, Rio Posada e Montalbo (Tbc). A packed or buffet lunch will be provided.

**18:10**

### Farewell at Olbia airport

### Practical information

The seminar will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> November in the town of Nuoro (Sardinia) at the Consorzio Universitario Nuorese – 1<sup>st</sup> floor Via Salaris, 18. Nuoro is located 102 km from Olbia airport. Travel options are by bus (2.40 hrs) or car rental (1.10 hrs). Participants are expected to arrive on 20<sup>th</sup> in the evening and depart on the evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Field trip will take place in the historical regions of Nuorese and Gallura (Central and North East Sardinia).

### Hotel

In order to facilitate hotel reservations and the shuttle transfer on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November, the organization (Forestas) will make a pre-reservation at a local Hotel, which will be communicated to participants shortly. **Participants who need a hotel are responsible for the hotel reservation and payment.**

### Transfers

The Agency Forestas will arrange car/bus transfers from the airport of Olbia to the town of Nuoro (1.10 hours), upon request. On Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 8:30 a bus will bring participants to the various stop overs, with a final stop at Olbia airport no later than 18.30.

**Sign in** To sign in or for any request, please contact Forestas secretariat [forestas@incredible.it](mailto:forestas@incredible.it), referring to “Third Cork Inter-regional workshop”