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# Aspetti forestali della Tuscia

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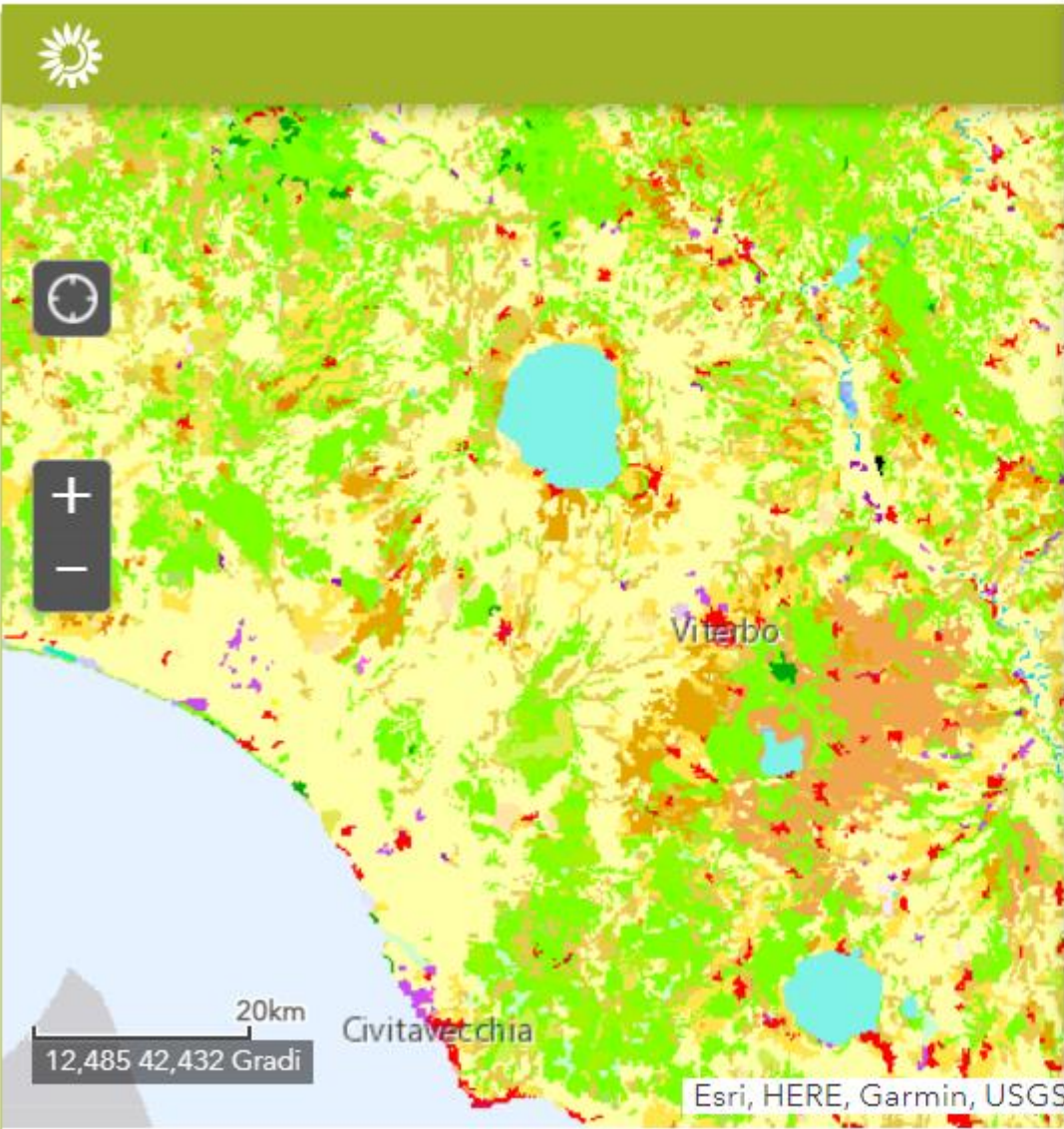
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LX CORSO NAZIONALE DI FORMAZIONE PER  
INSEGNANTI DELLA SCUOLA PRIMARIA E  
SECONDARIA DI PRIMO E SECONDO GRADO



**PATRIMONIO**  
**DI S. PIETRO**, olim  
*Fuscia Suburbicaria*  
 nelle sue piu Cospicue Strade Antiche, e  
 moderne, e principali Casali, e Tenute di esso  
 descritto  
 da Giacomo Filippo Ameti Romano  
 dato in luce da Domenico de Rosati erede di Gio:  
 Rosati de Rosati dalle sue Stampe in Roma alla  
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 Sup. l'Anno 1696.



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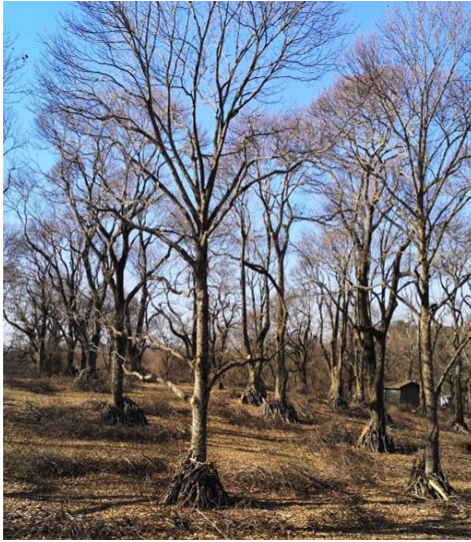
- Non-irrigated arable land
- Permanently irrigated land
- Rice fields
- Vineyards
- Fruit trees and berry plantations
- Olive groves
- Pastures
- Annual crops associated with permanent crops
- Complex cultivation patterns
- Land principally occupied by agriculture, with significant areas of natural vegetation
- Agro-forestry areas
- Broad-leaved forest
- Coniferous forest
- Mixed forest
- Natural grasslands
- Moors and heathland
- Sclerophyllous vegetation
- Transitional woodland-shrub



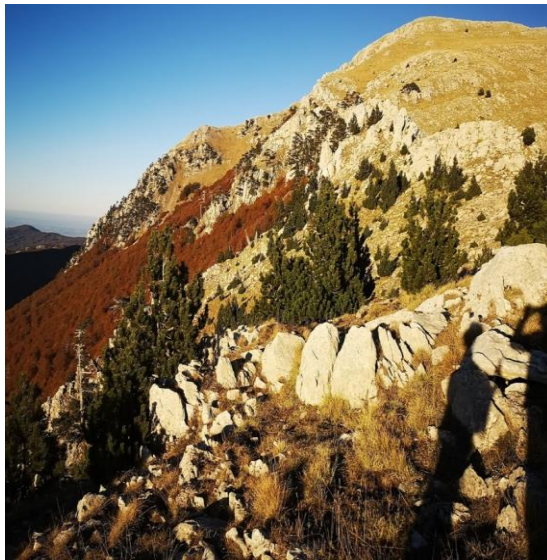
# Arboriculture

vs

# Silviculture



## Cultural Landscapes



## Natural Landscapes



# Rewilding

vs

# Old-growth forest

# Sviluppo sostenibile e grado di naturalità degli ecosistemi: il rewilding per le foreste vetuste del domani

Naturalità/Rewilding

Wilderness

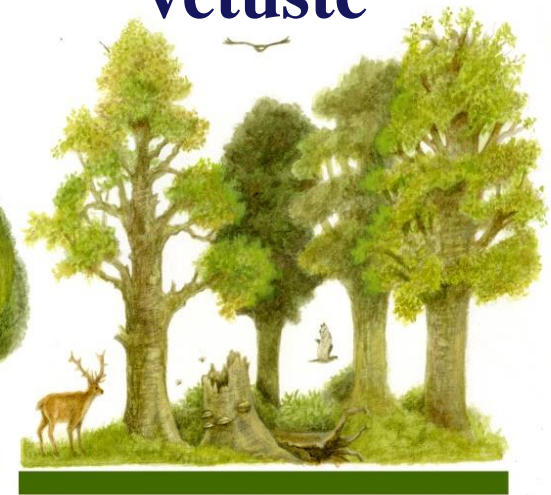


Le foreste vetuste

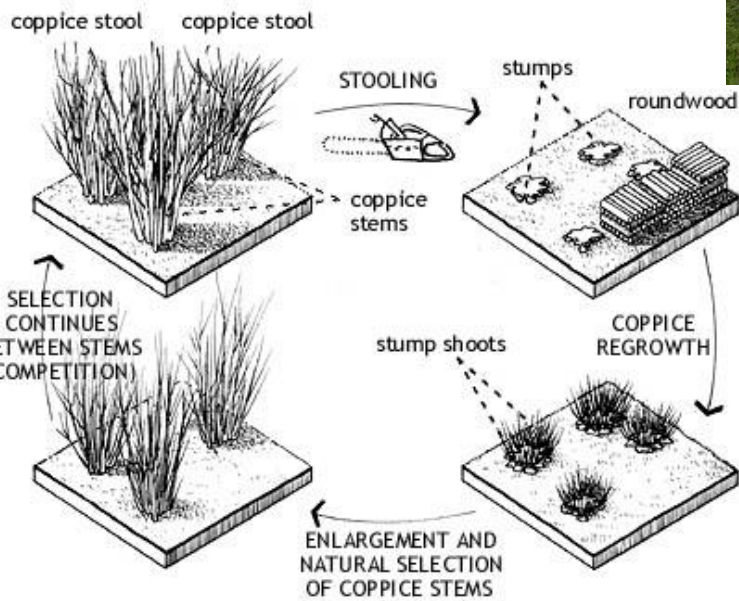
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# Il governo a ceduo



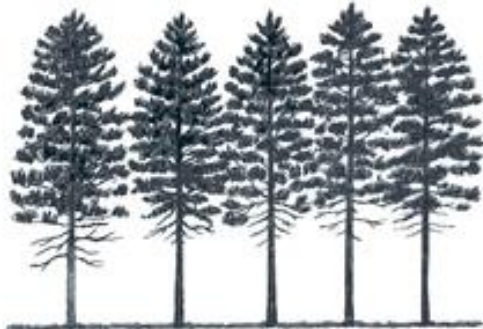
# Il governo a fustaia



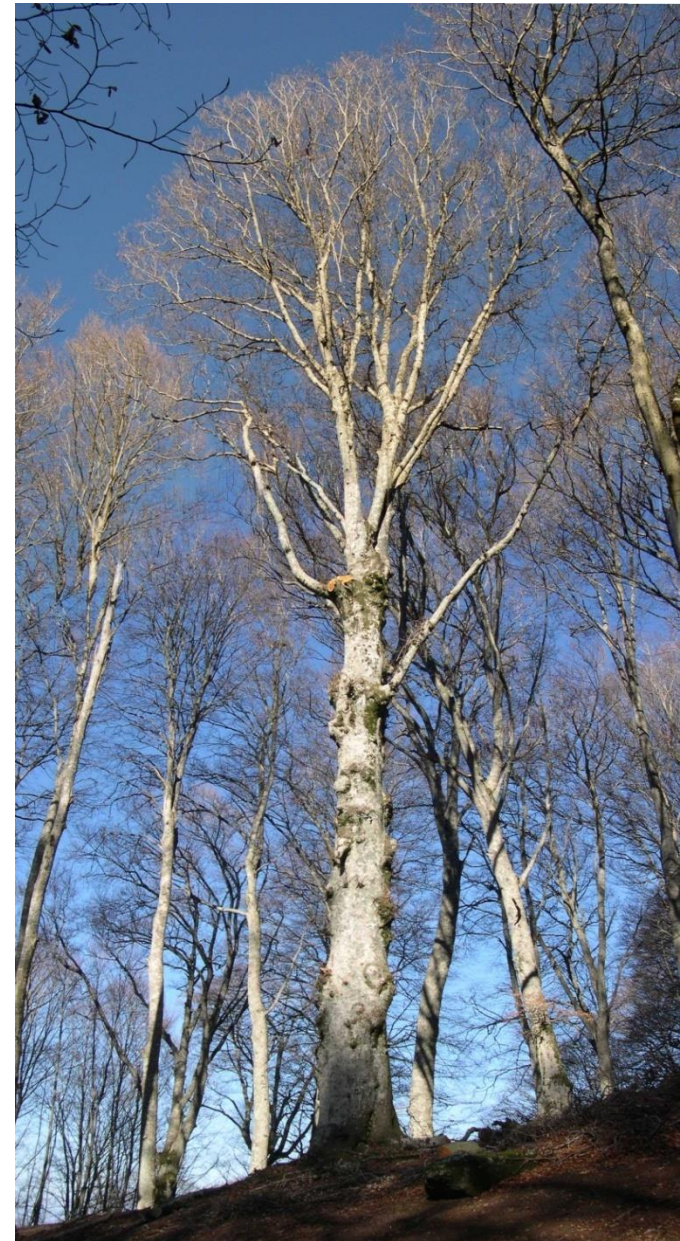
**Uneven-aged:** a stand with trees of three or more distinct age classes, either intimately mixed or in small groups.



**Two-aged:** a stand with trees of two distinct age classes separated in age by more than plus or minus 20% of the rotation age.



**Even-aged:** a stand composed of a single age class of trees in which the range of tree ages is usually plus or minus 20% of the rotation age.





# I sistemi forestali

- Bosco ceduo quercino e la legna da ardere: il paesaggio delle Università Agrarie
- Bosco ceduo castanile e la paleria: i Monti Cimini e i Monti Sabatini
- I castagneti da frutto e la castanicoltura
- Bosco di alto fusto: le cerrete e le faggete (Vetralla, Manziana, Lago di Vico, Monte Cimino)
- I rimboschimenti litoranei e montani

# La foresta vetusta

The US Forest Service developed a generic definition for old-growth and specific sets of criteria and indicators for a wide range of forest types. The generic definition states: "**Old-growth forests are ecosystems distinguished by old trees and related structural attributes. Old-growth encompasses the later stages of stand development that typically differ from earlier stages in a variety of characteristics which may include tree size, accumulations of large dead woody material, number of canopy layers, species composition, and ecosystem function**" (USDA, 1989; White & Lloyd, 1994).

