

LIFE MixForChange: Innovative management strategies for climate change adaptation of mixed sub-humid Mediterranean forests



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→ Sustainable & Multifunctional & Adaptive forest management
Sustainable = social + economic + environmental

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Main aim: contribute to the **adaptation to climate change** of Sub-humid Med forests by increasing their **resilience**, ensuring their **conservation** and enhancing their **productive, environmental** and **social** functions



Project consortium

CTFC



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Departament d'Agricultura,
Ramaderia, Pesca i Alimentació



Centre de la Propietat
Forestal

serra de bellmunt
associació de propietaris forestals



ASSOCIACIÓ DE PROPIETARIS FORESTALS
DEL MONTNEGRE I EL CORREDOR

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Ripollès

Four working areas

Bellmunt-Collsacabra massif

Montseny massif

Montnegre-Corredor massif

Four forest types

dominated by...

...Oaks (4 species, dark blue)

...Pines (3 species *green*)

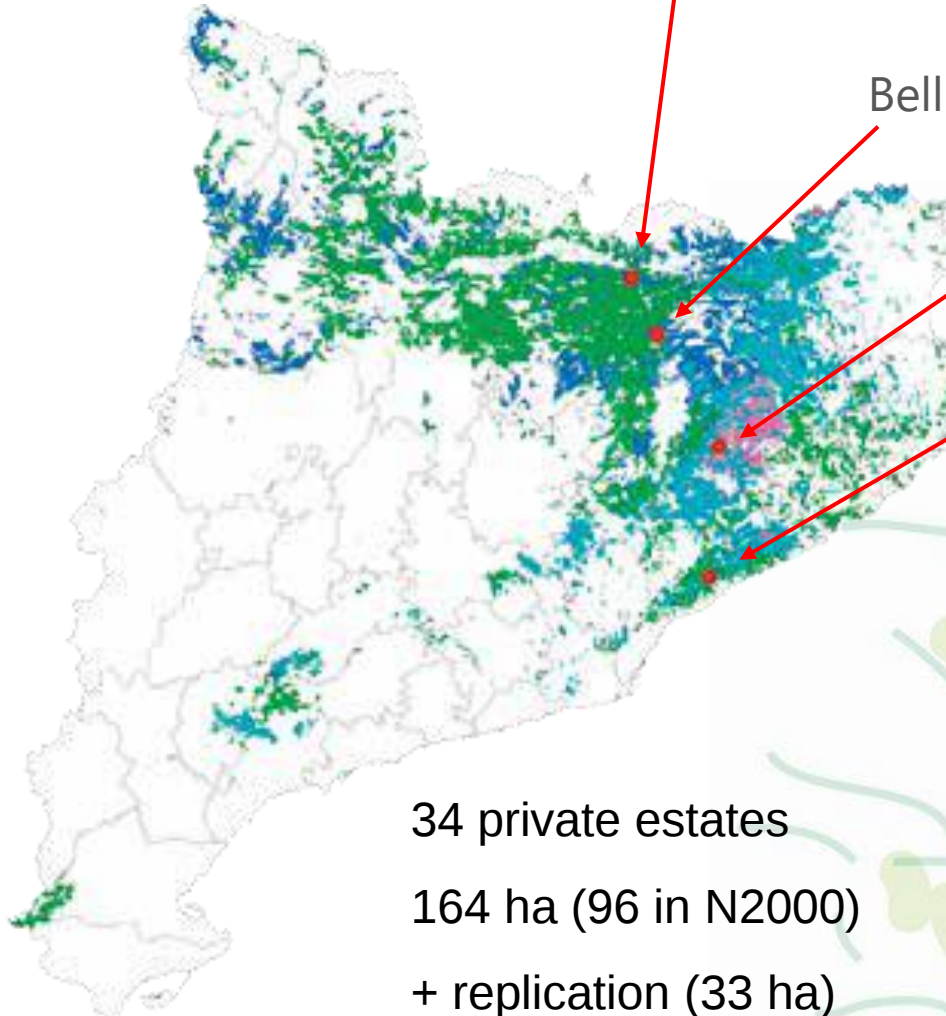
...Holm oak (pale blue)

