

Italy

aFMM	Guidelines Deliverable D1.3 May 2020	Demonstrations sites Deliverable D1.4 July 2020
<p>Recreational and habitat selective management model</p>	<p>Lowland forests, especially when close to urban areas, can have a great importance for the delivery of a set of cultural ecosystem services benefiting local communities and users in general.</p> <p>The recreational and habitat selective management model is aimed at improving cultural services provided by the CSA forests, with particular regard to recreational opportunities, while at the same time maintaining and, where possible, enhancing, biodiversity and environmental values.</p> <p>The guidelines include management solutions going beyond pure silvicultural choices and operations, providing a broader perspective on the management of forest resources for the provision of cultural services. The document covers different topics/aspects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. an introduction providing an historical overview on how the perception of forests and their cultural use have changed over Centuries. This includes a specific focus on cultural ecosystem services, in particular on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - effects of forests on human health and wellbeing, - social and cultural aspects linked to forests. 2. Forest features and people’s perception 3. Cultural ecosystem services and sustainable forest management 	<p>Two demo-site activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participatory planning activities for the aFMM have been developed in one forest site within the CSA (S. Stino di Livenza) on 16th November 2019. Multiple stakeholders interested in management of the local forest area for the provision of cultural ecosystem services have been invited to discuss in a participatory way future management solutions and actions about the S. Stino forest. Stakeholder involvement has been organized via Open Space Technology techniques and brought to the agreement and planning of short (1 year) objectives and actions under the responsibility of different actors. The Lowland Forest Association (AFP) will monitor the implementation of these actions and provide inputs for further developments in the future. A report summarizing the key-activities, findings and pictures of the activity has already been delivered in the past weeks. Information have been spread via Etifor and AFP websites and social media channels. 2. Thinning and selective harvesting operations in the “Bosco Sacile” area, a private-owned seminatural lowland oak-hornbeam forest entirely falling within the EU Natura 2000 network. Management solutions are intended to support the conservation of the site and its environmental values while, at the same time, creating favorable conditions for low impact activities, like environmental education, hiking and, in the medium-long term, green care initiatives. Information on the area are (or will be) provided directly at the



	<p>4. Operational aspects covering multiple issues, i.e.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - zoning and infrastructure/facility development - management of trees, shrubs and understory vegetation - expected impacts and their management - communication and education <p>5. References and additional materials</p> <p>The document is complemented and enriched by pictures that help visualizing and understanding the messages delivered.</p>	<p>site as well as online, via the WOWnature platform (www.wownature.eu/areewow/bosco-sacile/) managed by Etifor as well as via online resources developed and managed by the forest owner with the support of Etifor.</p> <p>Note: field operations have been planned and organized, however, due to restrictive measures for the covid-19 outbreak in Italy they have not been implemented so far.</p>
<p>General</p>	<p>The guidelines will be made available via multiple channels, including UNIPD, Efitor and AFP websites as well as their social media tools.</p>	

