

## **Forests Biodiversity**

### Meeting the Biodiversity target 2010

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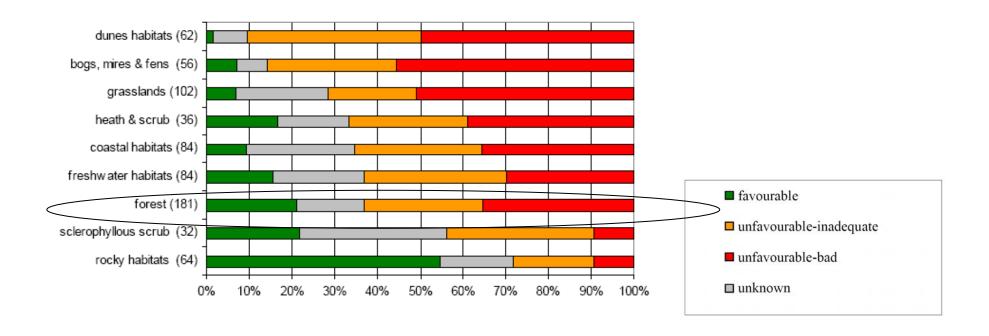






# **EU biodiversity Action Plan Mid term review**

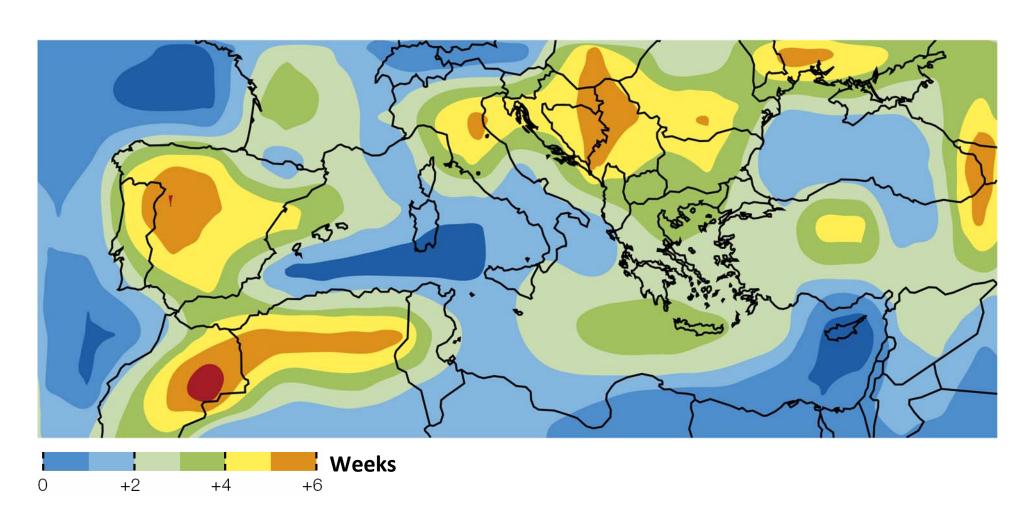
"Initial results from the first major 'health check' of species and habitat types protected under the Habitats Directive show that 50% of species, and possibly up to 80% of habitat types, of European conservation interest have an unfavourable conservation status."





