



Expressions of Interest for Consultancy Opportunity

IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation

Mediterranean Forest Expert to support IUCN-Med for organising technical sessions on the 8th Med Forest Week

Deadline for applications: 15 May 2024 at 23:59

Call for Expressions of Interest

Introduction

Silva Mediterranea, FAO and several other Mediterranean partners led by the European Forest Institute (EFI) are organizing the [8th Mediterranean Forest Week \(MFW\)](#), to take place in Barcelona from 4th – 8th November 2024.

The MFW serves as a platform for cooperation among researchers, policymakers, and stakeholders, fostering dialogue on the challenges faced by Mediterranean forests, and this year it will focus on the restoration of forest ecosystems in the Mediterranean region.

Despite the continuous increase in forest cover over the past decades, the region faces challenges, including 80 million hectares of degraded land and 400 000 hectares burnt every year by wildfires. Climate change threatens 16% of animal and plant species in Mediterranean forests, while severity and length of droughts shrinks the distribution ranges of the most important tree species of the Mediterranean. The 8th MFW will delve into solutions and initiatives for the restoration of ecosystems in the Mediterranean region.

- **Preparatory webinars:** each plenary session will be preceded by one or more preparatory webinars, which are organized by the plenary session lead. Webinars will take place between the 15th of September and the 15th of October, for an approximate duration of 2 hours online with around 20 minutes for the speaker, followed by a brief discussion. Webinars can be attended by any interested stakeholder and will allow for conversations that are relevant for the plenary session topic, but for which there won't be enough time during

