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Policy Forum “Untapping the potential of non-wood forest products for Europe's green economy”

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Wrap-up on the needed policy actions for long term conservation and supply of NWFPs

Securing conservation and supply of NWFPs

Three main actions :

1. Enhance the resource base
2. Ensure sustainable harvest levels and fair and secure access to the resource
3. Set up and improve monitoring systems and inventories

In 2003, Italian trees vibrating machines were tested in Castilla y León (Spain) to mechanize pine cone collection



1. Enhance the resource base

1. Focus on **active forest management** and **diversification** of existing stands
2. Support long-term **forest investments** through appropriate economic instruments
3. Recognise and support **agroforestry systems** as being especially rich in NWFPs
4. Target forest management and **planning on NWFPs production and multifunctionality**
5. Invest in **domestication**, to secure supply of most demanded NWFPs

Aforestation of *Quercus suber* in Salamanca (CyL, Spain)
planted with CAP-EAFRD in agricultural land:
*Increasing Carbon sink, restoring linc's habitat and providing
jobs in rural depopulated areas*



2. Ensure sustainable harvest levels and fair and secure access to the resource

1. Guaranty fair, predictable and transparent **access to forest resources**
2. **Regulate and respect harvest rights** for NWFPs
3. Establish adequate and realistic **control and monitoring responsibilities and procedures**
4. **Train workers and collectors** of NWFPs adequately
5. **Build capacities** on NWFPs into and decisively develop **forest advisory services**



The EU INTERREG Project
SustForest & SustForest Plus
financed the mechanization of
resin tapping and
the design of advisory services
for resin workers:

<https://www.sust-forest.eu/en>



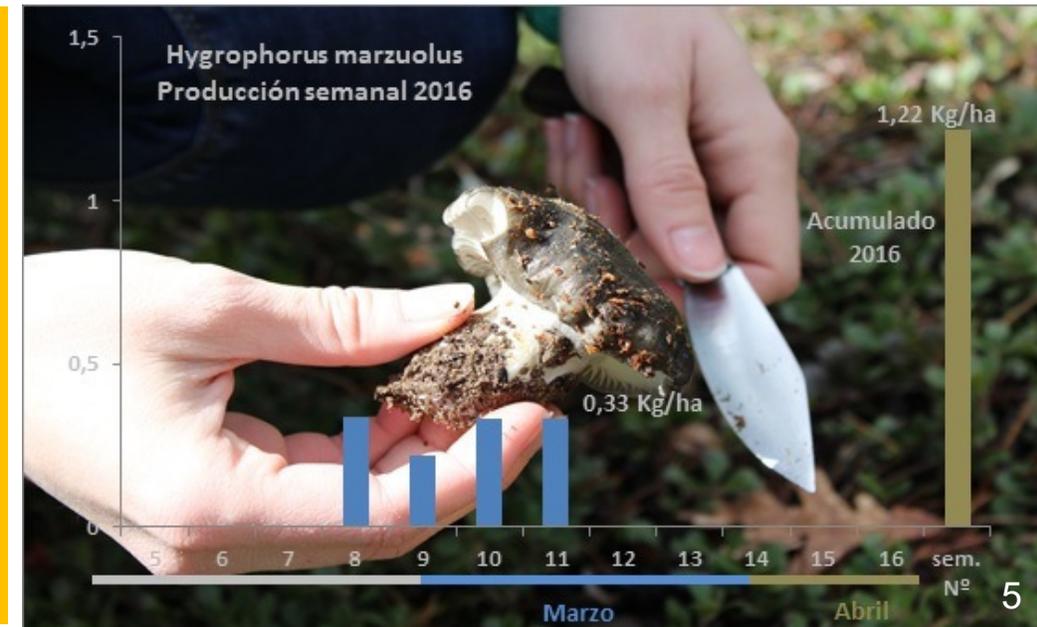
3. Set up and improve monitoring systems and inventories

1. Embed NWFPs resource assessment in **National Forest Inventories**
2. Support **resource assessment of NWFPs** at different spatial scales
3. Establish innovative procedures to **record quantitative information on the collection and trade of wild NWFPs**
4. Fill the knowledge gaps in support of **NWFPs assessment and monitoring**



The EU INTERREG Project **Mycosilva** financed the establishment of wild mushrooms production plots in pine forests in Soria (CyL, Spain), that provided weekly and yearly production records:

<http://micosylva.pfcyl.es/>



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Thank you !





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