

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PENEDES AREA TARGETED BY THE PROJECT

Name of the project area: Penedes

Surface area (ha): 15 000 ha

Other protection status according to national or regional legislation:

The area encompasses 2 natural parks (Garraf and Foix) that have protection status.

Main land uses and ownership status of the project area:

This project site is private owned and its participation to the project will be on a voluntary basis.

The Penedes demonstration site is mainly composed on vines, other cultivations like cereals, and the 2 natural parks of Foix and Garraf.

Scientific description of project area:

Penedes is located on the Mediterranean coast of Spain. Therefore can be found almost all Mediterranean plants and landscapes in the area. Besides, the scientific wealth of Penedes is large. In the Garraf park, 3 Bonelli eagles nest. They feed with partridges, rabbits, and other animals that live in vines. Wild bears can also be available in the parks, and also in vines during grape harvest.

Importance of the project area for biodiversity and/or for the conservation of the species / habitat types targeted at regional, national and EU level:

In the demonstration area, fires are numerous and are a major problem for agriculture and local biodiversity. Concrete conservation actions that will be implemented will play a great role in controlling natural risks and thus participate in the maintain of species like eagles. This animal is a symbol for the region, and moreover will prove the high degree of animal biodiversity because of the animal chain necessary to eagles' survival.

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