



REVISION OF THE TECHNICAL TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANS IN TUNISIA

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<p>Tunisian forest management is based on documents called "<i>Procès verbaux d'aménagement</i>" (PV) that have been modified over time to reflect forest policies evolutions and improvements in the country. First, these PVs were "classic", with a strictly technical vision, almost solely oriented towards timber production. Then, they have been turned into so-called "integrated" PVs, taking into account all forest products, including Non Timber forest products (NTFPs). Finally, they became "integrated and participatory" PVs, in order to reflect the growing social aspects in all their dimensions. However, deficiencies persist in defining the strategic direction of such management documents. They need to reflect new global challenges (climate change, valuation of forest products and the inclusion of ecosystem services). Thus, the Terms of Reference used to elaborate these PVs must be updated.</p> <p>The revision of these Terms of Reference is part of the project entitled "<i>Support to the implementation of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Tunisia</i>"(CCC / GIZ) which supported conducting analyzes of the vulnerability to climate change of three ecosystems, including the Tunisian cork oak forest.</p> <p>These analyzes showed in particular the need to revise the forest management methods, taking into consideration different aspects of climate change. The revision of management guidelines is a recommendation from these analyzes. In this context, GIZ gave Ecoconsult and Salvaterra the mandate to revise the Terms of Reference for the development of forest management plans that take into account the current constraints and issues /challenges of the forestry sector at national and international level.</p>	<p>From the structure of the last existing ToR and on the basis of extensive consultations within the Tunisian forest service, the private sector and NGOs, the experts have suggested improvements on the following aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orientation towards forest ecosystem management to maintain healthy and resilient ecosystems against climate change and human pressure, in order to maintain multiple ecosystem functions;</li> <li>• Definition of the degree of sampling precision required for land surveys (timber production, NLFP and social aspects) and definition of standard rules of inventories for forest products and NLFP;</li> <li>• Evaluation of direct and indirect goods and services of the forest ecosystem;</li> <li>• Ecosystem vulnerability assessment towards climate change and estimation of the potential impacts on the forest resource, to identify appropriate adaptation measures;</li> <li>• Analysis of the surrounding countryside to be considered, in order to integrate forest management in its natural environment;</li> <li>• Assessment of concession award opportunities and private investment/partnership in the study area;</li> <li>• Human resources required for the development of the PV;</li> <li>• Current governance system analysis of forest resources and opportunities for improvements.</li> <li>• Definition of monitoring indicators, including the adaptation of indicators for monitoring climate change and monitoring arrangements.</li> </ul>