...Chestnut *(pink)*

34 private estates

164 ha (96 in N2000)

+ replication (33 ha)



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Oak forests

Quercus pubescens, *Q. petraea*,
Q. canariensis, *Q. robur*



Pine forests

Pinus sylvestris, *P. pinea*, *P. pinaster*

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Main silvicultural principles:

- A. Promoting complexity: species & structures
- B. Reduce vulnerability to forest fires (fuel management), other threats (high vitality)
- C. Close-to-nature* + Tree-oriented* principles = high-precision silviculture

* Innovative in Med conditions

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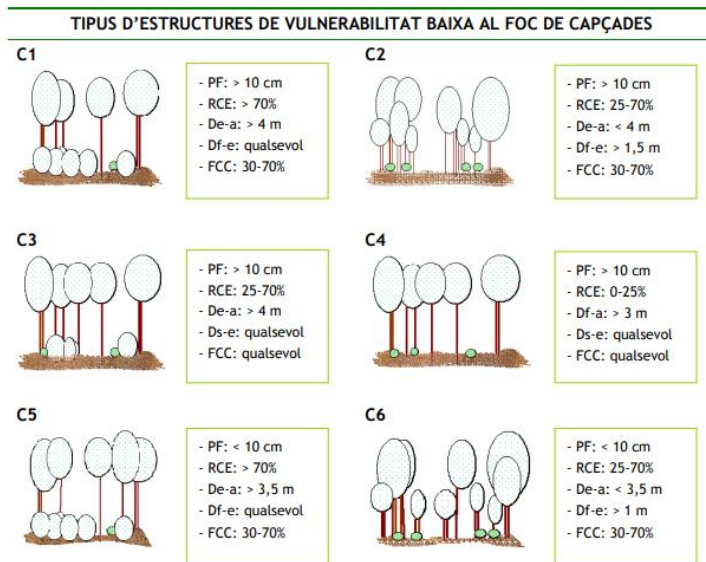
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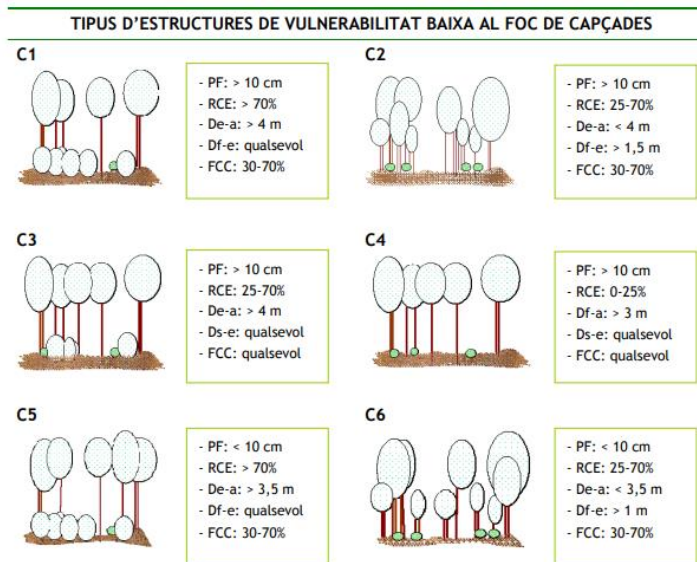
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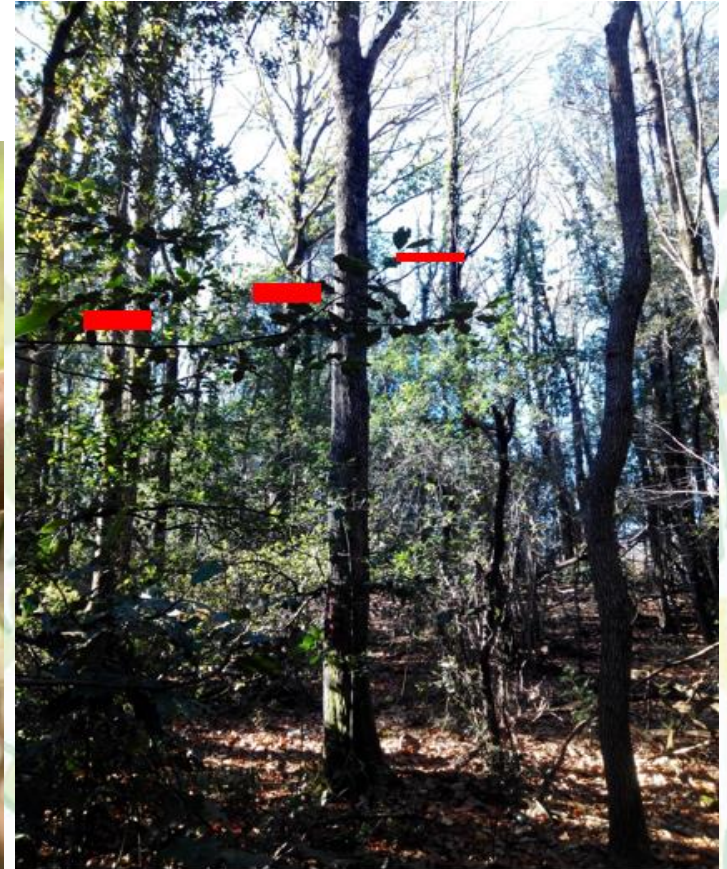
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Tree marking by qualified staff



