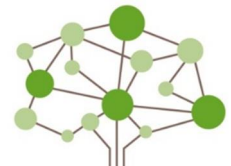


Description of best practice

Best practice	
Title	DFCI (fire defence) forest track network
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Domain	Sustainable management and planning, communities, Infrastructure
Source of wood	Stemwood
Location	Aquitaine
Implementers	private or public forest owners and Public entities
Actual status	Running
Approach	A network of 42,000 km of DFCI tracks covers Aquitaine. In the Landes de Gascogne, the service network is the largest with 3.38 km per 100 ha of forest. These trails have a dual interest: fire fighting and access to forest sites for forestry equipment. They serve as firebreaks between forest plots and facilitate access to both fire and rescue services and logging operations. These forest tracks were created and are now maintained by DFCI's 241 ASAs (authorized syndical association) as well as private and public owners.
Main results	DFCI's ASAs are registered trade syndical associations of forest owners with the aim of maintaining infrastructure of collective and public interest at common expense. The ASAs are public establishments, under prefectural supervision, managed by the owners. They became compulsory throughout the Landes de Gascogne massif following the 1945 ordinance. An ASA has a delimited perimeter where all owners located inside become members. The ASA has work done to create and maintain tracks, ditches, water points and drilling. A contribution is required from members in order to finance the operation. The rules concerning the eligibility of owners for this contribution are laid down by the ASAs. Taxes average around 2.5 to 3 €/ha/year. Currently 2,500 volunteer forest owners are involved in the ASA, coordinated by the DFCI Aquitaine (association law 1901).
Lessons learned	There are currently difficulties in renewing volunteers in these ASAs that lead to a loss of technical knowledge. The legislative and accounting context is becoming increasingly complex, which can become an obstacle to owners' involvement in the management of ASAs. The regional Association of Aquitaine DFCI leads and accompanies the network of volunteers, particularly in the preparation of grant applications and public contracts.
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Best practice assessment

Region	Aquitaine
Time scale	NA
Mobilization Potential	High potential for mobilization by reducing fire risk and increasing accessibility to forest sites.
Kind of wood concerned	Stemwood
Sustainability Potential	Very positive: ASAs under the supervision of the prefecture
Impact on environment & biodiversity	All infrastructures respect the articles of the environment code
Ease of implementation	Medium: ASAs are public institutions but run by volunteers.
Economic impact	Tax for adherents
Job effect	Facilitating work for forest contractors
Income effect	NA
Specific knowledge needed	NA
Costs of implementation	NA
Technical readiness level	Applicable in the next years
Key information for adoption	Involve forest owners, communicate the need for runways and their maintenance, fire risk training for silviculturists