In the working document by CBD (2006), old-growth is described as follows: '**Old-growth forest stands are stands in primary or secondary forests that have developed the structures and species normally associated with old primary forest of that type and have sufficiently accumulated to act as a forest ecosystem distinct from any younger age class.**'

# L'ecosistema foresta

(tratto da Marco Paci.  
**Ecologia forestale. Edagricole**)

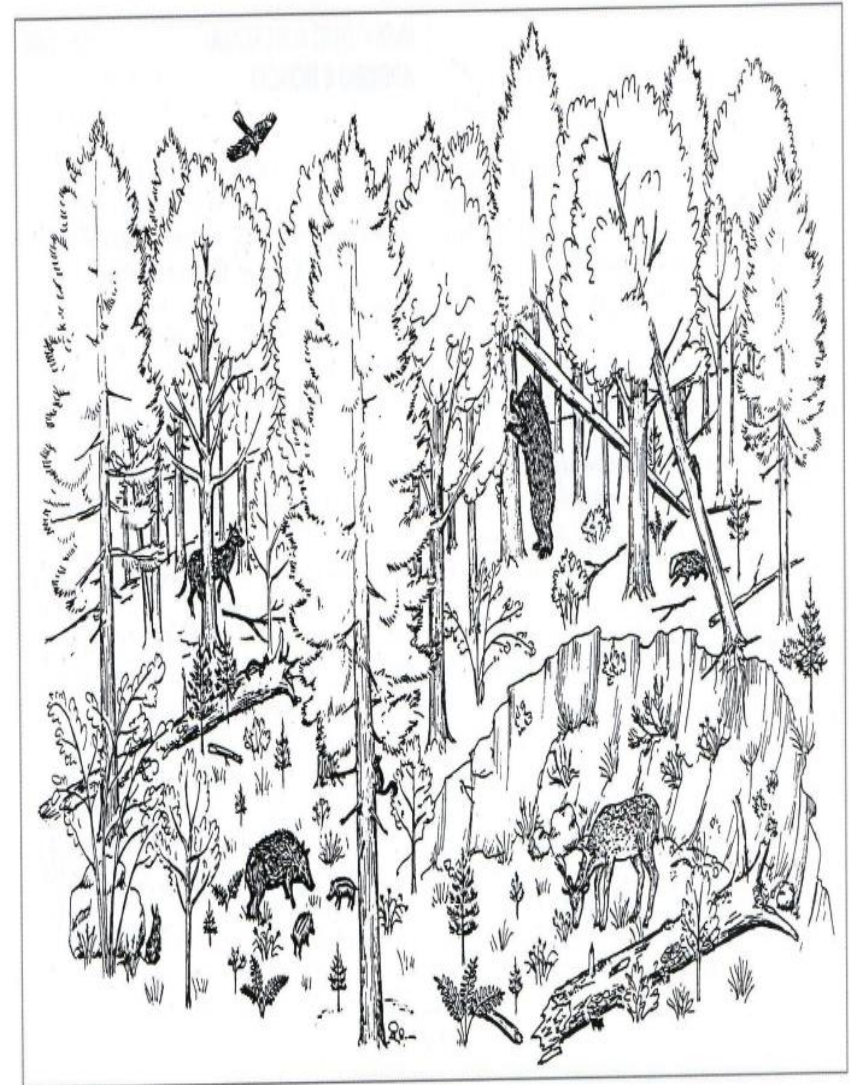
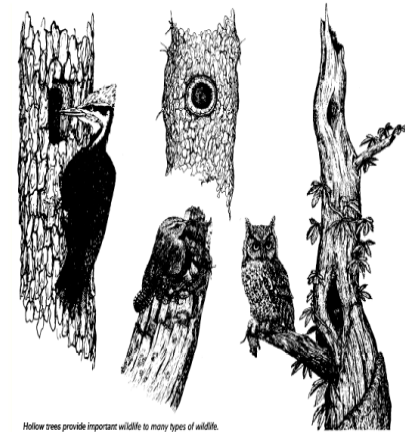
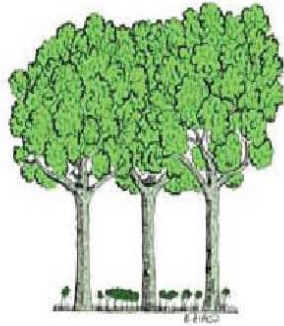


Fig. 1.3 - L'ecosistema foresta (da Arrigoni, 1994). Per le spiegazioni si rimanda al testo.

# Utilizzazione forestale



Hollow trees provide important wildlife to many types of wildlife.

Taglio

1-semplificazione strutturale

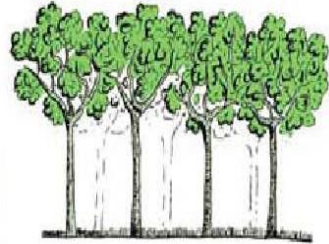
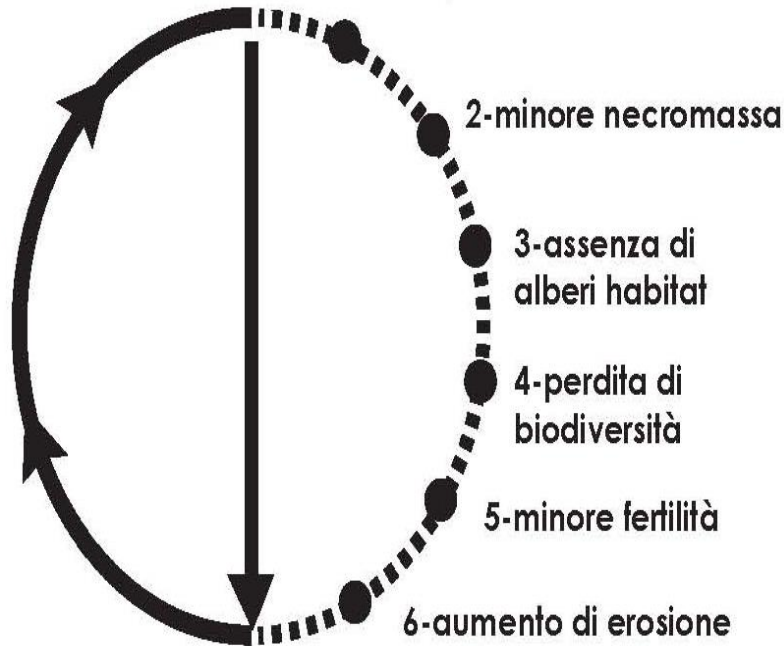


Figure 3\*. Diagram to show the features characteristic of a veteran tree.

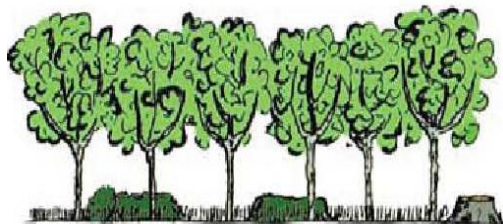
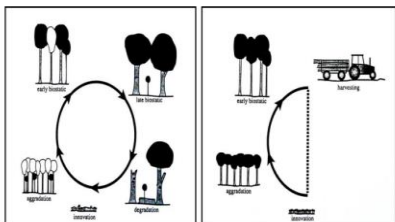
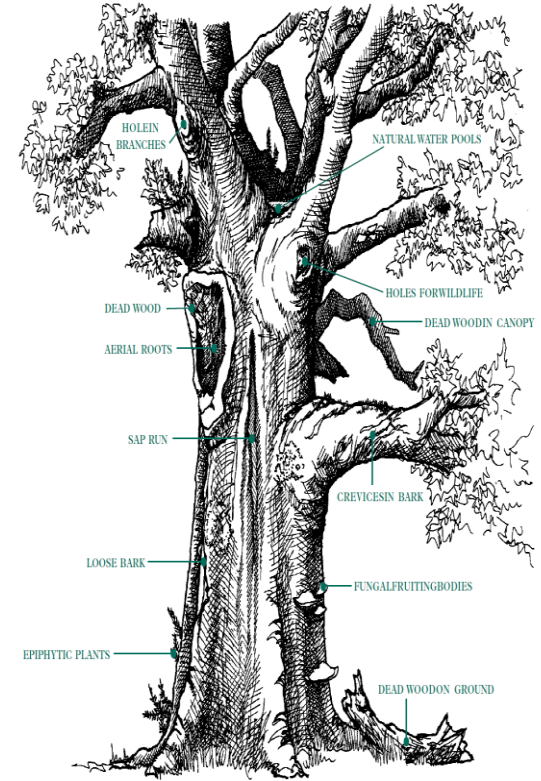
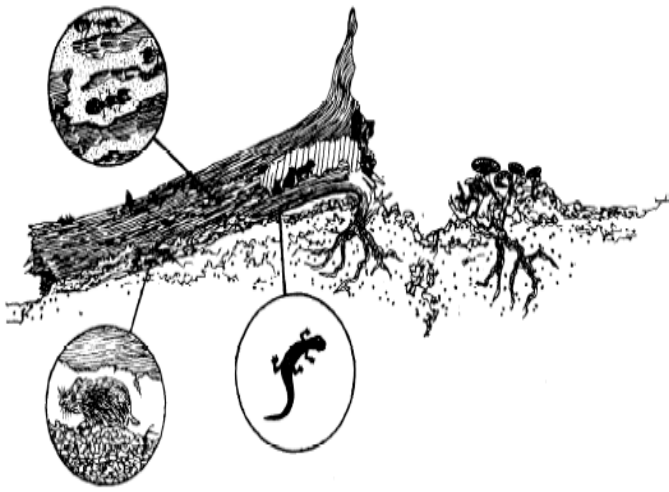


Fig 2. The 'management shortcut', eliminating the late-seral (late biostatic) and generation-transition phases (degradation phase) of the forest (Emborg & Christensen, 1990).



- **Ecological Integrity**
- **Key structural process**



# Ciclo ontogenetico degli alberi e necromassa

Tempo (30-50 anni)

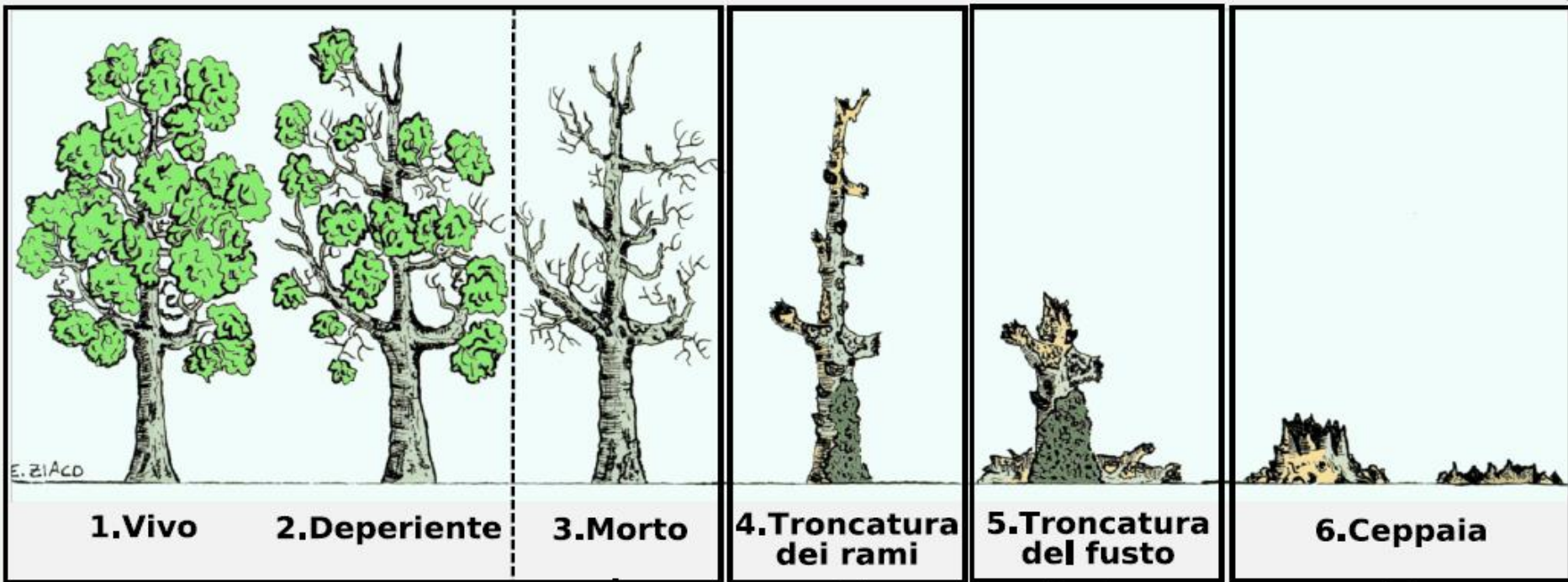
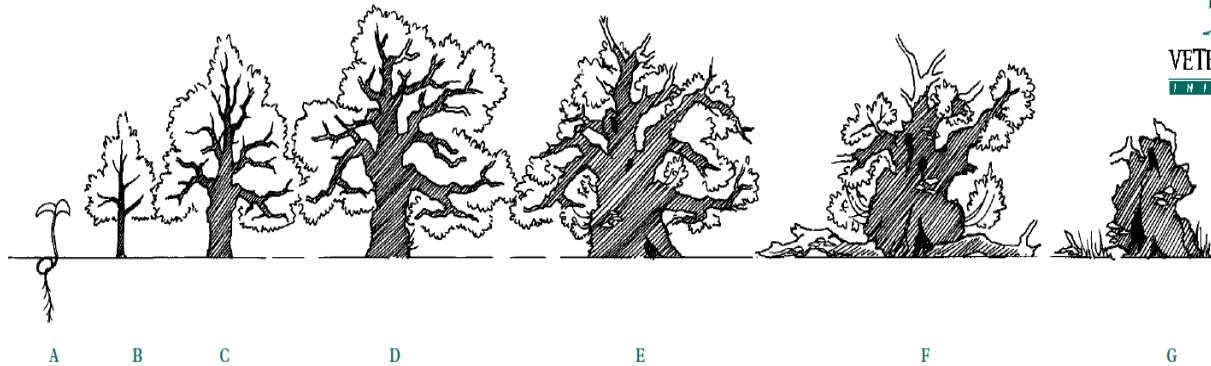


Figure 12. The stages in the life of a tree.



VETERAN TREES  
INITIATIVE



STAGES		IDEAL NATURAL STATE: OPTIMUM GROWTH GERMINATION		
FORMATIVE	A - B	INFANCY PRE-SEXUAL MATURITY:	YOUNG TREE, HIGH VITALITY GROWTH ENHANCED BY MYCORRHIZAL ROOT ASSOCIATES	LOW HABITAT CONTRIBUTION
	B - C	JUVENILE TO EARLY MATURITY:	CONTINUED FAST GROWTH NET INCREASE IN ANNUAL INCREMENT LOW VOLUME OF DYSFUNCTIONAL TISSUE	
FULL TO LATE MATURITY	C - D	FULL TO LATE MATURITY:	GROWTH TO PEAK CROWN SIZE COLONISATION BY SAPROXYLIC (DEADWOOD) INVERTEBRATES MAXIMUM POLLINATION AND SEED CAPACITY ONSET OF NATURAL LIMB LOSS INCREASE OF DYSFUNCTIONAL TISSUE ACCELERATED FUNGAL COLONISATION AND ACTIVITY	INCREASING NUTRIENT STATUS OF TREE FOR COLONISERS  INCREASING HABITAT
ANCIENT	D - E	EARLY ANCIENT STAGE:	RETRENCHMENT OF CROWN: REDUCTION IN NET ANNUAL INCREMENT CONTRACTION OF LIVE CROWN INCREASED VEGETATIVE VITALITY IN LOWER CROWN INCREASED FUNGAL ACTIVITY AND WOOD DECAY INCREASED COLONISATION BY FLORA AND SAPROXYLIC FAUNA	
	E - F	LATE ANCIENT STAGE:	ADVANCED RETRENCHMENT DECLINE IN CROWN SIZE AND ANNUAL INCREMENT EXTENSIVE HOLLOWING CROWN COLLAPSE DECLINING VITALITY ADVANCED HEARTWOOD DECAY AND HOLLOWING ADVANCED ACTIVITY BY FAUNA AND FLORA	
	F - G	SENESCENT:	TERMINAL DECLINE: TREE DEATH CONTINUING FUNGAL ACTIVITY PEAK OF SAPROXYLIC ACTIVITY NUTRIENT RECYCLING	

DEATH

## The altitudinal gradient:

Bioclimate control tree growth and longevity.