Selective promotion of
future crop trees

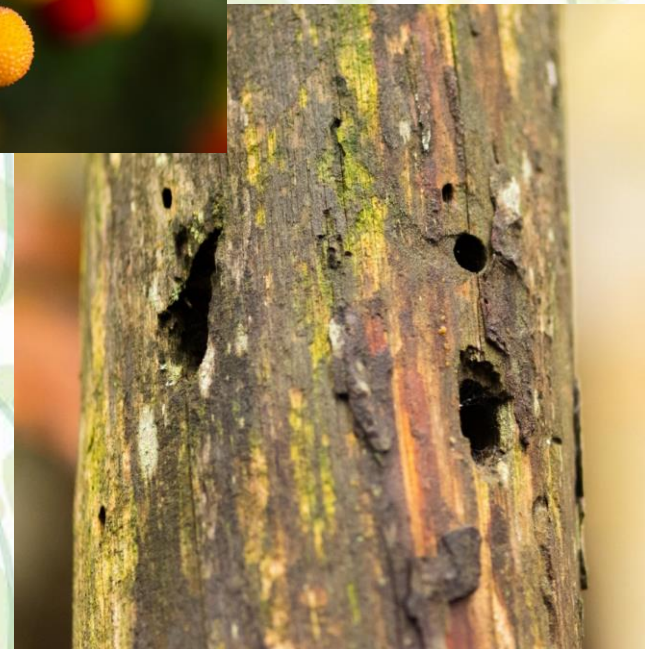
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Keeping trees with high economic value



Keeping trees with high conservation value (including dead trees)



