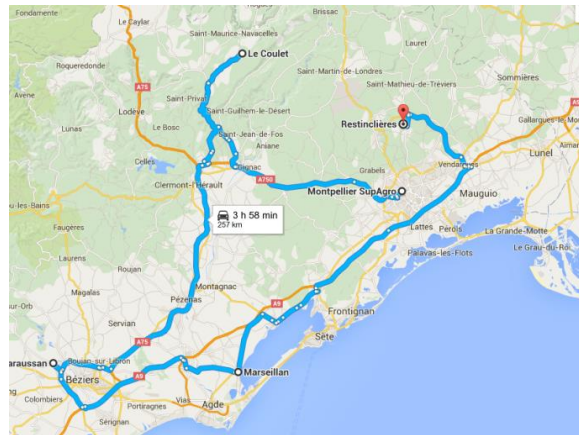


Third European Agroforestry Conference, Montpellier, 24 May 2016

## Field Tour n°3 : Silvopasture, alley cropping and vegetable agroforestry : the west triangle



### Programme

8:00 : Departure from Montpellier SupAgro

8:00-9:30 : Bus transfer to Le Coulet, Causse du Larzac (1h00 drive, 59 km)

9:30-11:00 : **First visit : Silvopastoral management of the Buxus rangelands**

- Free ranging of pigs and sheep in the natural Garrigue forest
- Control of Buxus sempervirens with innovative mechanical engines
- Use of Buxus sempervirens biomass for improving soil fertility

11:00 - 11:30 : Snapshot of the world famous “Cirque de Navacelles”

11:30-13:00 : Bus transfer to Marausan (1h10 drive, 82 km)

13:00-14:30 : Lunch at the Château de Perdiguier (wine tasting)

14:30-15:30 : **Second visit : Alley cropping farm (cereals and walnut trees)**

15:30-16:00 : Bus transfer to Marseillan (0h40 drive, 40 km)

16:00-17:00: **Third visit : The Sarrazin legume agroforestry farm (legumes and olive trees)**

17:00-18:00 : Bus transfer to Restinclières (1h10 travel, 75 km)

18:00-18:30 : **Fourth visit : Vineyard agroforestry in Restinclières**

18:30 : Joining the other groups at the Restinclières castle for a drink and appetizer.

19:00 : Concert by the Arbrassons

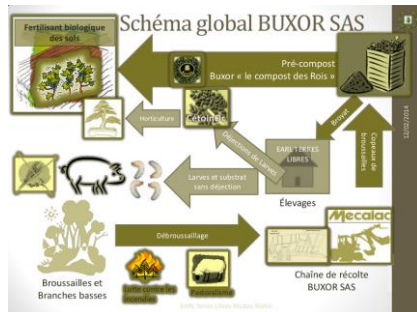
20:00-22:00 : Dinner in Restinclières

22:00 : last departure to the hotels (30 minutes drive)



## First step: A silvopastoral management of the box tree matorral

Nicolas Brahic and Noé de Coster have designed a very innovative management of the box tree (*Buxus sempervirens*) garrigue on the famous Causse du Larzac. The system includes sheep and pig raising in the forest, mechanical harvesting of the box tree, transformation of the ground biomass by xylophagous insects, and the use of the resulting compost for legume growing.



<http://www.buxor.fr/>

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## Second Stop : Alley-cropping at the Perdiguier Estate

The farmer Jérôme Ferraci will welcome us on his farm. Jérôme is managing 20 ha of alley-cropping agroforestry with hybrid walnut trees and various irrigated and non irrigated crops



<http://domaine-perdiguier.isasite.net/>

## Third stop : “Le Jardin d’Odile”, legume agroforestry

Odile Sarrazin is managing 2 ha of legume agroforestry on the Marseillan plain, in the middle of a vast area of vineyards. She grows tomatoes, salads, egg plants and much more under olive trees. Odile is part of a collective initiative called “Terres Vivantes”. Odile intends to use crop mixtures to reduce the use of inputs and uses only her own seeds.... Sharing her experience with visitors is part of the job and the passion for Odile.



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