Moving from low elevation to high mountain beech stands forest cycle (turnover) pass from **200** years to more than **400** hundred years.

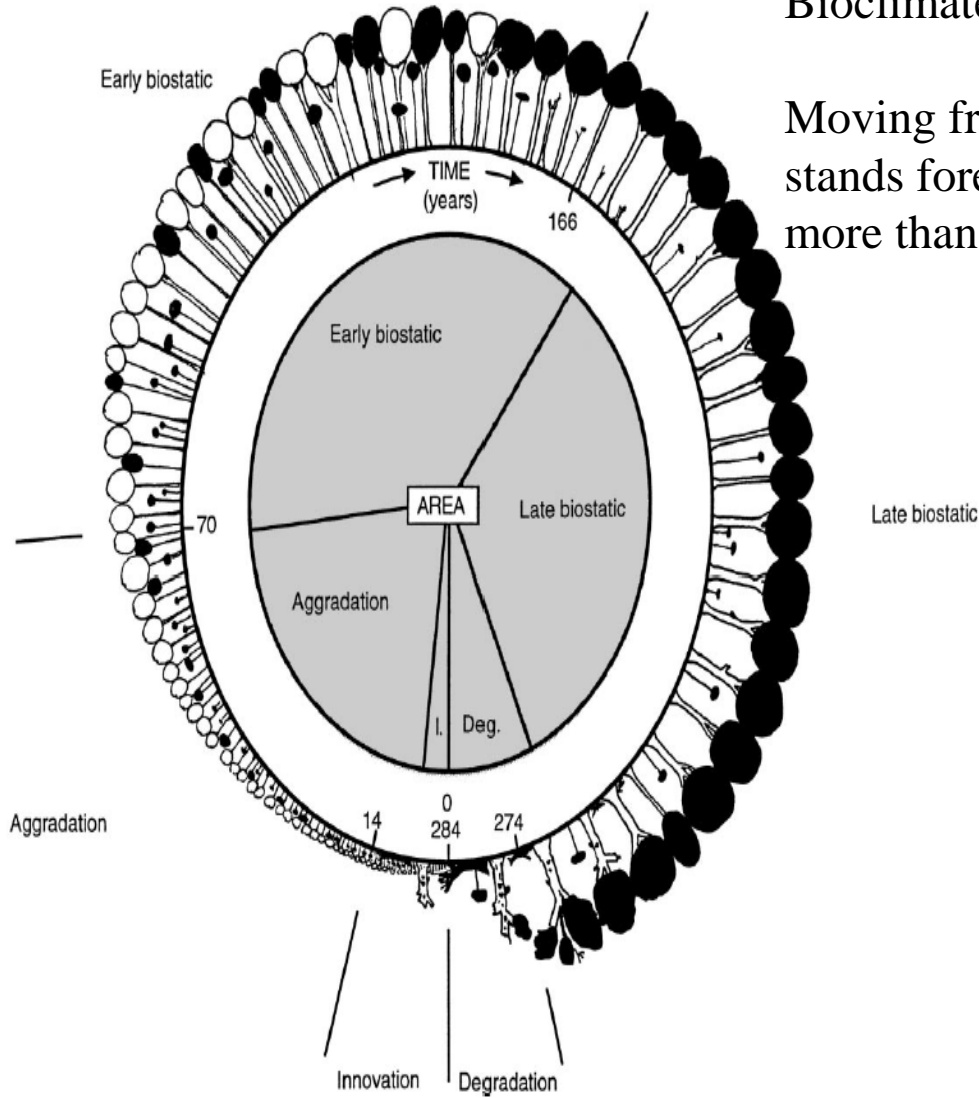
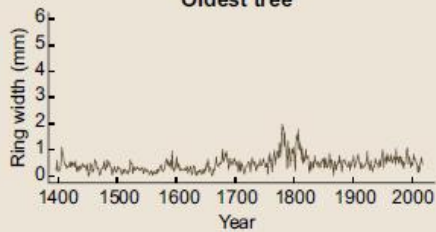


Fig. 5. The mosaic cycle in time and space, Suserup Skov, 1992. The pie in the middle shows the accumulated area of each phase of the shifting mosaic. The outer circle indicates the calculated duration of each phase of the forest cycle, numbers indicate years from start of the cycle. The typical structure of the forest throughout the forest cycle is illustrated. Note the climax microsuccession from *Fraxinus excelsior* (white) to *Fagus sylvatica* (shaded) during the innovation, the aggradation and the early biostatic phases.



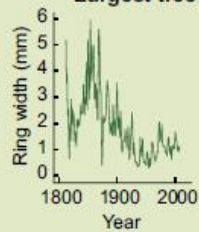
### European beech (*Fagus sylvatica*)

#### Oldest tree



*Michele*  
DBH = 65 cm  
Height = 12 m  
Age = 623 yr

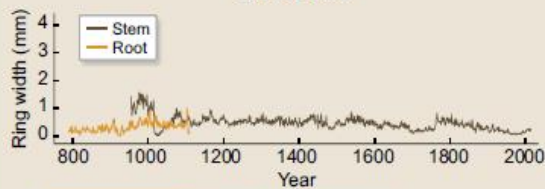
#### Largest tree



DBH = 110 cm  
Height = 50 m  
Age = 210 yr

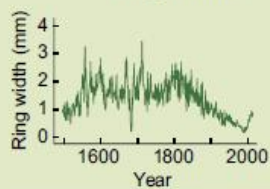
### Heldreich's pine (*Pinus heldreichii*)

#### Oldest tree



*Italus*  
DBH = 160 cm  
Height = 15 m  
Age = 1230 yr

#### Largest tree



DBH = 180 cm  
Height = 20 m  
Age = 550 yr

### Sessile oak (*Quercus petraea*)

#### Oldest tree



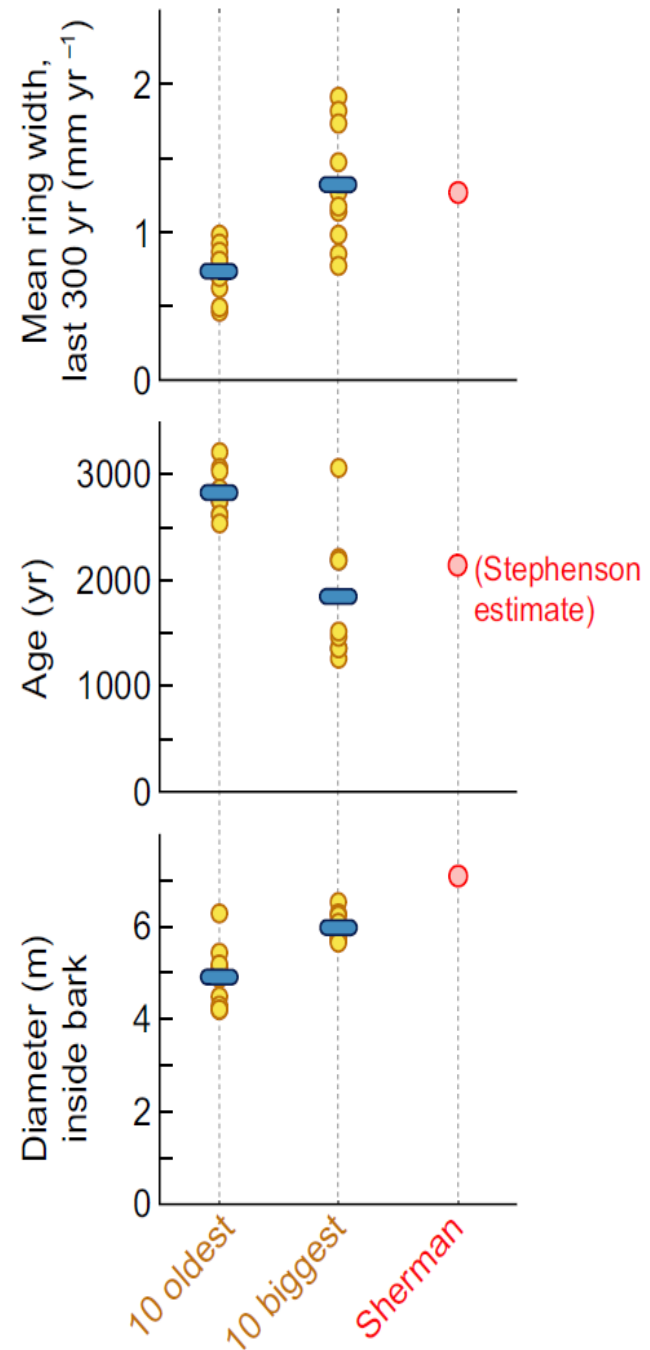
*Demeter*  
DBH = 80 cm  
Height = 6 m  
Age = 934 ± 65 yr

#### Largest tree



DBH = 195 cm  
Height = 20 m  
Age = 570 ± 45 yr

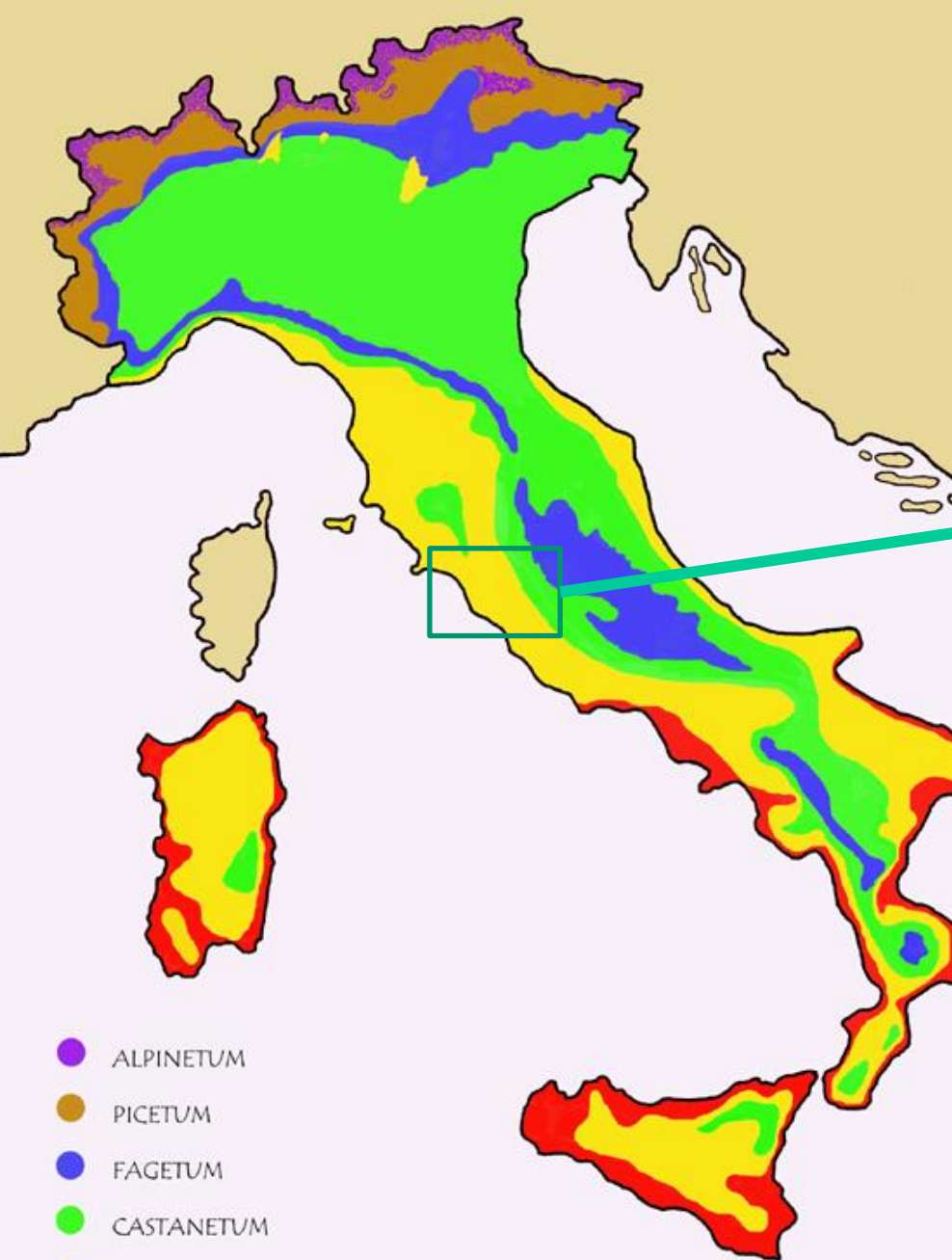
(a)





# Gli Ecoservizi

- Oltre le funzioni produttive (legno, frutti, funghi, sughero, selvaggina)
- La funzione idrogeologica: regimazione delle acque e delle sorgenti
- La funzione turistico-ricreativa (e.g. pinete e faggete)
- Salvaguardia dell'ambiente naturale: la biodiversità e la mitigazione dei cambiamenti climatici (i pozzi di carbonio)



- ALPINETUM
- PICETUM
- FAGETUM
- CASTANETUM
- LAURETUM FREDDO
- LAURETUM CALDO



# Il bioclimate

PIANTA del Territorio di CORNETO

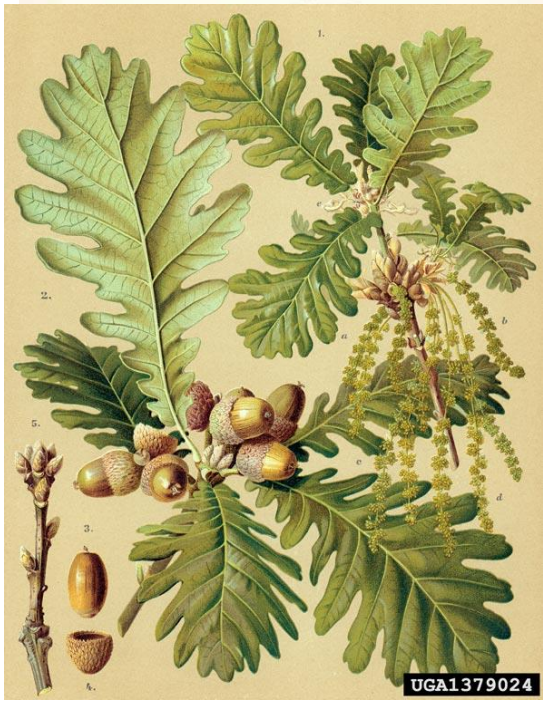
*Questa carta per chi non abbia il nome, l'immagine  
 di una città più sopra descritta: tenersi di punto punto  
 le proprietà loro  
 Le terre della Rocca e delia di cui Aquino era  
 nome non può fidarsi appieno si debbe per provare  
 di terreno essere, e anche nel caso  
 di Aquino di Lupa di Chio non si può fidarsi  
 perché la sua proprietà vuole essere istruita  
 che non possa in un punto d'altro proprietà della città  
 non essere, e in un punto d'altro non essere, e in un punto  
 d'altro non essere, e in un punto d'altro non essere.*



Carta del Territorio di Tarquinia sec. XVII  
 (proprietà Lidia Zammoli in De Cesari)



