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AGROFORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Real operational intervention programs
The management of agroforestry systems:
- Implementation of technical management procedures to effectively guide the evolutionary process
- Concept of sustainable management

The management plan:
- Definition and organization of the operations to be performed
- Real operational intervention program
- Strategic approach conceptually elaborate AND pragmatism
- Practical, simple and flexible technical guide
- Essential to continuity of action and rational management
Coherence, supervision and follow-up

- The management plan: an ambitious tool based on expérience but:

  - Lack of coherence:
    - Diversity of content
    - Any real notion of sustainable management
    - Partial consideration of research work

- Necessity to supervise the elaboration of management plans:
  - Increasing use
  - Practical implementation

- Follow-up of the application:
  - Regulations
  - Ecocertification process
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**PAULOWNIA TREE PLANTING IN SARDINIA (ITALY) AND ITS EVALUATION FOR AGROFORESTRY SYSTEMS AND SUSTAINABLE LAND USE**
Surveys carried out:

After the second growing season on four random plots on the survival and some phenotypic traits of trees
Results

Survival and average values of surveyed parameters

![Survival rate chart]

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Thank you for your attention!
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Training advisors in Agroforestry(ies)

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- Agroforestry(ies) needs practical and theoretical knowledge.
- Trees or hedges are not in any degree course.

Goal / method:
- In the short term: showing that « advisor in agroforestry » is a specific job in France (in Europe too).
- An inquiry has been sent to the AFAHC network, in order to inventory all the actions that are implemented concerning pastoral trees or hedges (school, public, professional, farmers...)
- 106 partners answered: 54 local territories
Create a training network

- 3 or 4 training session for each partner: more than 350 actions, listed in a brochure

- Themes covered: biodiversity protection, agronomic interests, landscapes...

- Available soon on the AFAHC website

Conclusion:

In the medium term: professionalize the job of « advisor in agroforestry »

Writing convention, creating a « training network », even developing a real school career...
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Towards the silvopastoral management of high quality timber plantation. The case of mature walnuts in Mediterranean Spain

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**AIMS**

To evaluate the response of intensive walnut plantations (herbicides, mineral fertilization and plowing) to alternative silvopastoral systems (legume sown and grazing).

Spanish project SILVOMAD (Silvopastoral management for quality wood production: functional basis, productivity and environmental services) with the collaboration of the BOSQUES NATURALES company (www.bosques-naturales.com/).
Mean values (±S.E.) of CO2 assimilation rate and photochemical efficiency in walnuts with different types of fertilization and control of understory, combined with three regime of irrigation (1= lowest; 3= highest).

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Mean values (±Cl$_{95\%}$) of annual increment of stem diameter (DBH) in walnuts with different types of fertilization and control of understory, combined with three regime of irrigation (1= lowest; 3= highest).
FIRST CONCLUSIONS

At short term, trees were only marginally affected by different treatments applied.

Moreover, slight worsening of physiological status of walnut leaves with legume sown and with grazing were compensate with higher dose of irrigation.

Harrow and fertilization did not improve significantly leave status and functioning, although affected slightly and significantly tree growth.

NEXT STEPS

To evaluate the reduction of nitrate and phosphorus leaching and the hypothetical increment in the carbon sequestration into the soil.

A detailed economical of different alternatives is also in course, to check if the slight reduction of tree growth with silvopastoral management is compensate with the reduction of the costs and the increment of the annual incomes (livestock).
THE FIELD TREE, A SUSTAINABLE FIXER OF CARBON

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The field tree, a sustainable fixer of carbon

- Energy and Territories Climate Plans (the evaluation of potential carbon storage represented by hedgerows)
  - Field surveys regional and national programs
  - An inventory of hedges, a bibliographical synthesis, and typological classification to better define the components of hedges
  - To establish the volume and biomass of aerial and root parts, but also of the soil by the presence of the trees elements.

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To estimate the carbon storage:
- The assessment of the carbon stock of a hedged farmland.
- The evaluation of the annual growth of the hedges,
- Observation and development of practices helping the assessment of the carbon influx

Storage from 30 kg to 1.23 metric ton of CO₂ per 100m per year

according to the type and location of the hedge notably against the slope
The field tree, a sustainable fixer of carbon

- Future for the carbon storage
  - The increase of carbon storage
    - Maintenance of old hedges workable
    - Increase and regeneration of hedge networks.
    - Trees and hedges plantations

  **hedgerow management plans = the first step of wood production optimization**

- The establishment of a carbon market
  - To give a carbon value to hedgerows in addition to energy and timber wood.
  - By discussions with all the stakeholders and some new ones as producer groups.
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AGROFORESTRY IN SLOVENIA

