



European forests: Hotspots of biodiversity

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Forest ecosystems in poor condition

22% of Europe's forest habitats in favourable conditions (EEA)

< 1% of total forest area is primary Forest (Sabatini 2018)



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Syrian juniper *Juniperus drupaceae* – Endangered



Protection of old-growth forests



Europe's old-growth forests are rare, small, fragmented and critical for biodiversity

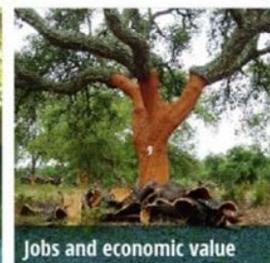
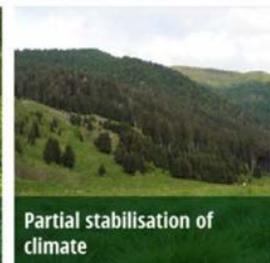
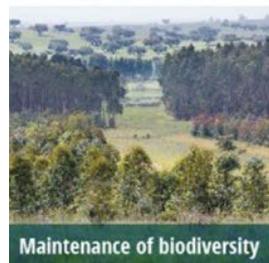
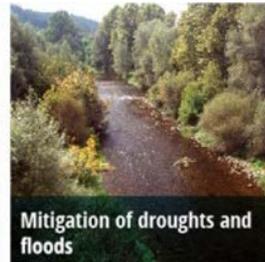
The EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2030 committed to strictly protect 10% of protected areas, **including all remaining EU primary and old growth forests.**

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Management of multi-functional forests

Sustainable forest management must protect biodiversity through:

- ❖ Connectivity
- ❖ Functional diversity
- ❖ Structural diversity



Forest Landscape Restoration

- Restoration of degraded land at landscape scale connects forest patches and provides benefits for people.
- IUCN's Bonn Challenge aims to bring 350 million ha of degraded and deforested land into restoration by 2030.

