

Project Life+ Making Good Natura

Serving nature in order to enhance its value



Water, oxygen, biodiversity, landscape, soil fertility are the natural capital on which our society depends. Project Life+ Making Good Nature (MGN), the first of its kind in Italy, aims to provide administrators of protected natural areas solutions that ensure the highest effectiveness in the conservation of these key environmental assets.

Objectives

To create evaluation systems for Ecosystems Services in the framework of Natura 2000 network.

To improve habitat management through agro forestry Payments for Ecosystems Services (PES) and other innovative forms of self-financing.

To Involve stakeholders at local and national level for the development of innovative forms of governance.

The programme Life+

EU's commitment to Environment

Life+ program is the EU's financial instrument for the implementation of EU environmental legislation.

The component of Life+ environment policy and governance, of which specific project Life+ Making Good Nature is part, aims to co-finance innovative projects designed to improve base knowledge for environmental policy.

Beneficiaries



Coordinator



Partners



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Putting a value on Nature

Ecosystem Services

The Hidden Wealth of the Planet

Ecosystems Services (ES) are the benefits provided by ecosystems to humans. The Life+ MGN develops biophysical evaluation models of ES of Natura 2000 network and defines their impact on human wellbeing.

Ecosystems Services are:

Provisioning Services

food, clean water, fiber, timber, medicinal resources;

Regulating Services

regulation of air quality, carbon storage, prevention of erosion, maintenance of soil fertility and pollination;

Supporting services

animal and plant biodiversity, natural habitats;

Cultural services

mental and physical health, tourism, aesthetic valorization, art, spiritual experience.



Payment for Ecosystem Services

Nature has a value

Payments for Ecosystems Services (PES) are economic incentives targeting individuals who, through voluntary certification, best practices, environmental communication promote the maintenance of Ecosystems Services and the deriving benefits.

The Life+ MGN identifies governance mechanisms aimed at conservation objectives of habitats and of species of Natura 2000 sites. Such mechanisms promote an optimal management of Ecosystem Services.



Pilot sites of Natura 2000

Nature makes a network

The project Life+ MGN includes 21 pilot sites belonging to the Natura 2000 network, a system of protected areas created under the EU Directive Habitat and Birds Directives. Pilot sites are distributed in seven Italian Regions, covering an area of 90,239 hectares.

Lombardy Region

- 01 ZPS IT2040401 Parco Regionale Orobie Valtellinesi
- 02 ZPS IT20A0402 Riserva Regionale Lanca di Gerole
- 03 ZPS IT20B0501 Viadana, Portiolo, San Benedetto Po e Ostiglia

ERSAF Regional Managing authority for agriculture and forests

- 04 ZPS IT2020301 Triangolo Lariano
- 05 SIC IT2020002 Sasso Malascarpa
- 06 SIC IT2070022 Corno della Marogna
- 07 SIC IT2070021 Valvestino
- 08 ZPS IT2070303 Val Grigna
- 09 ZPS IT2040601 Bagni di Masino, Pizzo Badile, Val di Mello, Val Torrone, Piano di Preda Rossa
- 10 SIC IT2040019 Bagni di Masino e Pizzo Badile
- 11 SIC IT2040020 Val di Mello, Piano di Preda Rossa
- 12 ZPS IT2070402 Alto Garda Bresciano

Sicily Region Regional department for state owned forests

- 13 SIC ITA020007 Boschi Ficuzza e Cappelliere, Vallone Cerasa, Castagneti Mezzojuso
- 14 SIC ITA020008 Rocca Busambra e Rocche di Roa
- 15 SIC ITA060006 Monte Sambughetti - Monte Campanito

National Park of Cilento Vallo of Diano and Alburni

- 16 SIC/ZPS IT 8050055 Monti Alburni
- 17 SIC IT8050025 Monte della Stella
- 18 SIC IT8050006 Balze di Teggiano

National Park of Pollino

- 19 SIC IT9310014 Fagosa - Timpa dell'Orso
- 20 SIC IT9310008 La Petrosa

Natural Park of Sasso Simone and Simoncello

- 21 ZPS IT4090006 Versanti occidentali del Monte Carpegna, Torrente Messa, Poggio di Miratoio