Revival of traditional land use

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### SLOVENIA’S LAND USE

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## AGROFORESTRY PRACTICES AND POTENTIALS IN SLOVENIA

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AGROFORESTRY STATE OF THE ART IN SLOVENIA

1. Lack of experiences, knowledge and practices
2. Undefined existence practice
3. Division between forestry and agriculture sphere
4. Legislation barriers

Hedgerow in Ljubljansko barje
Multipurpose trees on Karst
Silvopasturalism in Lipica
Trees belts in Vipava valley
Orchard

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learn about agroforestry for which, we believe it is also place in our

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THE RURAL TREE AS A GREEN NETWORK OF AGRICULTURAL LANDSCAPES

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The rural tree as a green network of agricultural landscapes

Context:
- Changeover from diversified family farming to simplified industrial farming system (increase of field size, need of more productivity...)

Consequences:
- Decrease of different natural elements as hedges, ponds, bank, dry stone walls...
- Deletion of biological road links (called corridors)

More and more difficulties for feeding, growing and finding breeding conditions for biodiversity

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What we have to do...

- Complicate the landscape to obtain the balance again
- Use this natural balance for agricultural production system (intelligent feeding to increase fungi diversity...)
- Increase the agricultural productivity by this ecological services.
... To link natural elements again:

- Maintain local structuring elements of the landscape
- Trees plantations in hedges:
  - Give refuge, feed and breeding conditions for species
  - Improve the soil structure by increase the moisture (for fungi), the organic matter rate (for others productions)
AGROFORESTATION AND LEVEL OF INCOME IN ITALIAN RURAL AREAS: AN ANALYSIS OF MULTIFUCTIONALITY IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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The aim of this research was to analyze, using a multiple regression model, the main interrelationships among the dependent variable general conditions in the countryside and the independent variables amount of subsides paid by the European Union to improve afforestation actions in rural areas.

Afforested surface and its evolution in Italy over 10 years (Source: our elaboration on data www.istat.it Census of Italian Agriculture 2000 and 2010)
Results:

• From 2000 to 2010, the statistical data of Italian Agricultural Census made by Istat, it was possible to observe a decrease both in cultivated surfaces and also in number of farmers.
• Three Italian regions only have enhanced the afforested surfaced and two of these are located in the north of Italy.
• The multiple regression model in 2000 has pointed out a direct correlation among the independent variables afforested surface, workforce in the primary sector and public funds allocated by the European Union to improve the forestation actions.
• The multiple regression model, during 2007-2013 time, has underlined as the independent variable public funds allocated by the European Union to promote forestation actions did not have any effect.

Final remarks:

The agroforestation has been a positive tool to increase the pluriactivity in the primary sector and to protect rural space enhancing the level of income in rural spaces.
Proyect RTA2009-00011-00-00

Contribution of mycosphere bacterial isolates obtained from the *A. caesarea* mycosphere to the establishment and development of the *Castanea sativa*/*Amanita caesarea* mycorrhizas
Selection of *A. caesarea* strains based on its growth rate in synthetic culture media

Inoculant production and viability control of alginate entrapped inoculum.
Chestnut sapling inoculation

Four months after inoculation:
- Rhizospheric soil samples were taken around saplings
- Extracted DNA was analyzed by ARISA
ARISA profiles

A: *A. caesarea* pure culture as reference (peak of 644bp).

B and C: site 4 and site 6 before *A. caesarea* mycelial inoculation.

D and E: site 4 and site 6 after inoculation.

Successive soil samples are being analyzed over the time to confirm the potential of this method to inoculate chestnut saplings.
In Morocco AGROFORESTRY is used in mountainous and oasis regions where water and/or land resources are limited. In these locations many crops are mixed and their monitoring is complicated. Unfortunately, few scientific studies were dedicated to such system and someone might describe it as primitive, none productive and must been changed. The aims of this work, are a) determination of the importance of olive tree and annual crops association b) estimation with farmers of the productivity of the association and c) evaluation of advantages and disadvantages of such practice according to farmers and scientists point of views.
Material and Methods

This study is based on rapid rural appraisal approach. In different regions where olive tree are implemented, farmers (70 groups) gave qualitative indications of olive tree field: density and age of plantation, estimated olive yield, annual crops cultivated in inter rows of olive trees and their productivities in such situation. Also, interviews were made with farmers, researchers, development agents to determine the importance, advantage and disadvantages of alley cropping based on olive tree. In parallel to this study, in different filed where olive tree are associated with other crops, we determine: density of trees, distance left from tree to cultivated crops in inter rows and general observations on crops and olive tree performances.
Main Results

