

Description of best practice

Best practice	
Title	Restructuring of quality timber harvesting and grading to diversify its production and improve its implementation in local markets
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Domain	Quality timber; Farming / forestry competitiveness; Supply chain, marketing and consumption
Source of wood	Hardwood
Location	Tarragona, Girona and Barcelona (Catalonia, Spain)
Implementers	ASSOCIACIÓ DE PROPIETARIS FORESTALS DEL MONTNEGRE I EL CORREDOR
Actual status	Closed
Approach	The operational group was created to find a demonstration action to promote secondary hardwood species of high ecological value in the ES5110011 area of the Natura 2000 Network. At present, hardwood harvesting is practically limited to obtaining products with little or no added value, such as firewood or biofuels in general. This is the reason why the profitability of the uses is very compromised.
Main results	Improving the profitability of timber harvesting by diversifying the products obtained. As a result, the aim is to guide forestry exploitation to obtain quality products, enter into the distribution chain of local and specialized markets, establish a more efficient logistic distribution process and extend the time needed to capture atmospheric carbon by using wood for uses with a longer service life than bioenergy.
Lessons learned	According to the analysis carried out, it is considered convenient to perform the following demonstrative actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To manufacture a children's playground of wood of local origin and free of chemical treatments. - Implement new wood grading systems as is done in other European countries. - Articulate the different agents along the production chain - Demonstrate that quality products can be made from locally sourced wood
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information	
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Best practice assessment

Region	Catalonia, Spain
Time scale	2015-2016
Mobilization Potential	
Kind of wood concerned	Secondary hardwood species
Sustainability Potential	Very positive
Impact on environment & biodiversity	Positive
Ease of implementation	Medium
Economic impact	Low
Job effect	Positive
Income effect	Positive
Specific knowledge needed	Forest harvesting
Costs of implementation	28.571,43 €
Technical readiness level	System demonstration in operational environment
Key information for adoption	