SILVAMEDITERRANEA
Progress Report WG1 FOREST FIRES

Achievements and future actions

COORDINATION:
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,
FISHERIES AND FOOD
History of WG1

- WG1 Established: 2002
- 4th International Conference on Wildland Fire: 2006
- Work Plan 2013-2016: 2013
- Work Plan 2017-2020: 2017
- 3rd International Conference on Wildland Fire: 2004
- 5th International Conference on Wildland Fire: 2008
- 6th International Conference on Wildland Fire: 2010
Achievements
Work plan 2013-2016

1. Forest Fires Working Group
   - FFWG network update of National Focal Points and Institutions
   - EC collaboration (DG ENV, JRC)
   - Common Mediterranean position on WILDFIRE Conference 2015
   - Collaboration with other Med regions (California, Chile, Australia)

2. Forest fires prevention
   - Application of EFFIS to all Mediterranean Basin countries
   - Community based initiatives (Spanish EPRIF program)
   - Guidelines on prescribed burning (Spanish draft)

3. Forest fires suppression
   - ICS training and dissemination
   - Promotion of FAO Voluntary Guidelines on Fire Management and UNISDR Fire Aviation Guidelines

4. Others
   - Preparation of forest fire chapter in the SoMF
Work plan 2017-2020

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS

1. Enhance international cooperation
2. Integration of fire prevention and adaptation to CC
3. Promote knowledge and training on wildfires
4. Enhance information systems with new wildfire risks
5. Cooperation with other working groups within SilvaMed
Current and future actions

VISIBILITY AND EXCHANGE OF EXPERTISE FROM MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES

UCPM (UE) – 34 participating states

- Forest fires is one of the main causes of activation
- Forest Fire modules from Med countries (FR:7, IT: 4, SP:4, PT: 2, GR: 1)
- SPAIN FFAT- Assessment and advisory team
- Missions inside/outside UE
- Response and Technical advisory missions (operations, planning, logistics, prevention and preparedness, information systems...)
- Request to ERCC (Brussels - UE)
Current and future actions

**WG1 Silvamediterranea Workshop (20-22 Nov 2018, Spain)**
- EC + FAO SilvaMediterranea WG1
- Mediterranean position for 7th WILDFIRE Conference (Brasil, 2019), under preparation

**6th Mediterranean Forest Week (Lebanon, 2019): Side Event proposal**
- Topic: “Prevention and restoration on forest fires. Linking before and after actions”

**WILDIRE Conference (Brazil, 2019)**
- WG1 representing a solid position on wildfires in the Mediterranean basin

**MEDFIRE I –Mediterranean Forest Fires in a complex scenario (2021/22, Spain)**
- International forum on forest fires in the Mediterranean regions
- WG1 representing a solid position on wildfires in the Mediterranean basin
Thank you
Merci beaucoup
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