

**ACTION Dem: Demonstration areas for forest management and forest inventory**

**Description (what, how, where and when):**

The awareness of the public about forest management is generally limited. On one hand, local communities living in forested landscape are bound to traditional ways of forest exploitation, often linked to historical rights (e.g. collection of firewood) or to the provision of shared benefits (e.g. from public-owned forests managed for wood production with revenues used for public works) while, on the other hand, people living in big cities and visiting forests for recreation have often negative impressions or opinions when a forest patch is undergoing harvesting or thinning. In general, both communities share the lack of knowledge on the long-term perspective of forest management and on the objectives of the various management.

Demonstration areas will be realised in the forest districts where the project will implement management operations. The areas will be aimed at informing public and students at all levels, on the various aspects of forest management approaches, from its objectives to the type of forestry operations to its long-term view.

The areas will be realised in at least one experimental site per each of the forest districts involved in the project. Hence, the public will have the opportunity to gain awareness on forest management where it is put into practice. Demonstration areas will include notice boards at their entrance, illustrating the type and purpose of management intervention, its long term perspective and how the results will be monitored and measured, and a path within the managed forest patch touching relevant places (e.g. points with different forest structures, long-term sample plots, patches with species mixture, etc.).

In parallel, the approach and significance of Forest Inventory will be explained and typical sampling plots will be "materialised" in the forest where public and students may test inventory techniques.

The Demonstration Areas will be properly described in brochures and leaflets, so to facilitate dissemination of information.

Action Dem has close connections with Action Communication and Dissemination that will use strongly the realised Demonstration Areas

Action Dem will start at month 24 and will be closed at month 57

**Methods employed:**

- selection of demonstration areas in each forest district;
- realisation of main notice boards (information to be included, layout, etc.)
- setting up of path with stops and specific notice boards
- demonstration Inventory plots

**Constraints and assumptions:**

The long experience of local and national administrative bodies (Regions and CFS) and of the CFS-UTBs in extension of forestry, supported by the expertise of the other project partners should grant the smooth implementation of Action Dem.

The areas will be selected with a view to facilitate their reachability by the public.

**Beneficiary responsible for implementation:**

Regione Veneto

Other Beneficiaries involved in the Action: all

**Expected results:**

- demonstration areas for forest management
- demonstration areas for forest inventory
- brochures and leaflets on forest management
- raised awareness of the public on forest management objectives and long-term perspectives

**Indicators of progress:**

Number of demonstration areas realised

Printing of information material

Persons visiting the Demonstration Areas

Setting up of first Demonstration Area: June 2013  
Setting up of last Demonstration Area: April 2015  
Setting up of 30% of Demonstration Areas: February 2014  
Setting up of 60% of Demonstration Areas: November 2014  
Setting up of 100% of Demonstration Areas: April 2015

**ACTION Dem-SI: Demonstration areas for forest management and forest inventory**

**Description:**

The detail description of action Dem-SI correspond to the action Dem.

Action Dem will start at month 30 and will be closed at month 50

**Methods employed:**

see Action Dem

**Constraints and assumptions:**

The long experience of local and national administrative bodies, supported by the expertise of the other project partners should grant the smooth implementation of Action Dem-SI. The areas will be selected with a view to facilitate their reachability by the public.

**Beneficiary responsible for implementation:**

SFI

**Expected results:**

see Action Dem

**Indicators of progress:**

see Action Dem