

# C.A.F.E. | Carbon, Aqua, Fire & Eco-resilience Decision Support System



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This tool determines the optimum silvicultural activities to manage multiple products, goods and services such as biomass production, CO2 sequestration, fire risk, water provisioning, climatic resilience or biodiversity, which are simultaneously quantified in time and space for a selected solution. Main advantages include:

- Changing the mono-objective approach in order to include a group of ecosystem goods and services.
- Improving the economic performance of low productive areas by quantifying and valorising other resources that could be remunerated attending to the environmental value.
- Holistic optimization of multiple goods and services out of forest management.
- Adequacy to the specific characteristics of each site.
- Multi-scalar results (plot, forest working unit, catchment, etc.).

C.A.F.E. is a tool that combines eco-hydrologic dynamic simulation with many-criteria optimization, where the user can carry out forest management according to more than one product at the same time, and choose the relevance of each objective/product. This software is capable of working under different climatic regions thanks to the previous calibration of the eco-hydrological simulation. Furthermore, it is possible to modify the spatial scale moving from plot to catchment, integrating a strong biophysical unit. In the same way, simulating different climatic scenarios is also possible. The result is a group of possible solutions among which forest manager can decide and apply.

## DÉTAILS

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### ORIGINE DU BOIS

Forêt

### TYPE DE BOIS

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### POTENTIEL DE MOBILISATION

Very positive

### POTENTIEL DE DURABILITÉ - VALEUR

Très positif

### TYPE DE BOIS CONCERNÉ

All wood produced in the forest system (trunk, branches, roots).

### FACILITÉ D'IMPLÉMENTATION

It is not easy to use, but we are developing user guides to make it easier.

### IMPACT SUR L'ENVIRONNEMENT ET LA BIODIVERSITÉ

- Demonstration and replication of a successful, innovative forest management scheme at a watershed scale. At the beginning it will be applied at sub catchment level in Spain (415 hectares), then at catchment level in Germany, Portugal and Spain (7,824 hectares) and finally it will be further expanded up to 350,000 hectares within five years from the project completion.
- Reinforcement of mechanisms to develop climate change adaptation measures in rural areas and to ensure its socioeconomic sustainability;
- Increased water reserves of 45-200 l/m<sup>2</sup>/year and increased water availability downstream, leading to a reduction in energy extraction costs to 5 W/hm;
- Increased sustainable biomass production for bioenergy uses, between 10 and 15 t/ha year, including both forest and

### FACILITÉ D'IMPLÉMENTATION - ÉVALUATION

Moyen

agricultural residues traditionally burned and usually the cause of wildfires.

- Reduced fire hazards by 30%, protecting rural populations currently residing in risk areas
- Increased resilience of 25% of forest areas to withstand droughts, pests and disease outbreak.

#### **EFFET SUR LE REVENU**

If the management objective is to maximise productivity, revenues will also be maximised.

#### **PRÉREQUIS CLÉS**

Input data for the chosen mechanistic model.

Decision variables.

Constraints to be applied.

#### **POTENTIEL D'EXPLOITATION**

High, as it is based on mechanistic modelling it can be applied in any climatic region. Furthermore, by including a wide range of ecosystem services, it can meet the needs of different types of forest management.

#### **TYPE D'éVÉNEMENT OÙ CETTE ICPE A ÉTÉ PRÉSENTÉE**

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#### **HUB**

Pôle Sud-Ouest

#### **EFFET SUR L'EMPLOI**

The management that is proposed always generates jobs to carry it out.

#### **IMPACT ÉCONOMIQUE**

The tool is free, so the economic impact is positive as you provide a very powerful management tool at 0 cost.

#### **COÛTS D'IMPLÉMENTATION (EURO - €)**

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#### **CONNAISSANCES SPÉCIFIQUES REQUISES**

Knowledge of Geographic Information Systems is necessary to be able to prepare the input data for the tool.

## PLUS DE DÉTAILS

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DÉFI CONCERNÉ	DOMAINE	TYPE DE SOLUTION
1. Améliorer la résilience de la forêt et son adaptation au changement climatique	Gestion forestière, sylviculture, services écosystémiques, résilience Perturbations forestières, risque, réponse aux calamités	Modélisation, DSS, simulation, optimisation
MOTS-CLÉS	SOLUTION DIGITALE	INNOVATION
Resilience/Networking/Decision support system(DSS)/	Oui	Oui
PAYS D'ORIGINE	ECHELLE D'APPLICATION	DÉBUT ET FIN D'ANNÉE
Belgique	Continentale	2019 - 2023

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## REFERENCES AND RESOURCES

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### SITE WEB PRINCIPAL

<http://www.resilientforest.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/DSS-TOOL-.pdf>

### SITE WEB DU PROJET

<https://www.resilientforest.eu/>

### RÉFÉRENCE DU PROJET

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### RESSOURCES

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LOGO DE LA BONNE  
PRATIQUE



LOGO DE L'ORGANISATION  
PRINCIPALE



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