4. Axis 2: bioeconomy enhancement

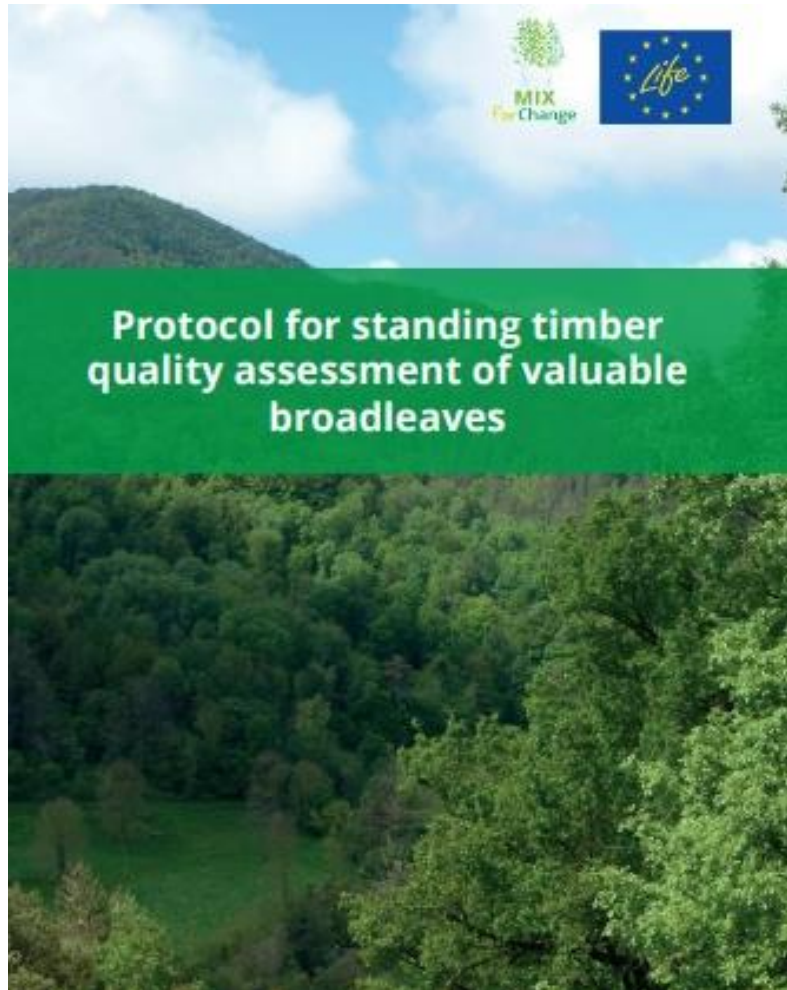


Axis 2 - Enhance the forest products bioeconomy

Aim: only an economically sustainable management can be mainstreamed



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Protocol for standing timber
quality assessment

+ economic study of innovative silviculture + pilot plan for forest products logistics

USES OF VALUABLE BROADLEAVES TIMBER IN CATALONIA

Fusteria

La fusteria genera peces que es poden emprar directament (portes, finestres) o bé formar part d'altres elements constructius (escales) o de mobiliari. És truca, per tant, d'una activitat molt diversa i amb molta perfil diversitat d'empreses que a hi dediquen. Aquesta indústria pot emprar totes les espècies de frondoses esmentades, tot i que les més comunes són aquelles més abundants: roure, fraxe i castanyer.

La fusteria és la principal indústria de transformació de la fusta de frondoses a Catalunya, i es troba molt diversificada. Alguns dels perfils d'empresa de fusteria més rellevants són: serradors que compren la fusta en roll i la venen en forma de taulons o llistons; fabricants de peces intermedies per a altres indústries; fabricants de peces llestes per a instal·lar i fabricants – instal·ladors de peces a mida. CONFIRMAR



Torneria

El fonament de la torneria és treballar les peces de fusta fent-les girar a gran velocitat en un torn. El producte resultant té per tant una secció circular, ja sigui a una part o a la seva totalitat. Els principals elements fabricats per aquesta indústria són peces de mida intermèdia o petita per a l'elaboració de mobiliari (principalment, potes, baranes i balustres) o bé petites peces, eines i parts d'eines: tiradors, maneces, joguines i miniatures, boarts o bolillos, taps de cosmètics i begudes alcohòliques, pinzells i brobes, etc.

De les espècies esmentades al capítol anterior, aquesta indústria empra principalment fusta de fraxe i castanyer (alguna més?), a més del faig.

Aquesta indústria té una llarga tradició a Catalunya, sobretot a Osona. El teixit industrial actual consta principalment de petites empreses familiars... Alguna curiositat històrica (es feia el 70% dels boarts / es fa el 70% de taps de begudes / indústria cosmètica



