

# LIFE4FIR - Project LIFE18 NAT/IT/000164

"Decisive in situ and ex situ conservation strategies to secure the critically endangered Sicilian fir, *Abies nebrodensis*"

# LIFE4FIR dissemination material at project end Action E.1



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#### 1. Introduction

This report contains all LIFE4FIR dissemination material created, designed and produced from the start of the project (01/10/2019) until the end of the project (31/12/2024).

#### In particular:

- ➤ Logo definition and design performed. A LIFE4FIR logo was created for the project, to be shown on all dissemination documents of the project;
- ➤ LIFE4FIR website and Facebook and Twitter profiles and YouTube channel created and updated
- ➤ 12 LIFE4FIR Notice boards
- ➤ 10.000 brochures in 3 languages have been printed
- ≥ 2 banners
- ➤ 2 roll-up
- ➤ 11 poster
- > 3 PVC panels with magnetic bottom for metal surfaces (vehicles)
- ➤ 1 Pop up display
- ➤ 9.095 gadgets
- ➤ 18 articles

## 2. Logo

During the LIFE4FIR kick off meeting, the participants voted for selecting the following logo as the definitive LIFE4FIR logo to be used in all the project documents.



#### 3 Web site and social

During December 2019 the website www.life4fir.com and the project Facebook and Twitter profiles and YouTube channel have been published and their network-accessible. The website www.life4fir.com and the social medias has been regularly updated with new information during the project life. Information was uploaded on development of actions, results, events, procedures (Best Practice Handbook, Manual, E-manual) and video related to the project. The project deliverables and presentations used in events and meetings have been recently uploaded on the website as requested by CINEA following the final visit of November 2024. The website will remain operational for at least 5 years after the project end. It is considered one of the tools for replication and transferability, with the aim of making knowledge and experience accumulated in the project activities available to bodies and institutions that intend to protect endangered firs and conifers species in the Mediterranean area.

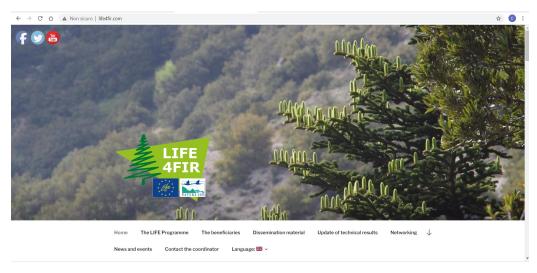
The website and other socials, containing information about the LIFE4FIR project development and results, were implemented and are managed and updated by the external supplier company CGS sas. The web site and the socials created were clearly and visibly marked with Life logo. Moreover, the partners added information about the project to their corresponding corporate web sites and created a link to the project web site. The site and the social profiles are periodically updated and they will ultimately contain all the documents produced during the project's activities:

- General project information
- Link to LIFE

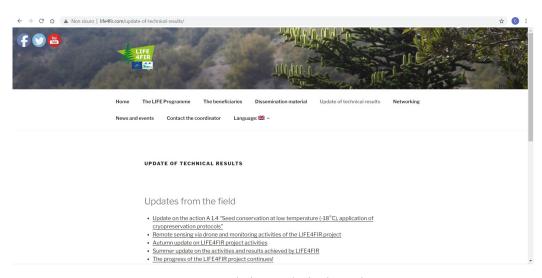
- Link to each beneficiary website
- Technical results update
- News and events update
- Networking
- Dissemination material
- Visit counter
- description sections of the web site in Italian, English and Spanish;

At the end of the project (31/12/2024) we have 550.000 visits of the website.

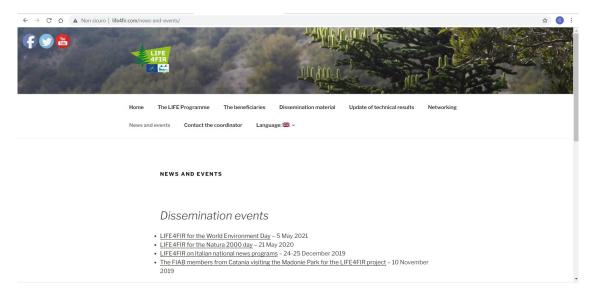
In the home page (next Figure) are present the links through which all the project's documents and information are accessible (examples in next Figure).



LIFE4FIR Website Homepage



LIFE4FIR Website: technical result page



LIFE4FIR Website: news and event page

### 4 Notice boards.

During the first project months of the LIFE4FIR project CNR produced 12 LIFE4FIR Notice Boards, which were sent to all partners and displayed in visible spots and accessible places to the public on the partners' premises.