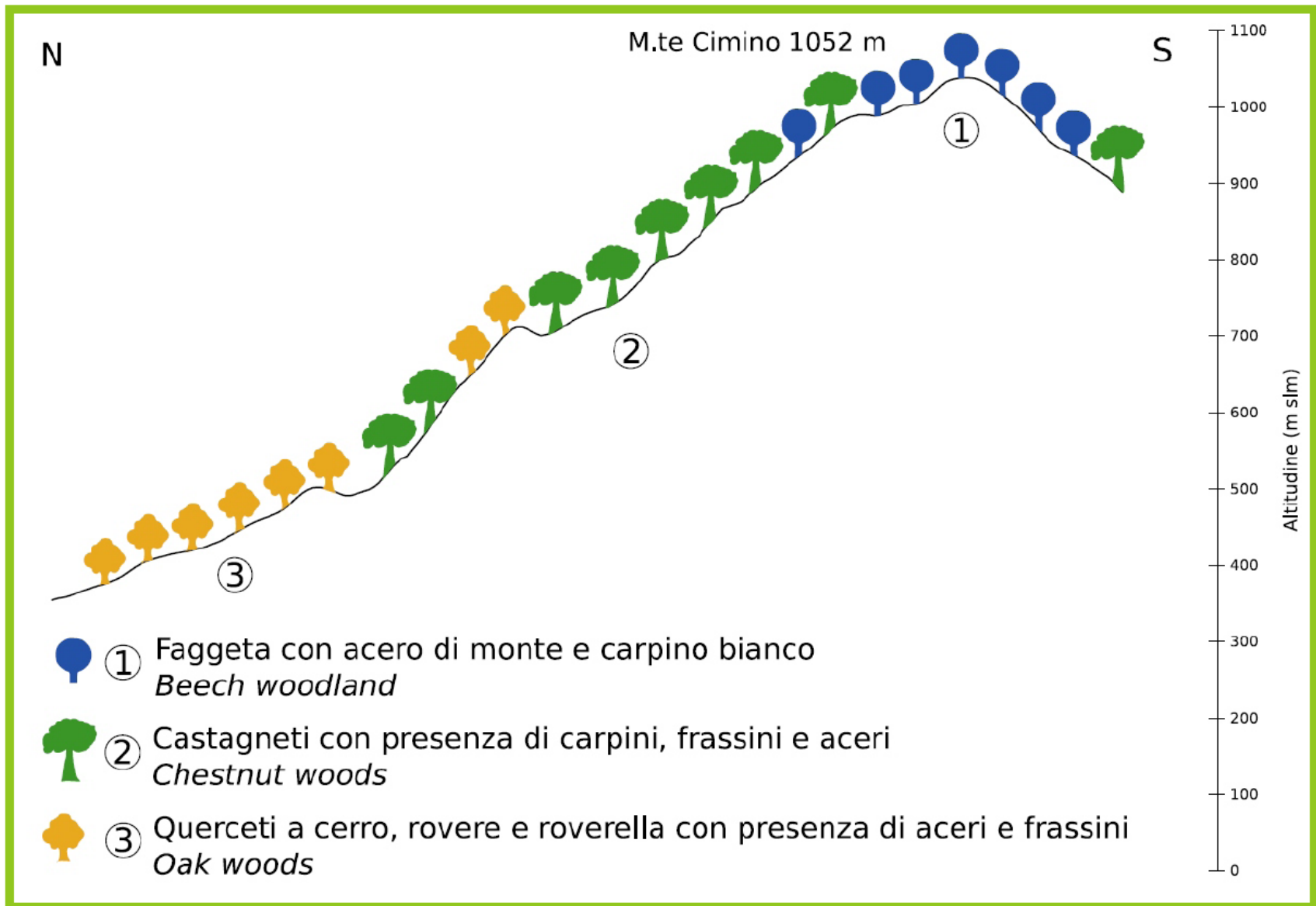
# Le querce



# I pini montani e mediterranei



# Bioclimatologia



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*St. Cypripedace.*

# Il castagno

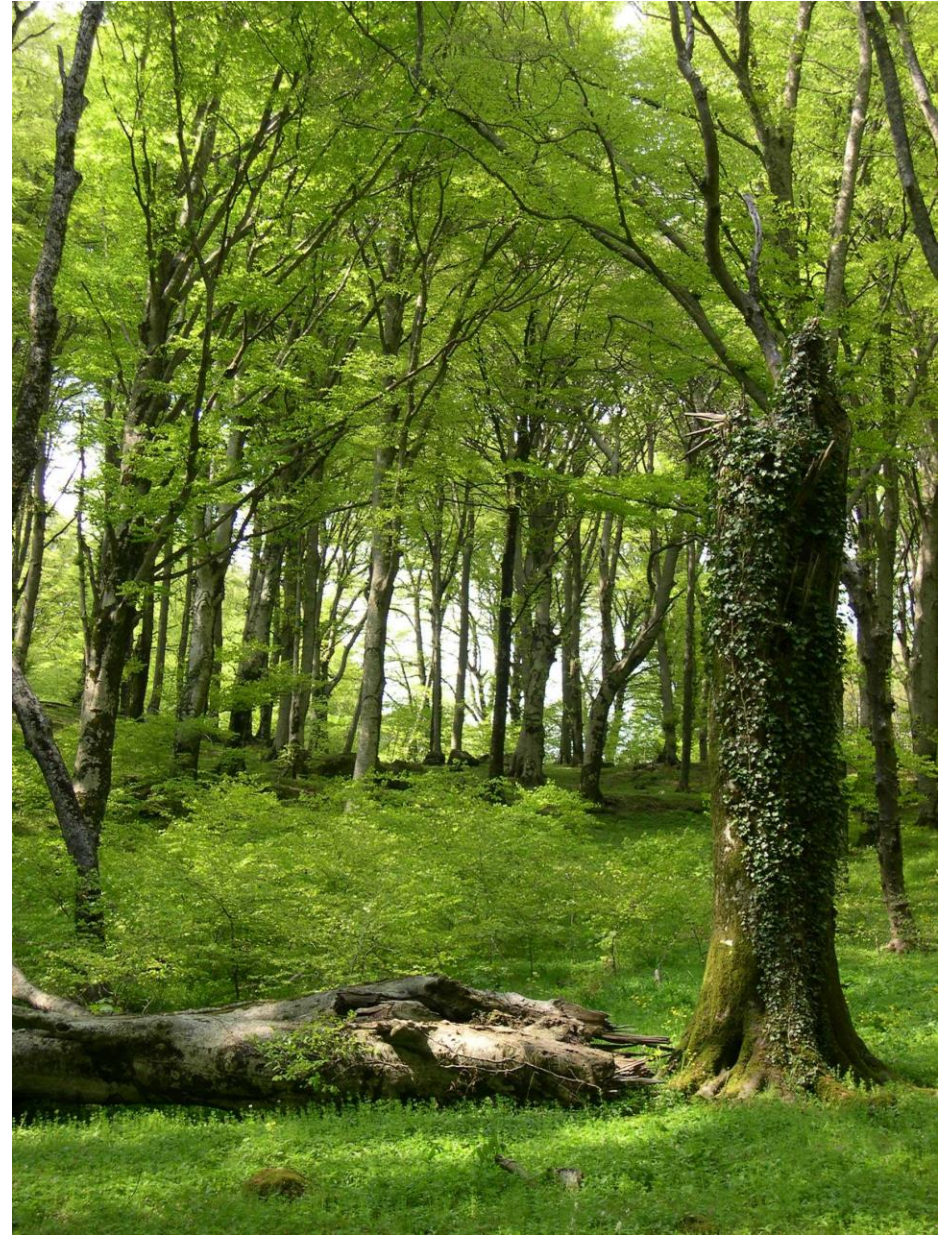


159. *Castanea vulgaris* Lamarque. Rostrante.



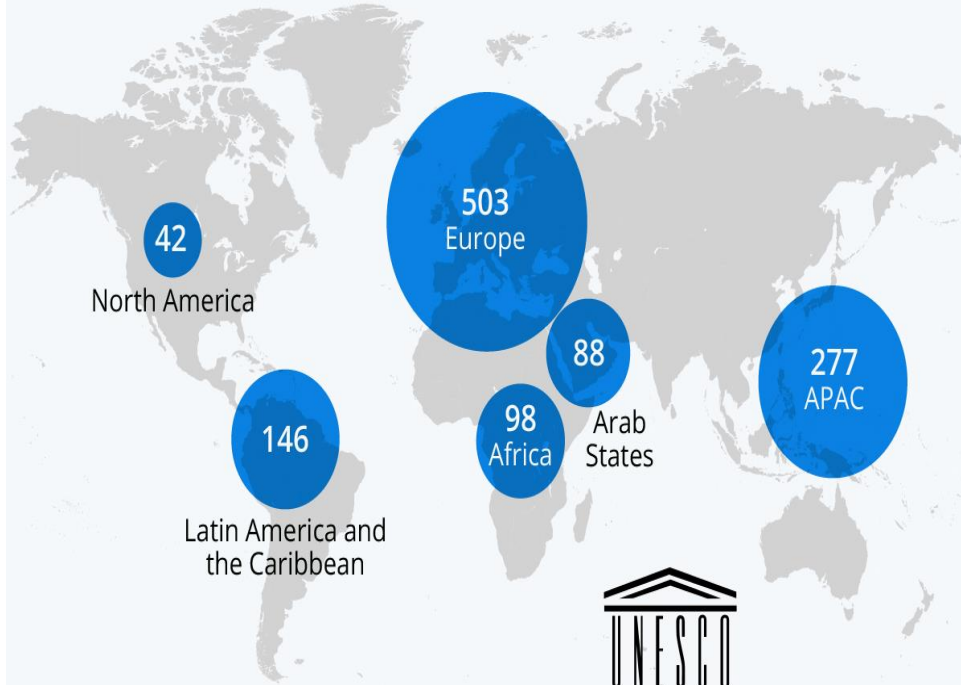


# Il faggio



# Europe home to the most World Heritage Sites

Number of UNESCO world heritage sites per region\*



\* As of July 30th, 2021

Source: UNESCO



statista



Italy

Description Documents Assistance Laws

Properties inscribed on the World Heritage List (58)





United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization



World Heritage  
Convention

CONVENTION CONCERNING  
THE PROTECTION OF  
THE WORLD CULTURAL  
AND NATURAL HERITAGE

The World Heritage Committee  
has inscribed

*Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of  
the Carpathians and Other Regions of Europe*

on the World Heritage List

Inscription on this List confirms the outstanding  
universal value of a cultural or  
natural property which requires protection for  
the benefit of all humanity

DATE OF INSCRIPTION

12 July 2017

*Irina Brnova*

DIRECTOR-GENERAL  
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44th session  
of the World Heritage  
Committee

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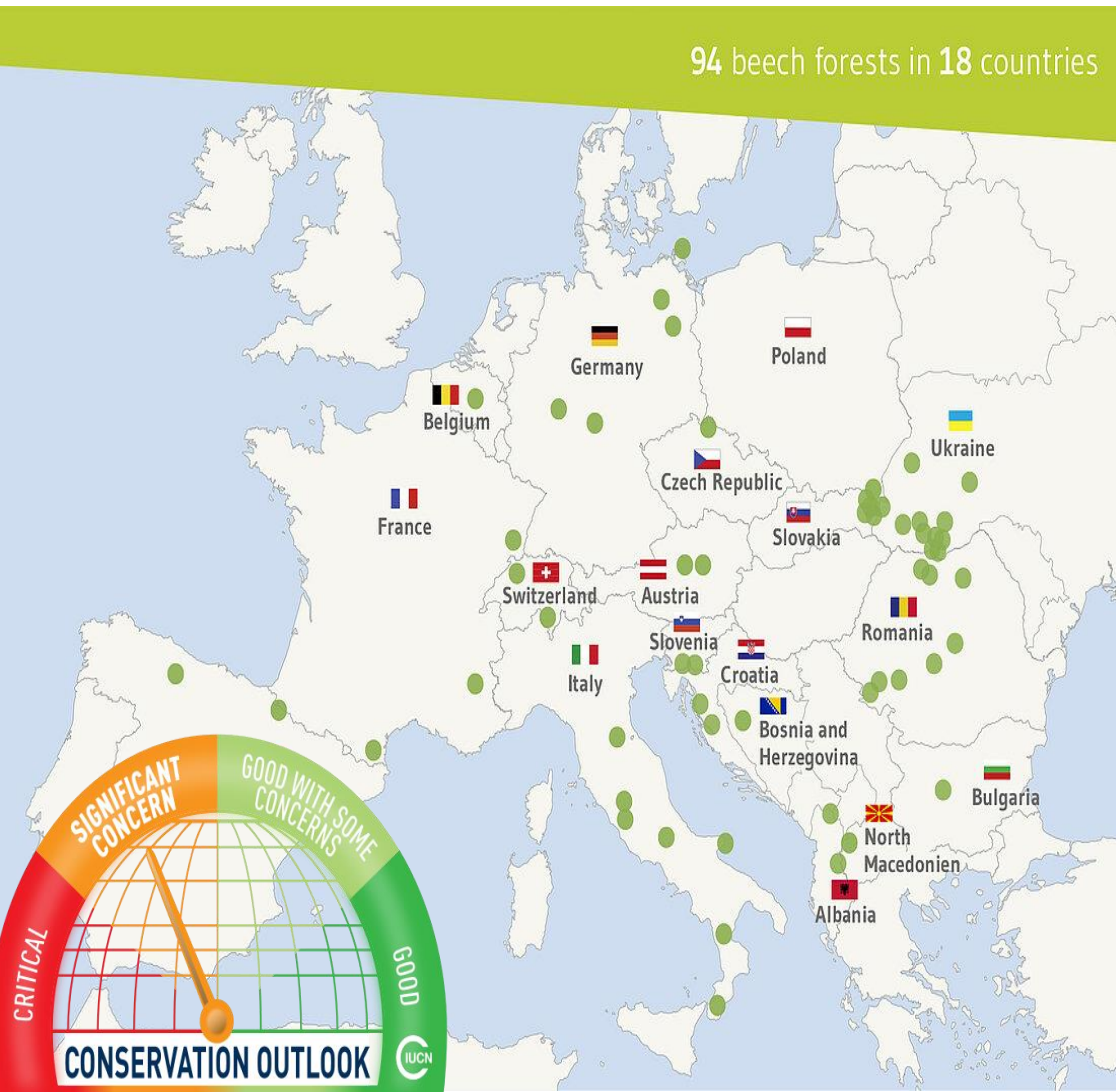
# 第44届世界遗产大会

Extended 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the World Heritage Committee  
44<sup>e</sup> session élargie du Comité du patrimoine mondial

16-31 July 2021 Fuzhou, China

The largest serial World Heritage property gets even larger:  
Unesco World Heritage Series “**Ancient and Primeval Beech  
Forests of the Carpathians and Other Regions of Europe**”

# This World Heritage series is currently the largest serial World Heritage property. With 94 components part in 18 countries