Catalogue of valuable broadleaves
timber uses

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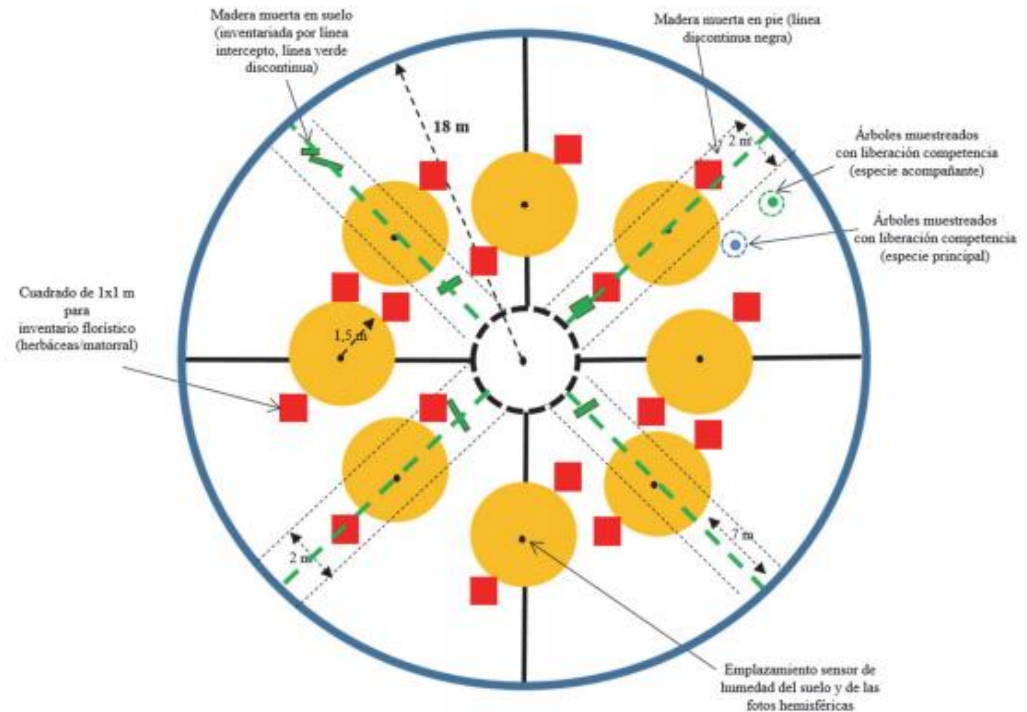


Axis 3 - Decision-making, policy and regulations

Aim: transfer and mainstream the innovative silviculture



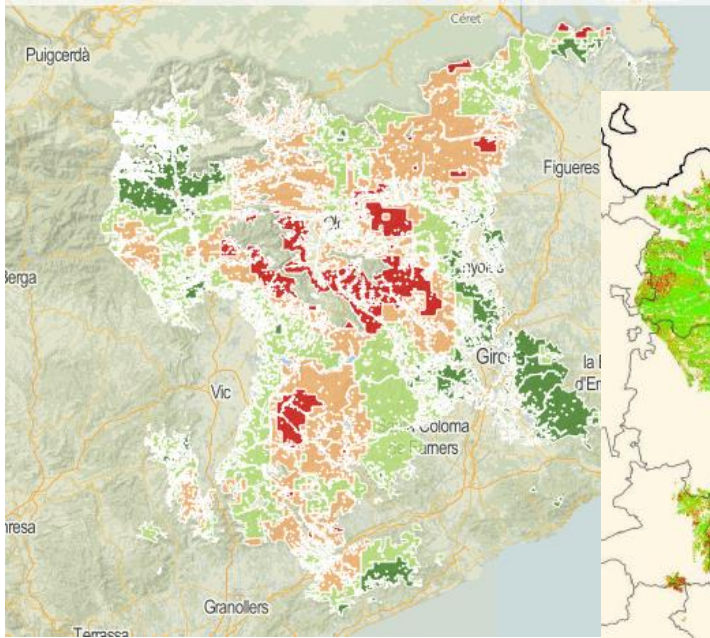
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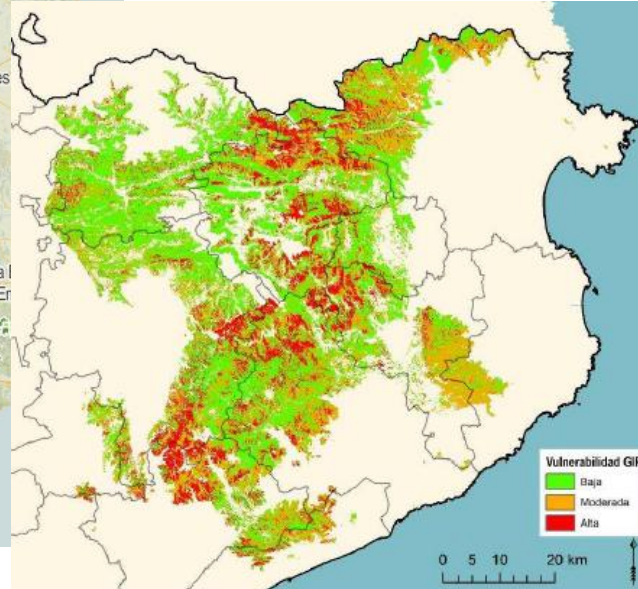
Monitoring indicators of CC impact and adaptation capacity (treated vs control stands):