In the investigated zone, results shows that 75% of farmers growing olive tree are also producing annual crops between tree rows. Those crops are: cereals (durum and soft wheat or barley), legumes –faba bean, lentils, pea, chickpea) and vegetables when irrigation is possible (potato, tomato, onion). Olive tree and cereals association are dominant (50% of cases). According to farmer’s estimations: legume crops like faba bean do not affect olive production comparatively to cereals (durum or soft wheat or barley). In this second case, olive production is reduced by about 39% when cereals are intercropped between the rows. However, farmer produces an added value of cereals or legume of respectively 9 and 7 qx/ha.
WHICH STRATEGIES OF PLANTATION IN ANTICIPATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE

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Sire F, AFAHC – Prom’haies Poitou-Charentes
Local tree species have to be favored for local plantations. False or True?

Often heard

- Local tree species results of hard genetic selections
- Regional provenance adapted to the local climate and soil
- Species and local provenance won’t be adapted in different soils and climate

**how will things turn out in the future?**

- The general context predicts a plausible warming of 3-6 degrees over the twentieth century, accompanied by an increase in water deficit
- Do we have to continue to plant native species? If not, which plant? What will be the future climate?
 Limits to knowledge

- The dates of changes and their real magnitude
- How will species react to these changes?
- There are limits against climate tolerance, primarily related to cold winters and summer droughts; climate change currently concerns the tolerance to summer droughts
- Some species locally in limits of tolerance appear very vulnerable whereas others are probably able to withstand water deficits significantly stronger

Define the climate vulnerability of local species for each homogeneous pedoclimatic region
Practices and policies that maintain genetic diversity

- Those of which tolerance limits are over plausible climate changes may continue to be planted

- For vulnerable species, the life expected for the planted species has to be analyzed: limit their place in the plants choice, but without their exclusion

- To reduce the risk of the decrease of species diversity in the future: introduction of current tolerant species to climate variation from the South to the North

Implementation of local genetic resources conservation policies

Links with applied forest research

A transnational approach is required for all work
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FIELD TREES: A STABLE ECOSYSTEM DECREASING THE SENSITIVITY OF CROPS TO CLIMATIC VARIABILITY

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Field trees: a stable ecosystem decreasing the sensitivity of crops to climatic variability

Context

- Water is now the limiting factor for agriculture: excess and lack
- The agricultural productivity has to increase
- The use of chemical product has to decrease

European researches on the interactions between trees and culture in agroforestry systems
Field trees: a stable ecosystem decreasing the sensitivity of crops to climatic variability

The tree does not compete with the crop on water needs

- Water uses in agroforestry systems:
  - The peak of drought of the soil surface:
    - delayed for a month
    - divided in half.
  - The establishment of the hydraulic lift phenomenon.
  - The roots collect nutrients and water where they are available, i.e., at depth below crops.
Field trees: a stable ecosystem decreasing the sensitivity of crops to climatic variability

- Water storage in agroforestry systems:
  - Infiltration increases by 30% in the dry season and 95% in the wet season
  - 200mm of water stored below a black poplar aged only 12 years
  - Improvement of the quality of infiltration water by reducing nitrate losses by 36%
  - Micro-climate creation by reducing plants water losses and wind

Reduction of runoff water, decreasing flooding risks and erosion of fertile soil layers.
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE RURAL TREE BIOMASS

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Know the resource

- Usually a hectare of forest is equivalent to about one kilometre of hedge farmland; a small resource in each farmland.
- In France: 45 million m² of wood is burned every year, almost entirely used by private individuals.

Economic interest

- Because of the cheap price of fossils fuel over the last 50 years the rural tree has been mostly forgotten as a source of fire wood.
- Only 50 to 60% of rural trees are exploited

Dispersed resources and individual local customers would not allow for a large enough market.
Explore the whole economic potential of rural wood

- Improve wood boilers and automate supply
- Have machines to exploit the rural tree and convert woodchips
- Organize the production, storage, delivery, ...
- Create safe and regular demand in the creation of wood boilers for schools, neighborhoods, gymnasium, administration building, ...

These additional investments create local activity and may help the economy; and, more technical installations regular maintenances.
New kinds of cooperatives named Special Interest Cooperative Society (SCIC in French), based on the woodfield-energy, are being created in France.

They can include 20% of capital stock from local institutions.

The SCIC incorporate customers, SCIC employees and agricultural producers.

Local institutions are heavily involved in the SCIC because they have high-quality expectations for their public infrastructures.

A SCIC must work both on economic efficiency and a social aspect. They participated actively in rural development.
Agroforestry in Flanders: 
Range, opportunities & barriers

Bert Reubens & Bert Van Gils
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True agroforestry systems? Very sparse!

Obstacles? Plenty!

Opportunities? Challenges? YES!
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