LIFE4FIR Notice board in English



LIFE4FIR Notice board in Italian



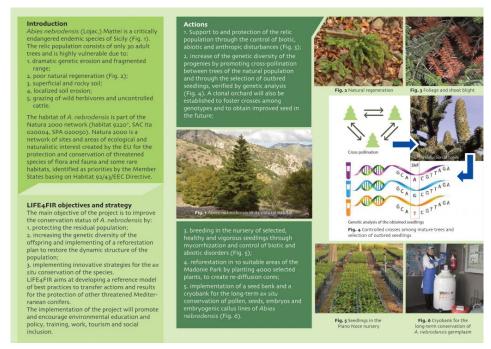
LIFE4FIR Notice board in Spanish

## 5 Brochure.

During the LIFE4FIR project, the following dissemination material was designed and produced:

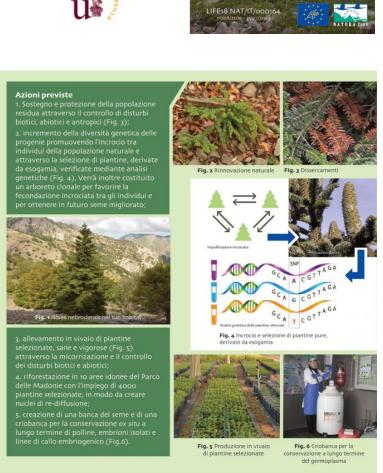
➤ 10.000 brochures in English, Spanish and Italian with three doors closed size 10x21 - open size (A4) 29x21 with four-color printing f / r 150 gr. Glossy coated





LIFE4FIR brochure in English





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LIFE

Strategie innovative di conservazione in situ ed ex situ dell'Abete delle Madonie (Abies nebrodensis) in Sicilia

#### LIFE4FIR brochure in Italian

L'Abete delle Madonie

L'Abete delle Madonie

Abies nebrodensis (Lojac.) Mattei (Fig.1) è un abete endemico della Sicilia in grave pericolo di estinzione. La popolazione residua è costituita da soli 30 alberi adulti ed è altamente vulnerabile per le seguenti cause:

1. la drammatica erosione genetica e la frammentazione dell'areale;

2. la carsar sinnovazione naturale (Fig.2);

 la scarsa rinnovazione naturale (Fig.2);
 il suolo superficiale e roccioso;
 l'erosione localizzata; 5. il pascolo di erbivori selvatici.

Obiettivi e strategia di LIFE4FIR Obiettivo principale del progetto è migliorare lo stato di conservazione di A. nebrodensis attraverso:

1. la protezione della popolazione residua;

2. l'aumento della diversità genetica della progenie e l'attuazione di un piano di riforestazione per ripristinare la struttura dinamica della popolazione;

3. l'applicazione di strategie innovative di

3. Laphicazione di strategie innovative di conservazione ex sifu della specie. Il progetto si propone di sviluppare un modello di riferimento di buone pratiche da seguire per la protezione di altre conifere Mediterranee minacciate. L'implementazione del progetto

andrà a promuovere e incentivare l'educazione e

la politica ambientale, la formazione, il lavoro, il turismo e l'inclusione sociale.

L'habitat di A. nebrodensis fa parte della rete Natura 2000 (habitat 9220°, ZSC Ita 020004, ZPS 020050), una rete di siti ed aree di interesse ecologico e naturalistico creata dalla UE per la protezione e la conservazione delle specie di flora e fauna minacciati e di alcuni habitat rari identificati come prioritari dagli Stati membri in base alla Direttiva 92/43/CEE Habitat.





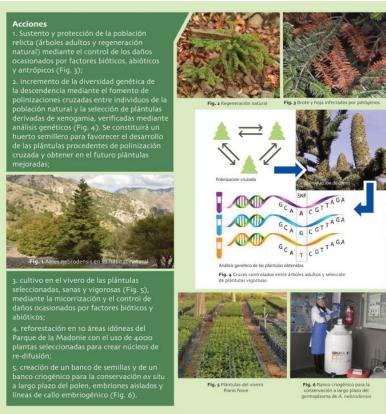
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reforestación para restaurar la dinâmica estructural de la población; 3. la aplicación de estrategias innovadoras de conservación ex situ de la especie. El proyecto aspira a desarrollar un modelo de referencia de buenas prácticas a seguir para la protección de otras conferas mediterráneas amenazadas. La implementación del proyecto promoverá e incentivará la educación y la política ambiental, la formación, el trabajo, el turismo y la inclusión social.