- Vitality, pests and diseases occurrence
- Forest Biodiversity Index + flora + other biodiversity indicators
- Structural vulnerability to forest fires
- MedFate model on water balance in forest ecosystems
- Sensors of tree growth, soil moisture, forest microclimate

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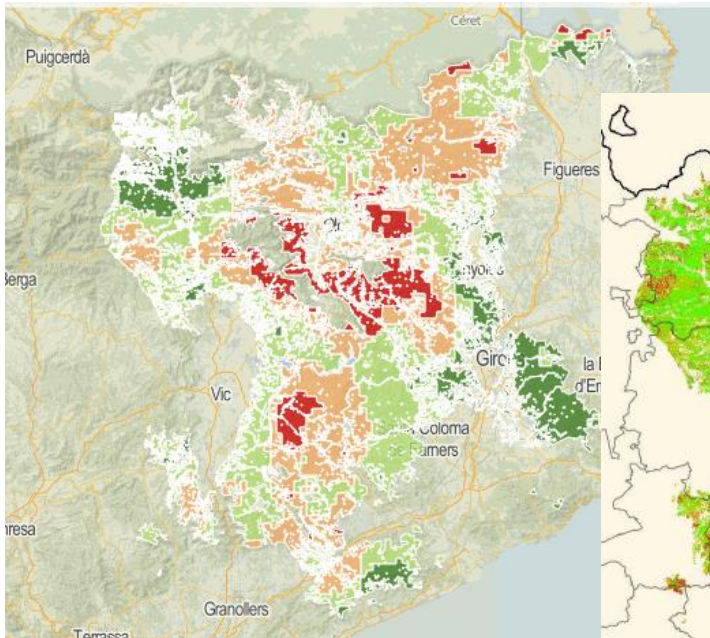


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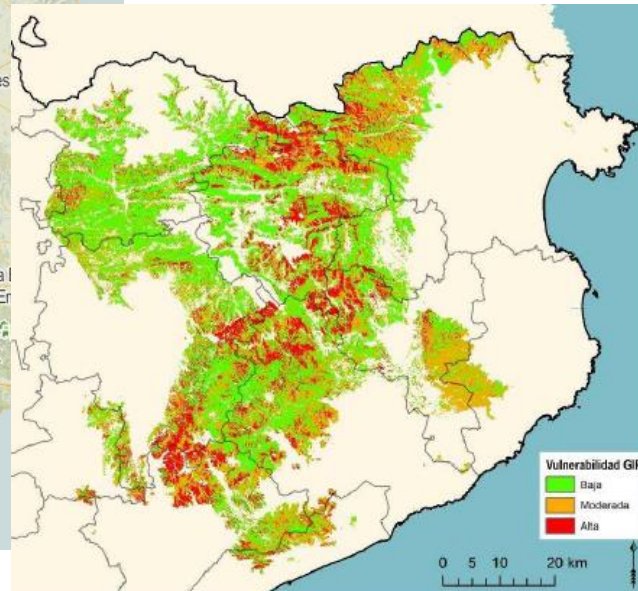
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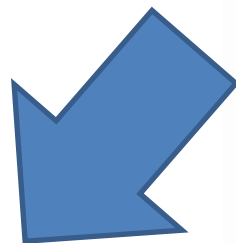


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REPLICATION AT NATIONAL + EU (MED) LEVEL





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