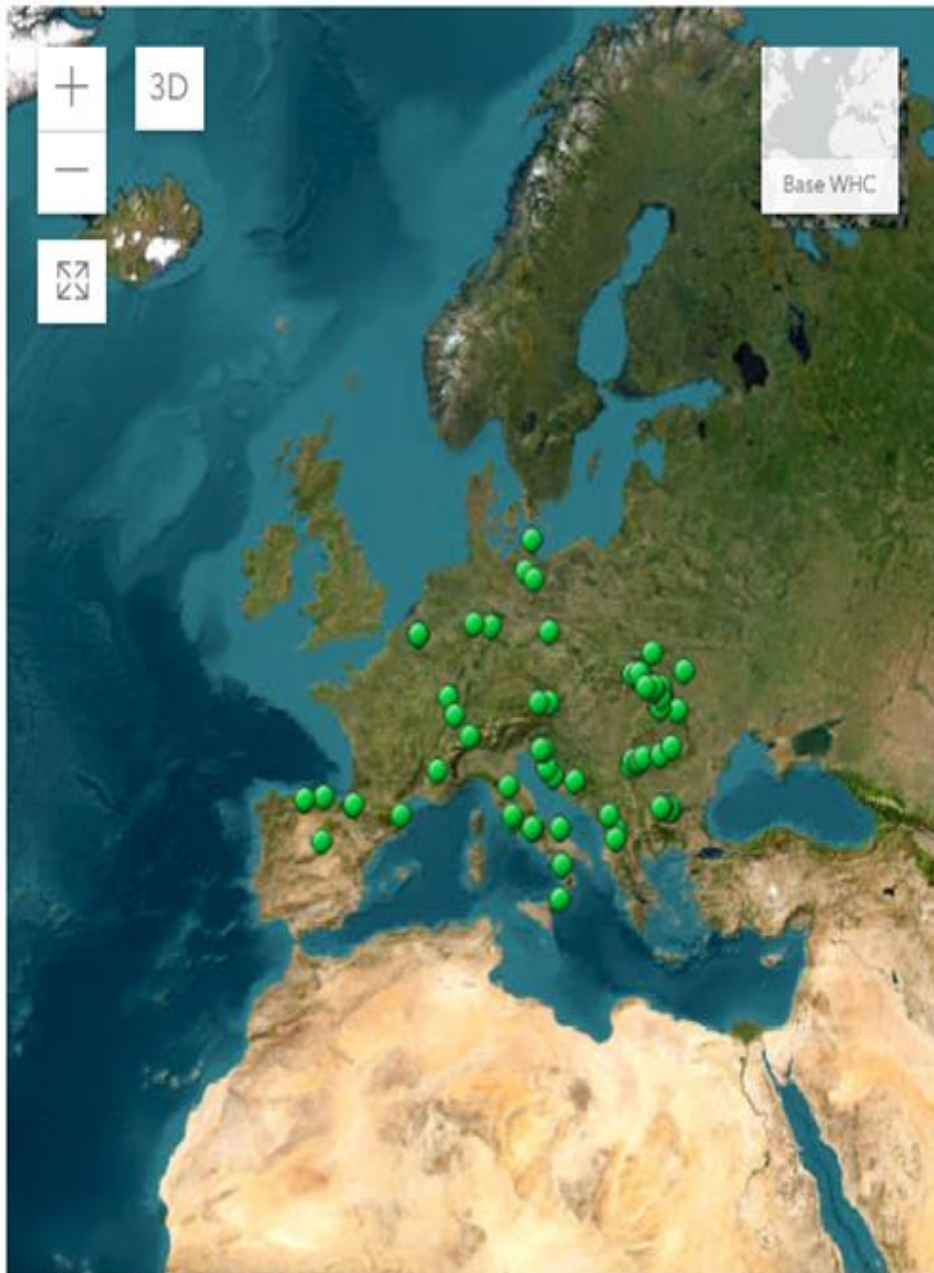


It is the only World Heritage Site globally that connects so many component parts. It covers areas in Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia& Herzegovina, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Italy, Croatia, Czechia, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, and the Ukraine.

**This requires collaboration across boundaries and illustrates the close relationship of the beech forest with European culture.**

**A total of 98.000 hectares strictly protected: the last old-growth beech forests and primeval beech forests in Europe**

<https://www.europeanbeechforests.org/world-heritage-beech-forests/our-beech-forest-family>



- |   |  |
|---|--|
|  Albania          |  Austria                 |
|  Belgium         |  Bosnia and Herzegovina |
|  Bulgaria        |  Croatia                |
|  Czechia         |  France                 |
|  Germany         |  Italy                  |
|  North Macedonia |  Poland                 |
|  Romania         |  Slovakia               |
|  Slovenia        |  Spain                  |
|  Switzerland     |  Ukraine                |

**Date of Inscription:** 2007

**Significant modifications to the boundaries :**  
2011,2017,2021

**Criteria:** (ix)

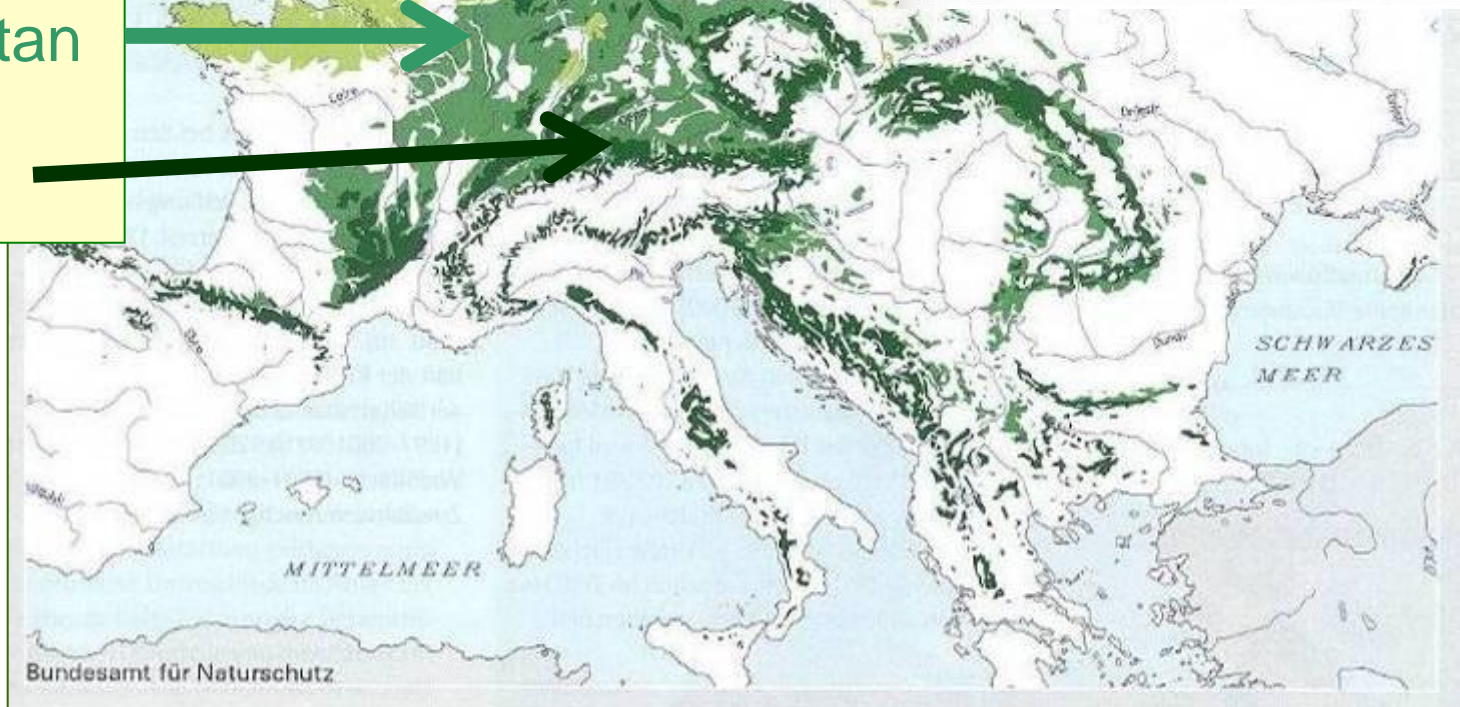
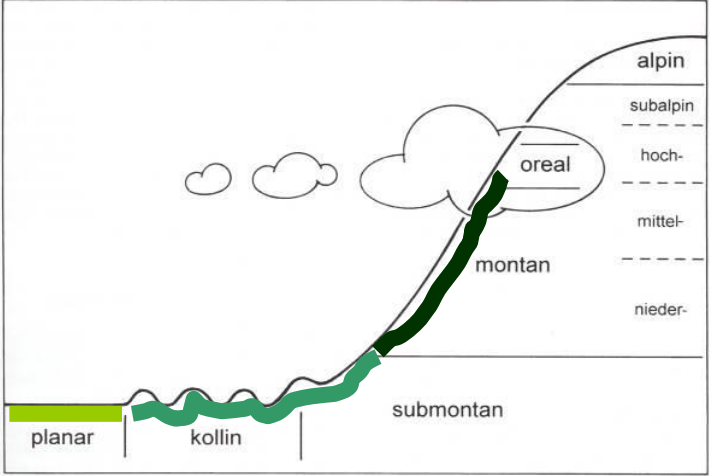
**Property :** 98,124.96 ha

**Buffer zone:** 294,716.32 ha

**Dossier:** 1133quater


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# Wide latitudinal and altitudinal extension



Planar  
Collin-submontan  
Montan



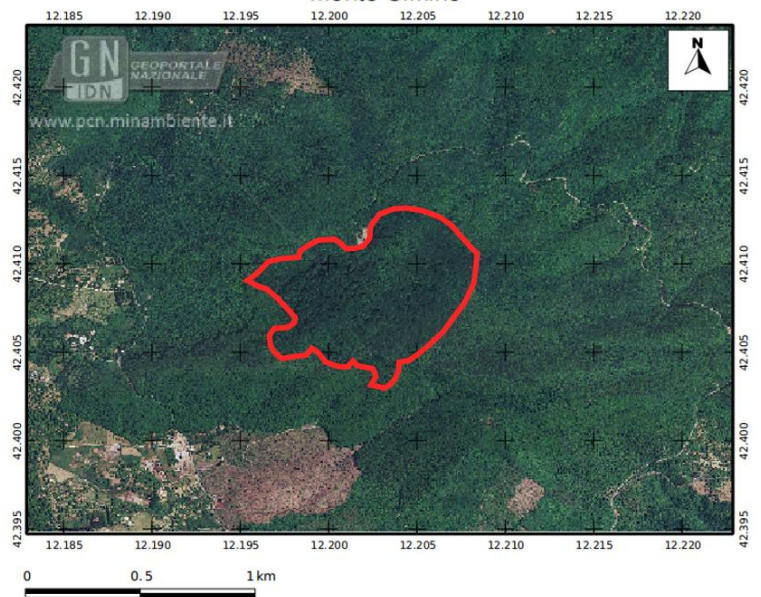


The low-elevation (“heterotopic”) old-growth beech forests:  
Monti Cimini and Sabatini. Characteristic species of the association *Allio pendulini-Fagetum sylvaticae*: *Anemone ranunculoides*, *Corydalis cava*, *Mercurialis perennis*, *Gallium odoratum*, *Acer obtusatum*, *Carpinus betulus*

*Beech woods of submontane belt of Latium volcanoes and Monte Amiata*  
Altitude range 200-1000 m

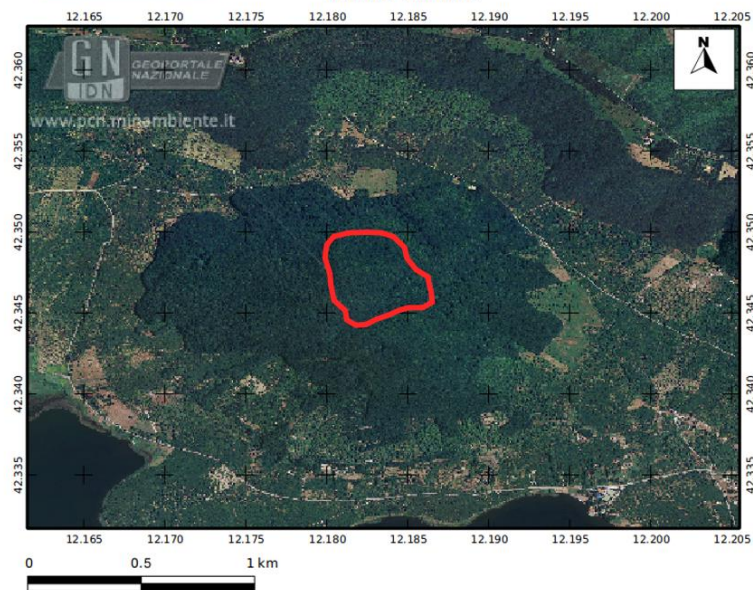
Old-growth core area

Monte Cimino



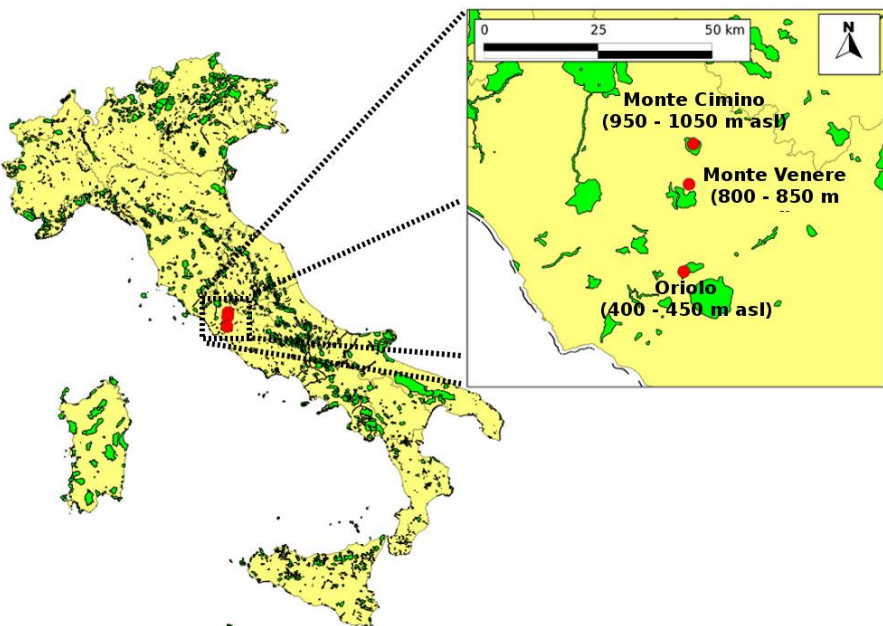
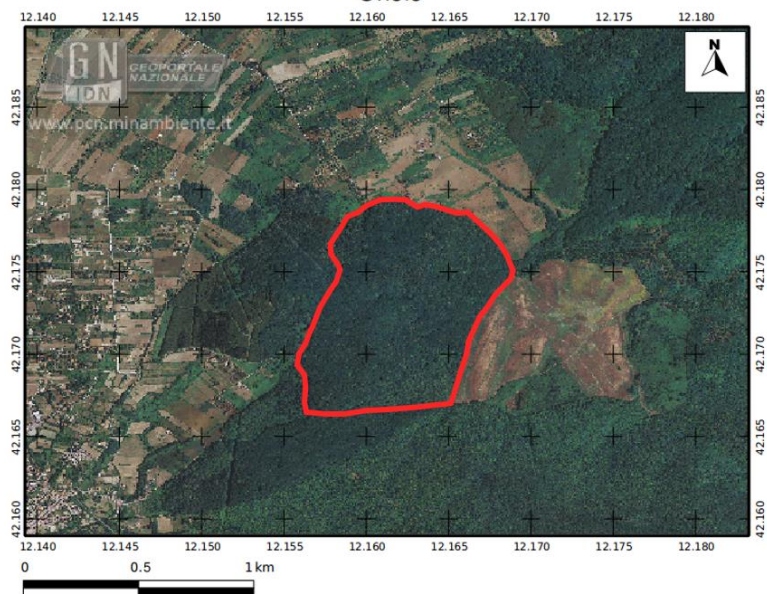
Old-growth core area