### Climate change will increase forests fires impact

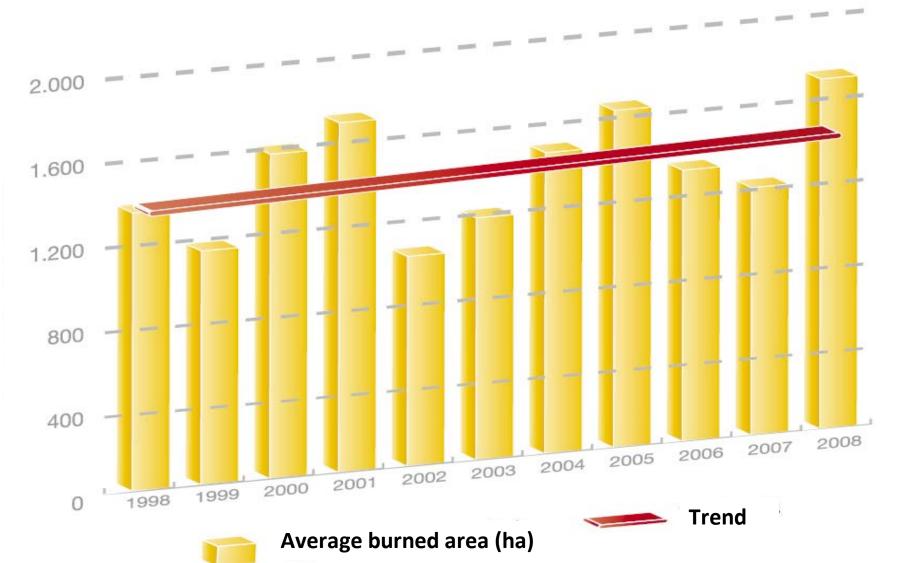
2ºC in 2050 could mean till 6 more weeks of high risk





## Big forests fires increase its size

Spanish case





## "Forest management" and Natura 2000 areas





# Do we need a "Responsible Forest Management" definition?

- 1. Forest Management doesn't mean just to cut trees nor build infrastructure.
- 2. Forest Management means to obtain from the forests those products and services that society needs today meanwhile natural processes are not significantly affected and we ensure their appropriate existence for future generations.
- => Management plan, monitoring and evaluation and public information.

















### Do we need a "Forest Management Area" definition?

Which is the minimum forest management area (FMA) to ensure a responsible forest management:

- Connectivity
- Conservation areas
- Forestry efficiency

EU should promote group forest management

















#### We need...

### the forests in the EU economy

A new economical model that include the forests and its services & products in the EU economy based on:

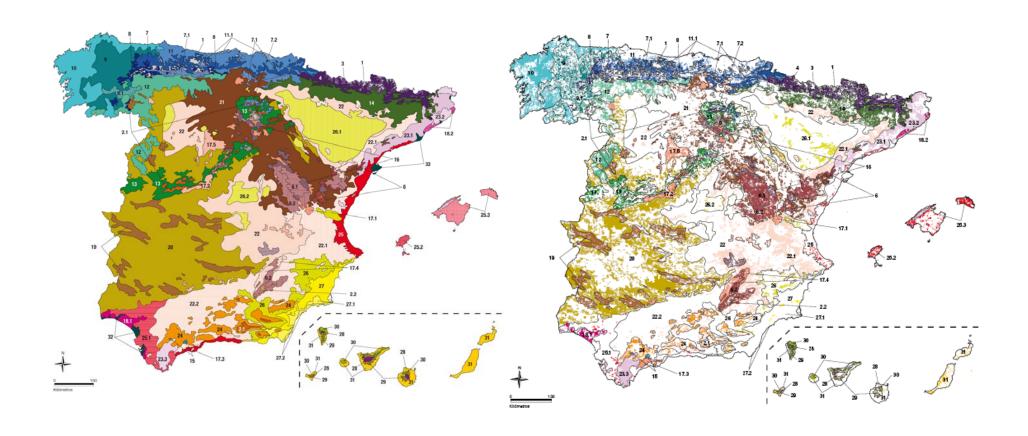
- Certified responsible forest management
- Payment for Environmental Services (PES)
- Public procurement policies





#### We need...

Forests ecosystems restoration based on indicators that ensure connectivity, climate change adaptation and long term conservation.







- Harmonized inventories
- 2. Harmonized harvest and markets Statistics
- 3. Forests ecosystems restoration process and policies to ensure connectivity and climate change adaptation.
- 4. To evaluate and encourage the implementation of ongoing legislation/policies: Public Procurement policies...
- 5. To develop PES systems... and to incorporate strong biodiversity criteria in other policies affecting forests and biodiversity (CAP...)
- 6. Carbon storage in forests must to be jointly biodiversity and habitats not only with respect to "carbon"





### Cheers for the forests!

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