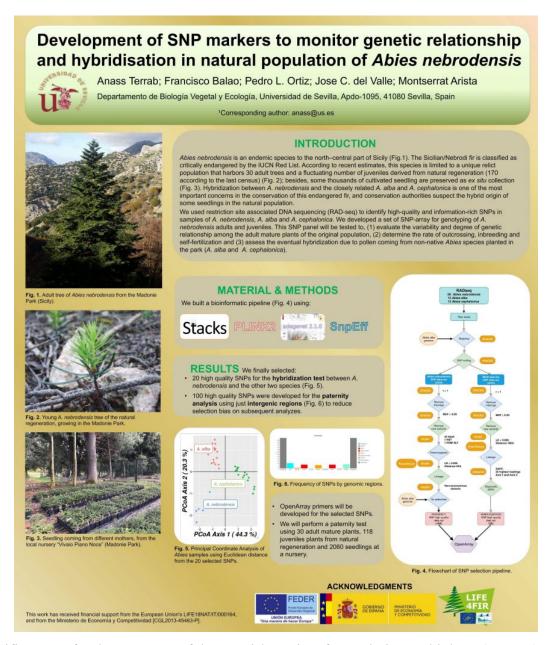


LIFE4FIR brochure in Spanish

#### **6 Posters**

During the LIFE4FIR project, the following 11 posters was designed and produced:

- ➤ 1 poster for the Congress of the Spanish Society for evolutionary biology (SESBE) on 5-7 February 2020 in Seville
- ➤ 1 poster by Terrab et al. Presented at SESBE VII Congress of the Spanish Society for Evolutionary Biology, Seville 5-7 feb. 2020.
- ➤ 2 oral reports presented at the XIII National Congress on Biodiversity in September 2021 (Danti et al., Tarraf et al.).
- ➤ 1 poster by Arista et al. (Conservation genetics of the endangered Nebrodi fir: estimating the effective population size, inbreeding and hybridization) in the SESBE (Spanish Society of Evolutionary Biology) VIII Conference, Vigo (Spain), 2 4 February 2022.
- ➤ 1 poster by Schicchi et al: 'Manual pollinations among individuals of Abies nebrodensis', presented at 117th Congress of Società Botanica Italiana, Bologna 7-10 sept. 2022.
- ➤ 1 poster by Jouini et al 'An innovative protocol to propagate and preserve the threatened Sicilian fir through somatic embryogenesis technique', COPYTREE conference, Cost Action CA21157 European Network for Innovative Woody Plant Cloning, Santiago de Compostela, Spagna, il 17-18 April 2023.
- ➤ 1 poster by Sgadari et al., titled 'Propagation techniques of Abies nebrodensis by the side-veneer graft', was presented at the 118th Congress of SBI, Pisa, 13-16 Settembre 2023.
- ➤ 3 PVC posters with magnetic bottom for metal surfaces (vehicles)



specific poster for the Congress of the Spanish Society for evolutionary biology (SESBE) on 5-7 February 2020 in Seville



PVC posters with magnetic bottom for metal surfaces (vehicles)

# 7 Roll-up

During the LIFE4FIR project, the following dissemination material was designed and produced:

➤ 2 Roll up 85x200. Latest generation roll-up aluminum structure, digital four-color printing on polyester fabric. With chrome finishes



Photo of the 2 roll up



LIFE4FIR roll-uo

# 8 Banner

During the LIFE4FIR project, all the LIFE4FIR beneficiaries produced 2 banners



LIFE4FIR banner

## 9. Pop up

During the LIFE4FIR project, all the LIFE4FIR beneficiaries produced:

➤ 1 Pop up display: 3x3 Pop-up display composed of an aluminum frame, with a quick opening and closing mechanism. Width - 239.5 cm, Height - 228.5 cm, Depth - 29.5 cm



## 10. Gadgets

During the LIFE4FIR project, all the LIFE4FIR beneficiaries produced 9,095 of the following specific project gadgets:

Project gadgets: n. 1.000 Blue / black ink ballpoint pen set, 1150 pencils; 100 USB pendrive; 70 polo shirts; 400 block notes, 500 touch function mechanical pen/pencil set in environmentally friendly material; 2.000 cotton hats; 100 steel cups; 200 key holders with the project logo; 70 soft waterproof cell jackets, 80 gilet; 250 thermos; 100 25 liter backpacks; 100 waterproof and windproof jackets; 100 winter outdoor hats, 75 cork notebook; 75 pens recycled cardboard; 150 ring notebook+ecocard pen; 75 thermal glass; 200 organic cotton bags; 150 sarafi hat; 150 keychain connectors USB, micro USB and type C; 2.000 caps adjustable cotton caps with velcro closure that can be adjusted on the back.