Monte Venerè



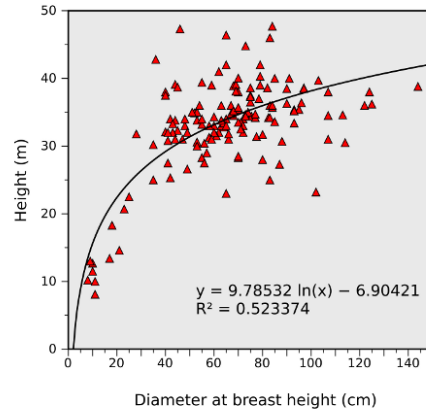
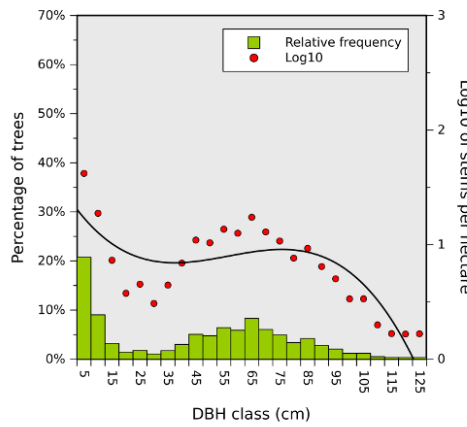
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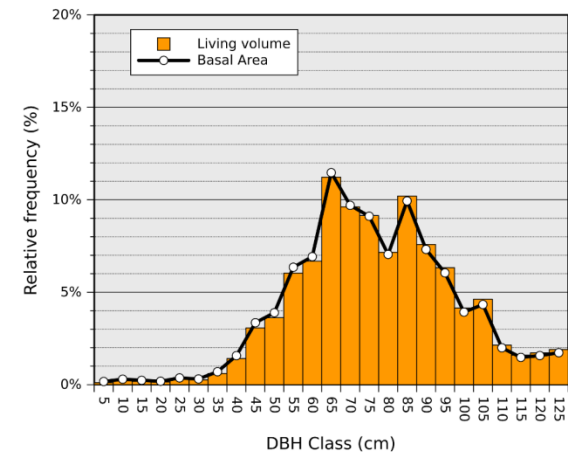




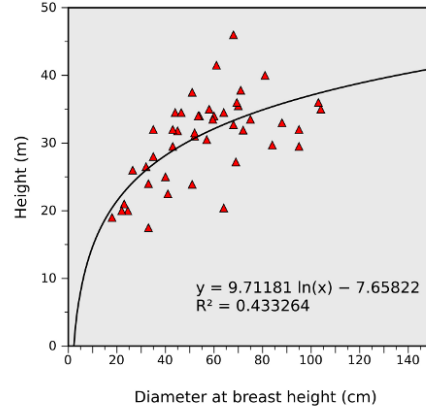
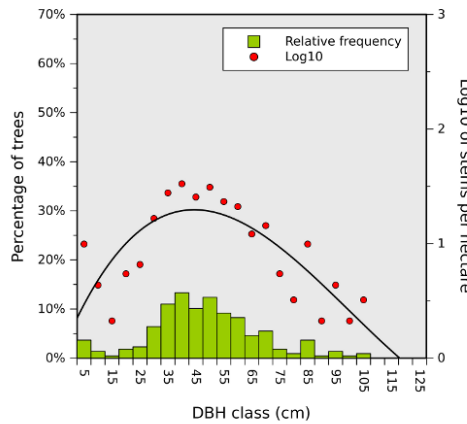
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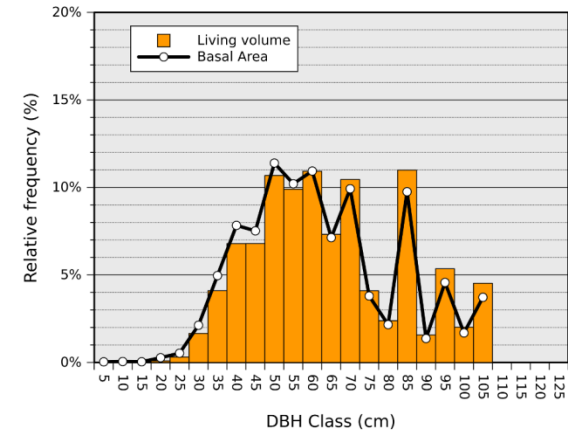
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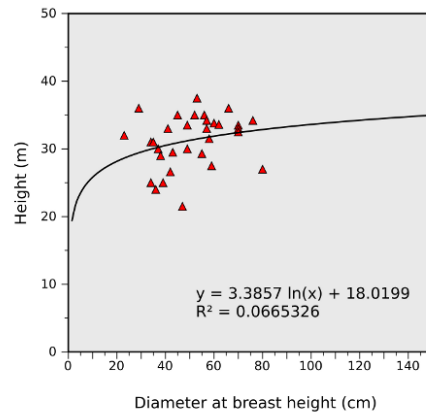
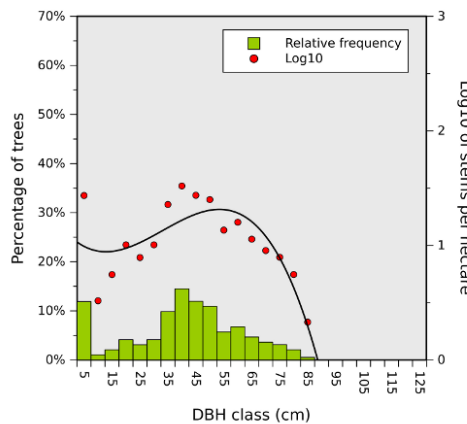
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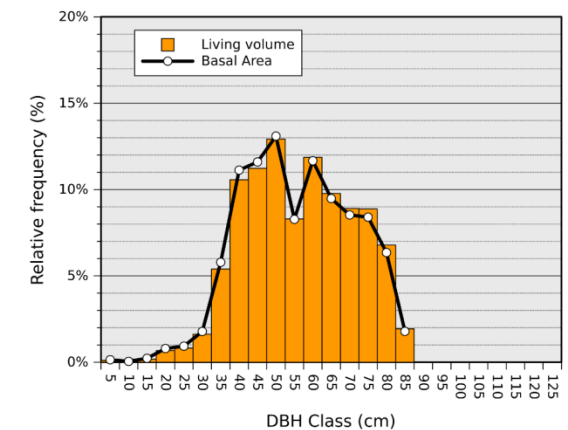
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## Oriolo

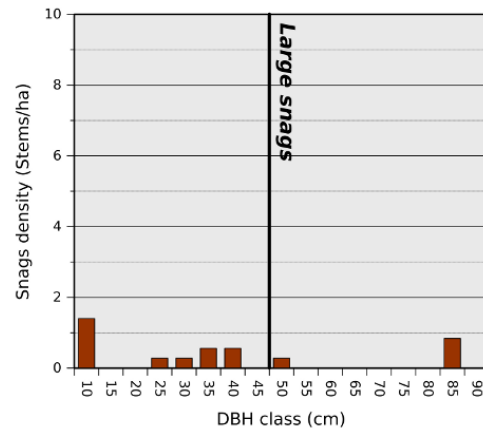
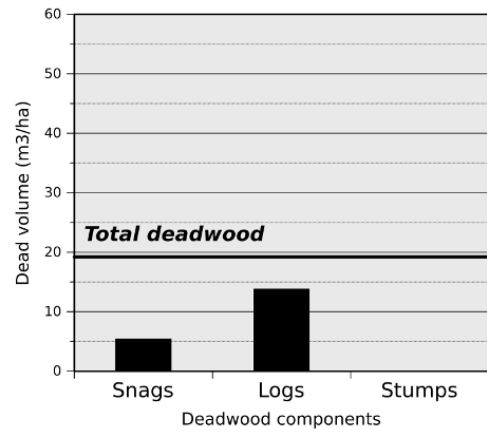


## Oriolo

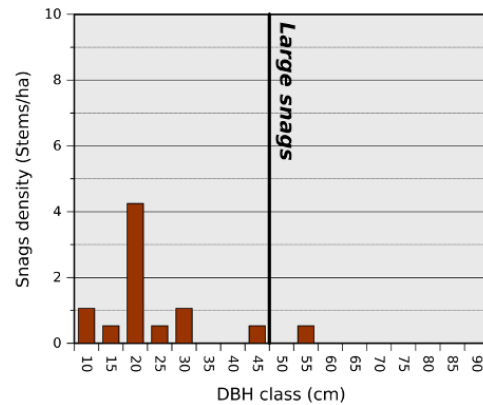
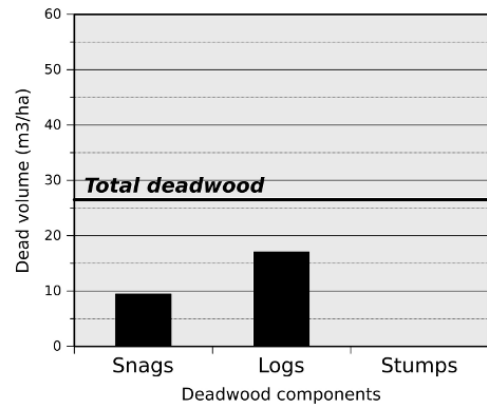


Secondary old-growth forests on volcanic soils were intensively exploited until a few decades ago but, thanks to site fertility, they have shown a surprisingly fast restoration of high biomass stocks following logging.

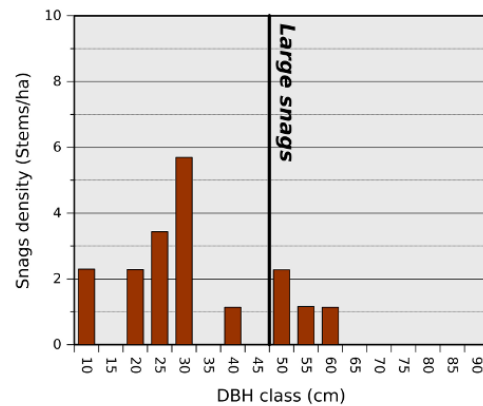
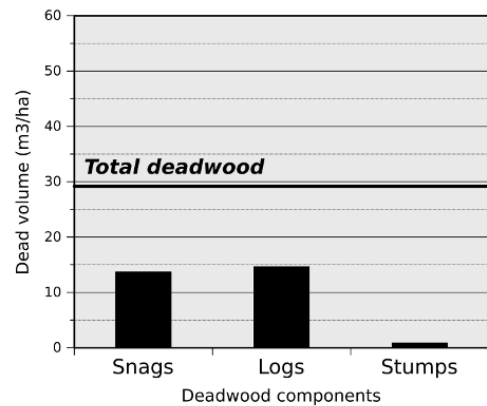
## Monte Cimino



## Monte Venere



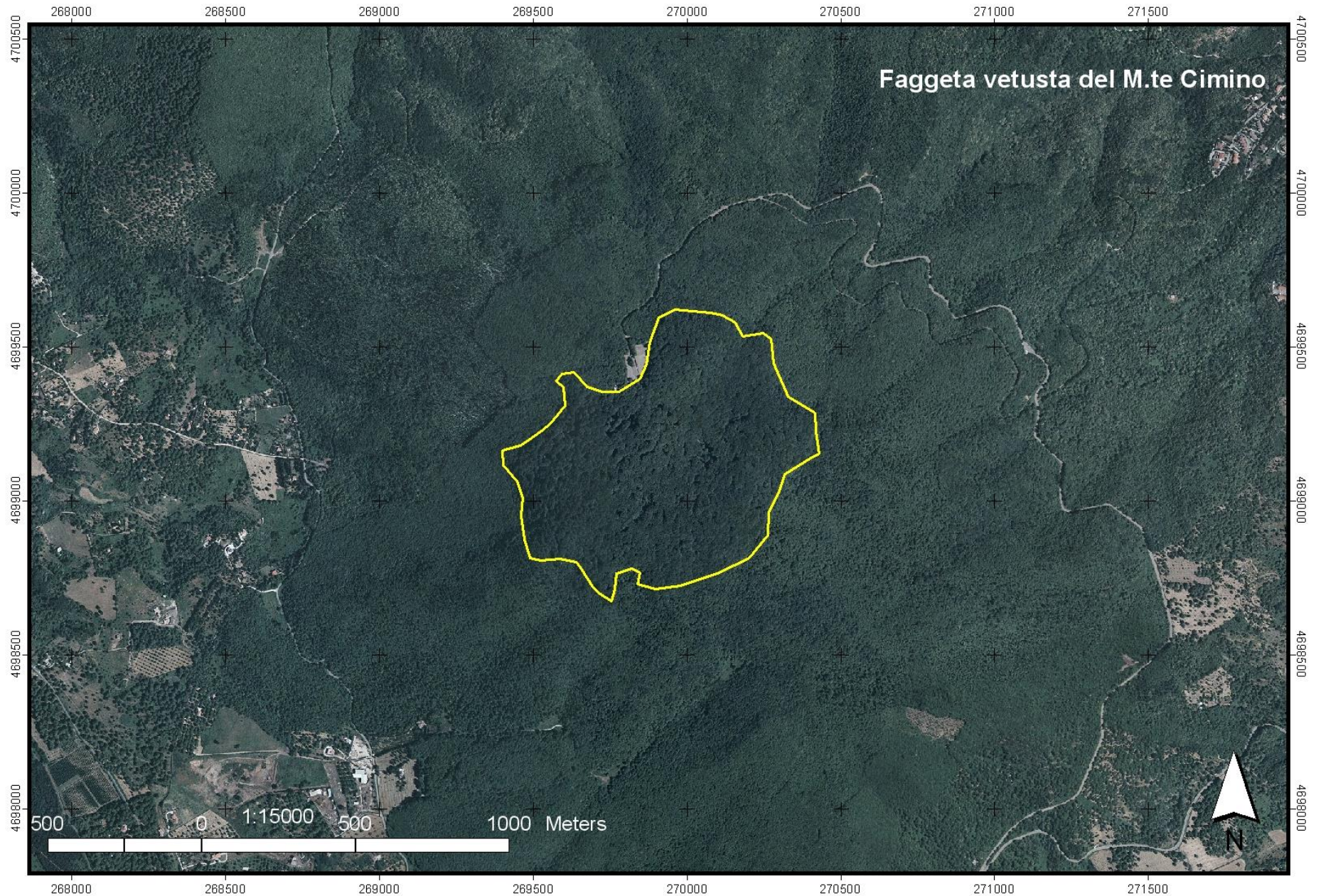
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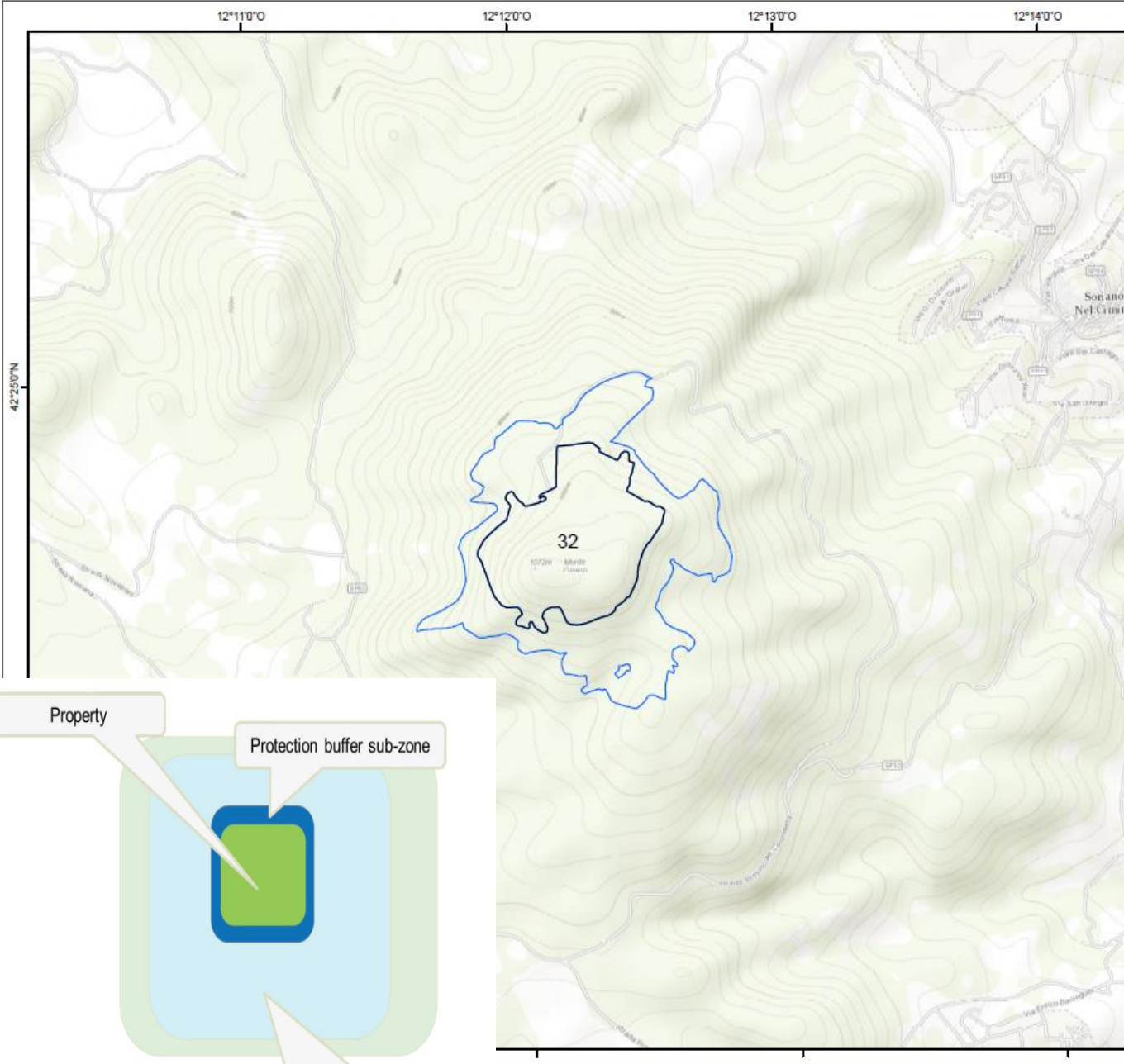


