

LIFE TEIXERES PROJECT SUMMARIZES **30 YEARS OF TAXUS BACCATA CONSERVATION IN VALENCIA: THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SEEDS.**

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INTRODUCTION



- The LIFE Teixeres project is
- a LIFE Nature project,
- which main objective is to
- improve the general
- conservation status of the
- priority habitat 9580*
- Taxus baccata woods in the
- Valencia Region.



THE HABITAT

IN THE VALENCIAN REGION YEW WOODS ARE PLACED IN THE HIGHEST MEDITERRANEAN MOUNTAINS, OCCUPYING THE WETTEST RAVINES AND THE BASES OF SLOPES FACING NORTH, OFTEN ON ROCKY HABITATS. BIGGER YEW COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE PROGRESSIVELY LOST REDUCED ITS COVERAGE BY A COMBINATION OF HUMAN ACTIONS AND NATURAL DISTURBANCES.

LOCATIONS

10 NATURA 2000 SITES

230 HA

55 PLOTS









- 2.- Low seed productivity and seedling recruitment.
- 3.– Herbivory and trampling of both,
 - domestic and wild ruminants.
- 4.– Climate change.
- 5.- Wildfires.



CURRENT MAIN THREATS

- 1.- Very small, dispersed and
 - fragmented habitat spots.

FORESTRY TREATMENTS FOR **COMPETITION REDUCTION**



















































SEED PRODUCING ORCHARDS

QUASI IN SITU CONSERVATION

Orchards of yew col lections representing the regional genetic diversity for the different regions of the project area will be carried on. Them will be created in key spots in all Natura 2000 sites, where soil-climatic conditions are similar to the natural habitat, so they can fulfill their function as seed dispersal cores.



SEED PRODUCING ORCHARDS



Promote natural dispersal

and natural recruitment



VEGETATIVE PROPAGATION













PUBLIC PARTICIPATION









SEED COLLECTION















GERMPLASM COLLECTION, CURATION AND STORAGE

















PLANT PRODUCTION

Germination protocol

| % germinati on | Test duration (days) | Germinati on start (days) | Last germinati on | T50 (days) |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| 74 | 630 | 20 | 210 | 30 |
| Pretreatments | | | Cultivation substrate | |
| Imbibition in water with a softener 0,01% during 24 h 2. Acid scarification in 2:1 Water and 98% H2SO4 soution 60 days warm stratification at 30 °C. 4. 120 days Cold stratification 0° C , 85% substrate humidity, important: fungus development should be controled. | | | Black turf coconut fiber mixture. | |









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