LIFE4FIR gadgets

#### 11 Articles

During the LIFE4FIR project, all the LIFE4FIR beneficiaries produced the following 18 articles:

1 article on 4/10/2019 on www.parks.it: Abies Nebrodensis: il progetto LIFE Natura di conservazione in situ ed ex situ



- ➤ article on LIFE4FIR was published on the national newspaper 'La Repubblica' the 21th November 2019;
- rticle 'Abete dei Nebrodi: operazione salvataggio' published on the monthly magazine 'Gardenia' dealing with plants, trees, flowers, gardens;



> 7 articles published in international scientific journals





Article

# Innovative In Situ and Ex Situ Conservation Strategies of the Madonie Fir *Abies nebrodensis*

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#### **ORIGINAL ARTICLE**



# Somatic embryogenesis in *Abies nebrodensis,* an endangered Sicilian fir

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE



# Insights on the fungal communities associated with needle reddening of the endangered *Abies nebrodensis*

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# Genomic-guided conservation actions to restore the most endangered conifer in the Mediterranean Basin

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Article

# Long-Term Conservation for the Safeguard of *Abies nebrodensis*: An Endemic and Endangered Species of Sicily

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#### Seed vitality and fungal contamination in Abies nebrodensis

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# Strategies for the conservation by biotechnological approaches of Abies nebrodensis, a relict conifer of Sicily

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- > 1 Graduation Thesis, 'Studio dei microorganismi fungini nella fillosfera di Abies nebrodensis nel suo habitat naturale', subject: Agricultural Sciences and Technologies University of Florence, AA 2022-23.
- Madonie press: 'Salvaguardia e riforestazione dell'abete delle Madonie: parte il progetto Life'4 ottobre 2019
- Palermo TODAY (19.05.2023): Parco delle Madonie, Il progetto LIFE4FIR, avviato nel 2019, ha riguardato le "Strategie decisive di conservazione in situ ed ex situ per la salvaguardia e la conservazione dell'Abies nebrodensis".

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# Parco delle Madonie, finanziato dall'Unione Europea il progetto Life4Fir

Il progetto LIFE4FIR, già avviato nel 2019, ha riguardato le "Strategie decisive di conservazione in situ ed ex situ per la salvaguardia e la conservazione dell'Abies nebrodensis" (LIFE 18 NAT/IT/164 LIFE4FIR).



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Castelbuono Live: PARCO DELLE MADONIE Il Progetto LIFE4FIR procede con

successo (27 luglio 2023).



- ➤ ISPRA: Abies nebrodensis: 30 alberi per salvare una specie https://www.isprambiente.gov.it/it/news/abies-nebrodensis-30-alberi-per-salvare-una-specie.
- ➤ EUFORGEN: LIFE4FIR project: enhancing the genetic diversity and conservation status of the Sicilian fir.



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LIFE4FIR project: enhancing the genetic diversity and conservation status of the Sicilian fir

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The LIFE4FIR project (Life18 Nat/lt/000164) "Decisive in situ and ex-situ conservation strategies to secure the critically endangered Sicilian fir, Abies nebrodensis" has reached its fourth year of activity. LIFE4FIR is funded by the Nature and Biodiversity sub-programme with the aim of improving the protection and conservation status of the relic Abies nebrodensis, an endemic conifer of Sicily (Italy).

The project's main purpose is to increase the genetic diversity and improve the conservation status of the highly endangered A. nebrodensis population. Through this, it will contribute to implementation of both the Habitats Directive and the EUs biodiversity strategy.

The projects specific objectives include:

- sustaining and protecting the residual adult trees and the few young plants that have come from natural regeneration of A. nebrodensis in their natural habitat;
- restoring the dynamic structure of the population by implementing a reforestation plan using selected seedlings. This will involve: - nursery production of healthy, vigorous, genetically pure and outbred seedlings; - establishment of reforestation plots in suitable areas to act as re-diffusion cores; and - setting up a new, effective clonal orchard to promote the production of outbred seed in the future;

Parco delle Madonie, Ente Parco news: Abies nebrodensis" Progetto LIFE4FIR (LIFE 18 NAT/IT/164 LIFE4FIR), to promote the replication event in Polizzi Generosa, Published on 19 Maggio 2023



Parks.it: 30 anni del progetto life4fir festeggiamenti open day importante appuntamento a Polizzi Generosa "Strategie Innovative per la Conservazione in situ di Abies



➤ OHGA! (magazine online): "L'albero di Natale" più raro al mondo è in Italia: come sta l'Abete delle Madonie? 7.12.2023