## Deadwood

Human influences substantially altered the amount of deadwood in natural stand at lower elevations. At Monte Cimino, for instance, until a few years ago it was permissible to remove large logs.

# La Faggeta (Viterbo, Latium)





**Annex 1.e.IT\_CIMI**  
**Topographic map of the**  
**nominated component part(s)**  
**Monte Cimino**  
 Italy  
 Beech Forest Region:  
 Central Mediterranean

Component part number(s): 032  
 Size of property in hectar: 57.54  
 Size of buffer zone in hectar: 87.96

- Borders**
-  World Heritage Property
  -  Buffer Zone



Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians  
 and Other Regions of Europe

Background: ESRI Topographic Baselayer  
 Projection: Europe Albers Equal Area Conic



Scale: 1:20.000

Date: 21.01.2016

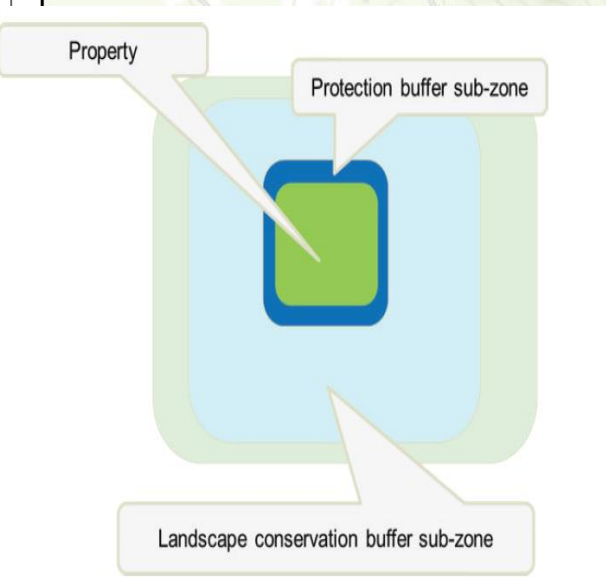


Figure 46:  
Clear cuts  
closer than  
50–80m to  
the property  
can have ef-  
fects on the  
microclimate  
inside the  
property



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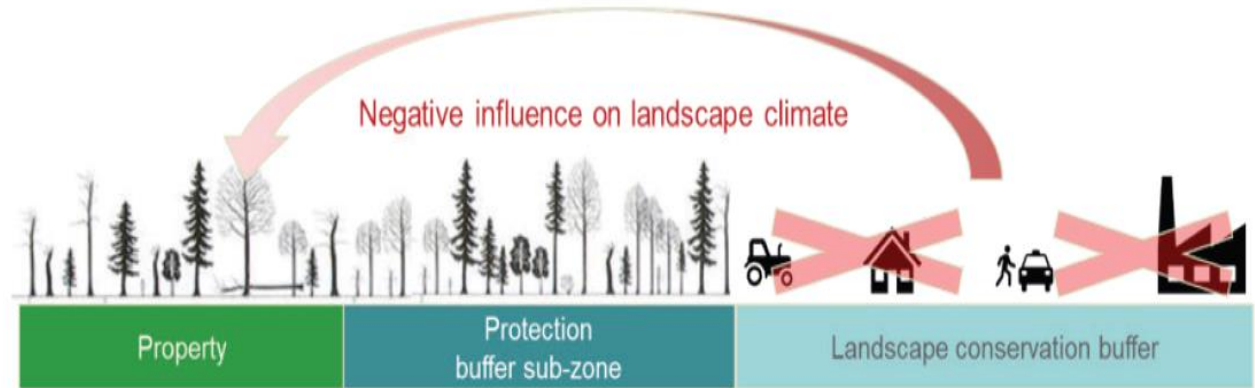
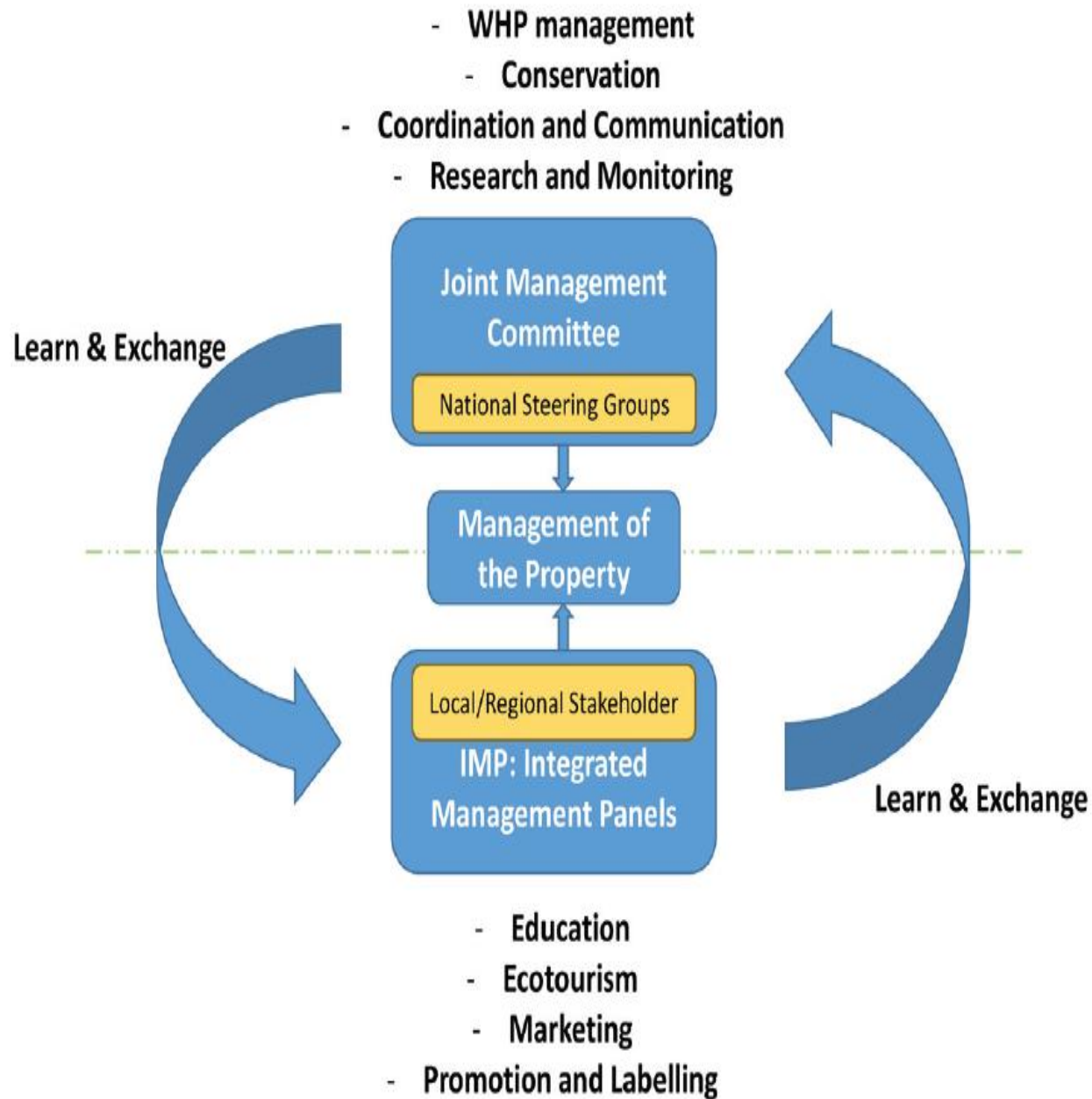


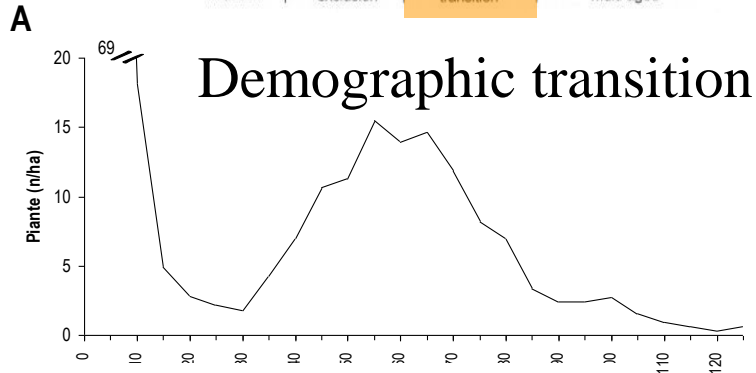
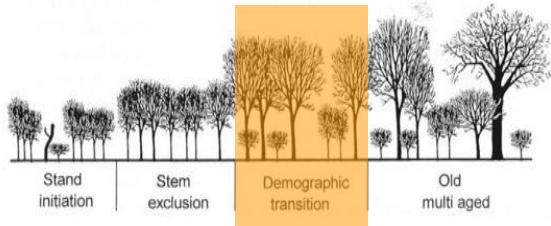
Figure 47:  
The landscape  
conserva-  
tion buffer  
sub-zone  
should protect  
the wider  
landscape  
from negative  
developments



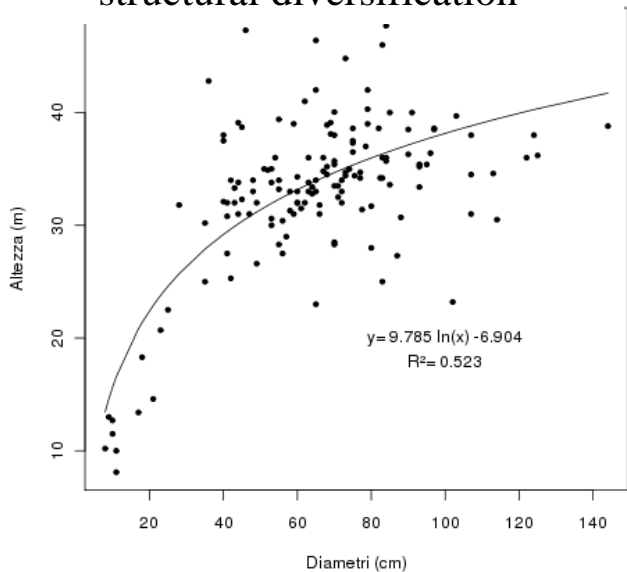
Figure 49:  
Combined  
top-down and  
bottom-up  
IMS model



# Faggeta del Monte Cimino



Bimodal distribution:  
structural diversification



High fertility  
due to deep  
volcanic soils:  
Impressive tree  
height.

