Erasmus Mundus Master
MEDITERRANEAN FORESTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
What is MEDfOR?

It is a two-year Master Programme in Forestry!

- Erasmus Mundus Master Course Programme
- It is about sustainability, management and conservation of Mediterranean forests and woodlands

MEDfOR addresses the economic, ecological and social challenges of sustainable Mediterranean forestry and natural resources management.
Who can participate?

Field of Sciences, Natural Sciences, Economics, Engineering, Management...

*Some background in mathematics or sciences and proficiency in English is mandatory.*

*You can be a:*

Biologist, Forester, Landscape Architect, Manager, Sociologist, Agronomist, Mathematician, Geologist...
Work Opportunities

- Private Sector: industry and companies linked to the forestry sector
- Research Institutes and Universities
- Associations of Agro and Forest Producers / Owners
- Government offices, Municipalities
- International Institutions (e.g. FAO,...)
- NGO’s (e.g. WWF,...).
Work Opportunities

“I am currently doing PhD in Forest Ecology in University of Padova, Italy.”
Sudip Pandey, Nepal

“I am now a PhD researcher, in the Climate Change and Sustainable Development Policies Program in Lisbon.”
Hala Shahin, Syria

“Now I’m involved in International comp. the Regional Environmental Center, Country office Macedonia.”
Iva Kacarska, Macedonia

“Right now I’m working within FSC Italy, the Italian Office of an International Organization, the Forest Stewardship Council”
Ilaria Dalla Vecchia, Italy

“I am currently doing a PhD in Forestry in the University of Canterbury, New Zealand.
Serajis Salekin, Bangladesh

“I am currently a GIS analyst for the Baltimore City Forestry Division in the state of Maryland in USA.”
Victor Miranda, USA
MEDfOR Universities

- MEDfOR is offered by a Consortium of top ranked Universities around the Mediterranean Basin.

- University of Lisbon, Portugal
- University of Padua, Italy
- University of Lleida, Spain
- University of Valladolid, Spain
- University of Tuscia, Italy
- Católica Porto Business School, Portugal
- University of Karadeniz, Turkey

Students must study in **two or three** different Universities!
OUR STUDENTS!!!

come from everywhere!!

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- Africa
- East Asia Pacific
- Eastern Europe and Central Asia
- Middle East and N Africa
- North America
- South Asia
- Latin America
- Europe

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- Non-Eu
- Europe
OUR STUDENTS!!

- MEDfOR has already two finished editions!
The 3rd edition: Now it is your turn!

- Akbar Hossain Kanan from Bangladesh
- Asaf Karavani from Israel
- Bishwajit Roy from Bangladesh
- Nathalia Formenton Cardoso from Brazil
- Sara Khamis Abd Alla Hassan from Egypt
- Tesfay Gidey Bezabeh from Ethiopia
- Eduardo Collado Coloma from Spain
- Gonçalo Mateus Marques from Portugal
- Kawtar Bouassell from Morocco
Akbar Kanan and Tesfay Bezabeh studied during their first year in the University of Padova...
Asaf Karavani, Kawtar Boussel and Nathalia Formenton Cardoso did their first year in the University of Lisbon...
Bishwajit Roy, Gonçalo Marques, Sara Khamis and Eduardo Coloma studied during their first year in the University of Lleida...
Winter School: In the University of Valladolid you were all together for a whole month!
Akbar Kanan and Tesfay Bezabeh did their 2nd year in Lisbon!

They are now specialized in Multiple criteria decision support systems for Mediterranean forest management planning

Tefsay’s master thesis: Using Yield-SAFE model to assess climate change impact on yield of coffee (Coffea arabica) under agroforestry and monoculture systems

Kanan’s Master thesis: Characterization and Conservation of Wetlands with Global Change Dynamics: A Case Study on Ratargul Swamp Forest, Bangladesh
Asaf did his 2nd year in the University of Lleida:

Specialized in: Addressing risks in Mediterranean forest management planning - the case of fire

Master thesis in: Effect of climatic and micro-climatic conditions on the provisioning of fungal-based ecosystem services in Mediterranean pine stands
Gonçalo and Roy did their 2nd year in U. of Padua with Nathalia and Kawtar!

They are specialized in: **Social and Environmental responsibility in Mediterranean forestry**

**Roy’s Master thesis:** Developing a business model for small and medium forest holders under fsc certification scheme

**Gonçalo’s Master thesis:** Post-fire vegetation recovery and deadwood dynamics in a Scots pine forest. A multi-special scale analysis.

**Nathalia’s Master Thesis:** Social innovation in forestry: a preliminary analytical framework

**Kawtar’s Master Thesis:** Timber traceability impact on forest governance in tropical countries. The study case of Honduras
Sara Hassan did her 2nd year in U. Of Tuscia.

She is specialized in: Advanced tools for sustainable management of Mediterranean forests;

Master thesis: Analysis of suitable forest species for forestry and agroforestry use in Cape Verde
And Eduardo Coloma spend his 2 year, first in the University of Karadeniz and then in the University of Lisbon.

He is specialized on Ecosystem based multi-use forest management planning in Mediterranean forests;

And he defended his thesis in Lisbon with the title: Modelling height distribution on young cork oak plantations in Portugal.