The highest  
beeches are **50  
m** and are  
**growing!**

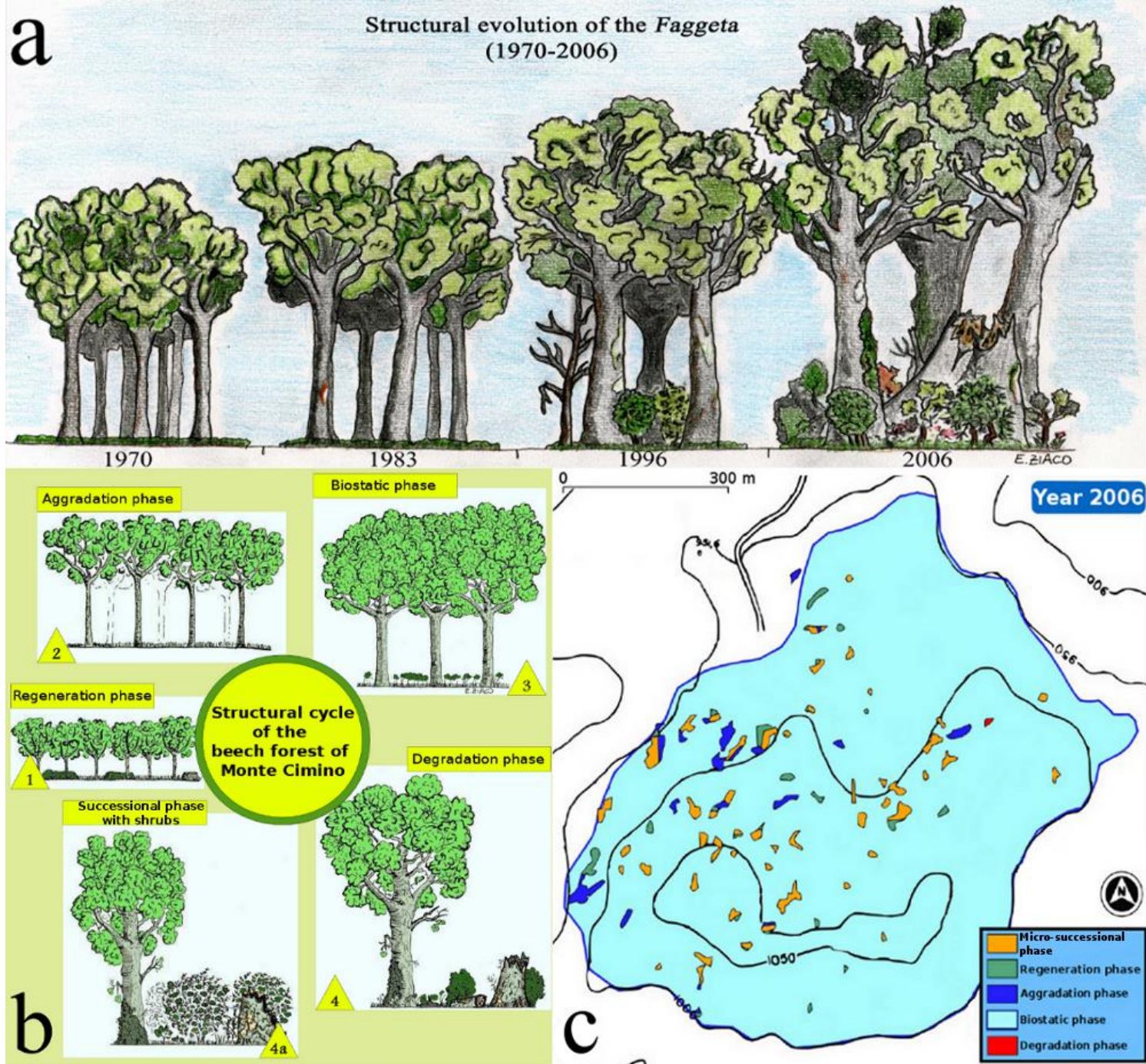


Last forest harvesting:  
1947-49 north section

Main conservation reason  
the historic- aesthetic value  
(Silva Cimina a sacred  
wood from bronze age)

The structural cycle  
= ~ 150-200 years

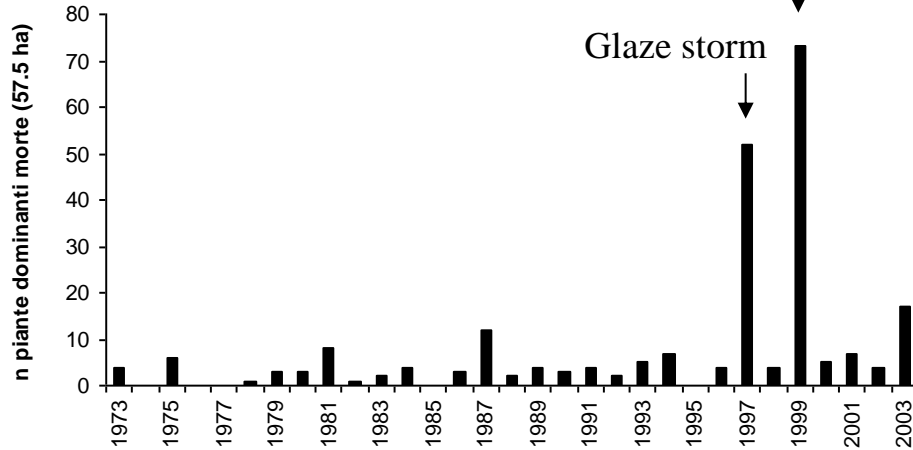
Shifting mosaics of  
structural  
diversified patches in  
their different  
developmental  
stages and phases:  
Natural disturbance  
created a wider range  
of gap sizes (<10–5,000  
m<sup>2</sup>) resulting in  
reversion of some  
portions of the stand  
to an earlier stage of  
development





# Faggeta del Monte Cimino

High-Wind storm



Monitoring tree death

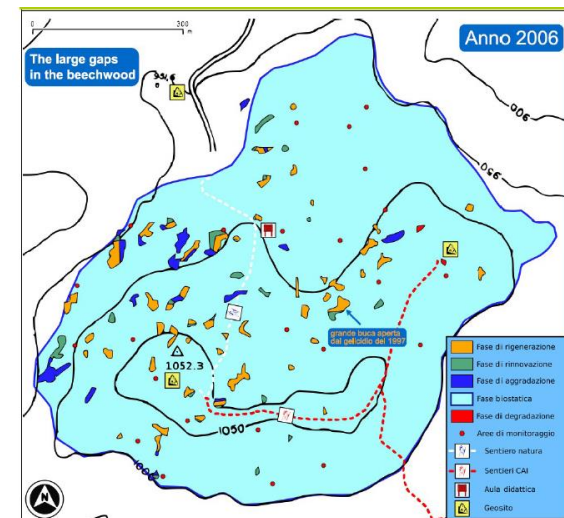
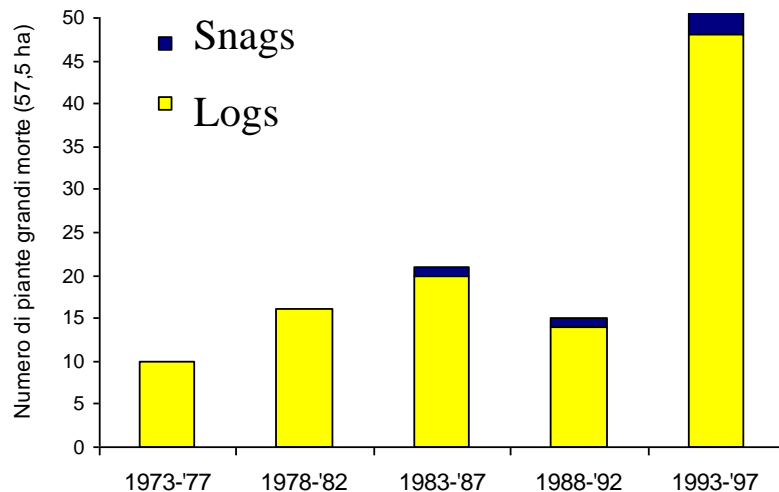
(Forest service of CFS di Soriano al Cimino)

300 large trees have died in the last 30 years (4% of large trees) mostly in consequence of episodic extreme storm events



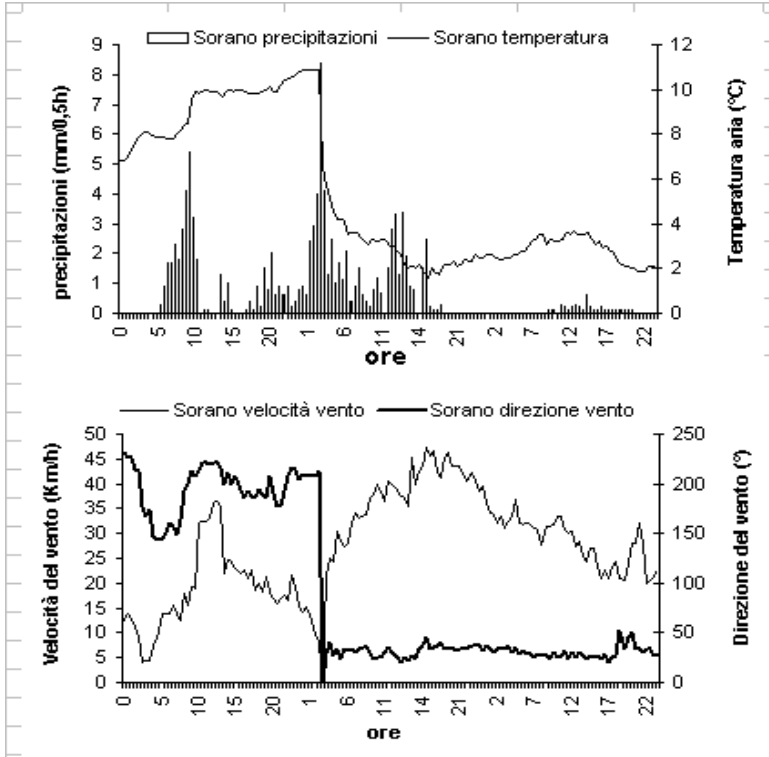
**Mixed disturbance regime with canopy gaps and patches**

Very low % of snag



# The glaze storm of 21/04/1997

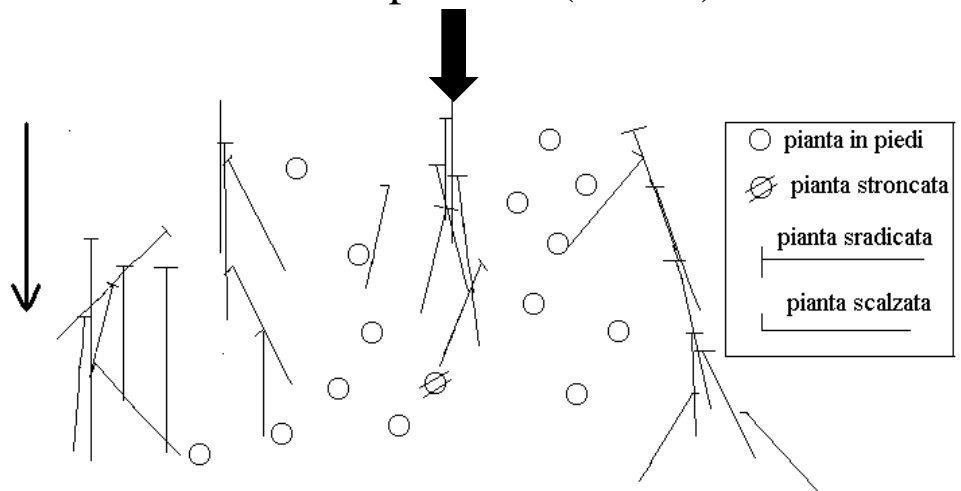
During an ice storm, the thick, clear coating of ice covering surfaces is known as glaze or glaze ice. It is formed when supercooled water droplets known as freezing rain come in contact with cold surfaces on the ground. It is one of the most hazardous types of winter precipitation. Surfaces coated with glaze are very slick and the ice is heavy often causing damages to plants, trees, buildings, and powerlines



Fast change of wind direction: From south wind to northern winds (> 50 km/h)

+ precipitation (> 50 mm)

+ Temperature (< 2 °C)



N Aspect

28 large trees downed

Patch of 4000 m<sup>2</sup>

Domino effect (→ up to 8 trees)

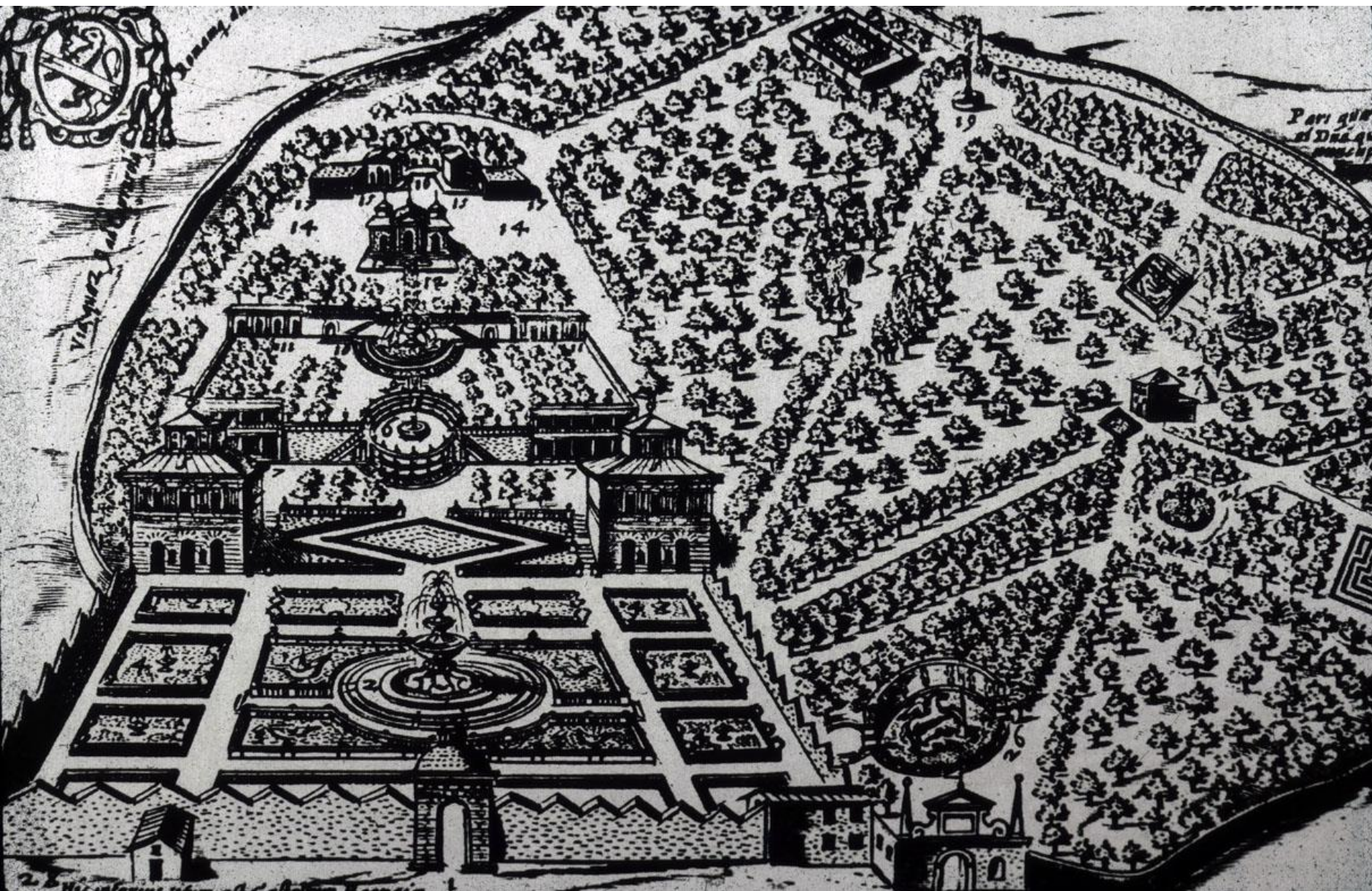


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# Villa Lante e il Barco





# I problemi di conservazione

Necessità di una pianificazione ecologica del territorio a scala provinciale e di un monitoraggio con particolare riferimento a:

- Le specie aliene e l'impatto sui sistemi forestali
- la selvicoltura prossima alla natura e il restauro degli ecosistemi
- L'urbanizzazione della campagna e la frammentazione
- L'impatto dei cambiamenti climatici sulla produttività dei sistemi forestali e sulla conservazione della flora e fauna
- Inquinamento diffuso e lineare
- Erosione costiera

# I prodotti e le risorse del bosco





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