



Actions to maintain and restore the Luberon Forest's biodiversity: focus on islands network for retention of old-growth features and ancient forests



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- Territory
- Natural heritage
- Actions carried out to preserve forest biodiversity
- Islands network for retention of oldgrowth features and ancient forests
- French Mediterranean Natura 2000 contract

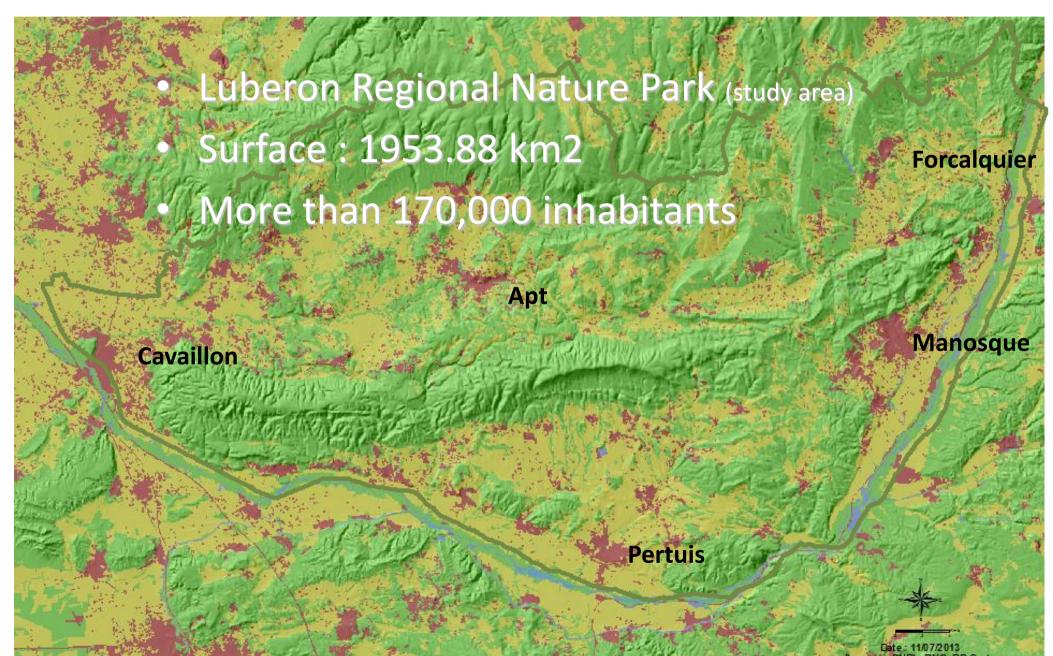


French regional Parks



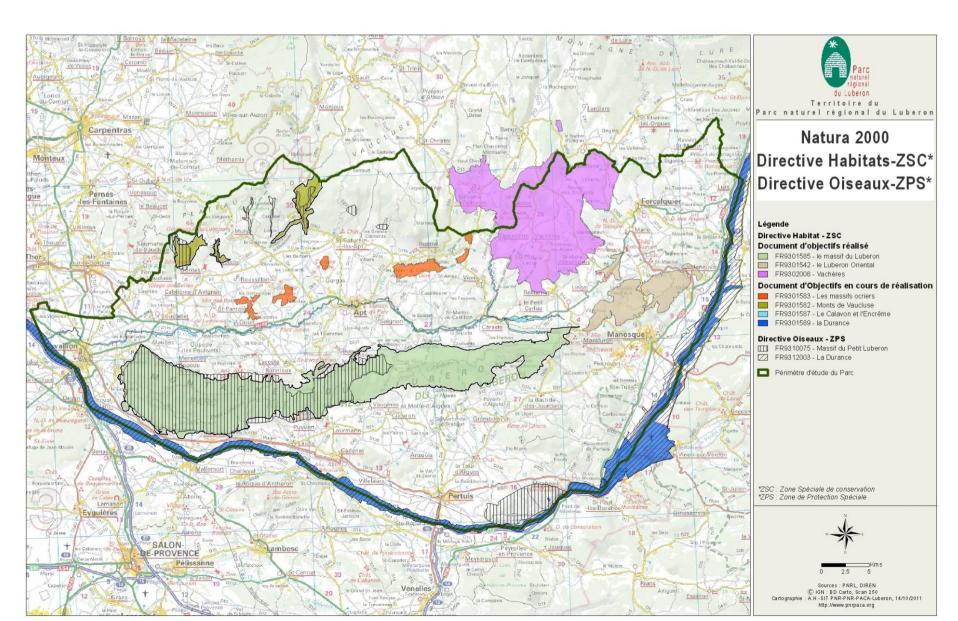
- Luberon Regional Nature Park (1977)
 - Provence
 - 77 municipalities
- National Geological Nature Reserve (1987)
- Biosphere Reserve (1997)
- Luberon European & Global Geopark (2004)





Parc naturel régional du Luberon

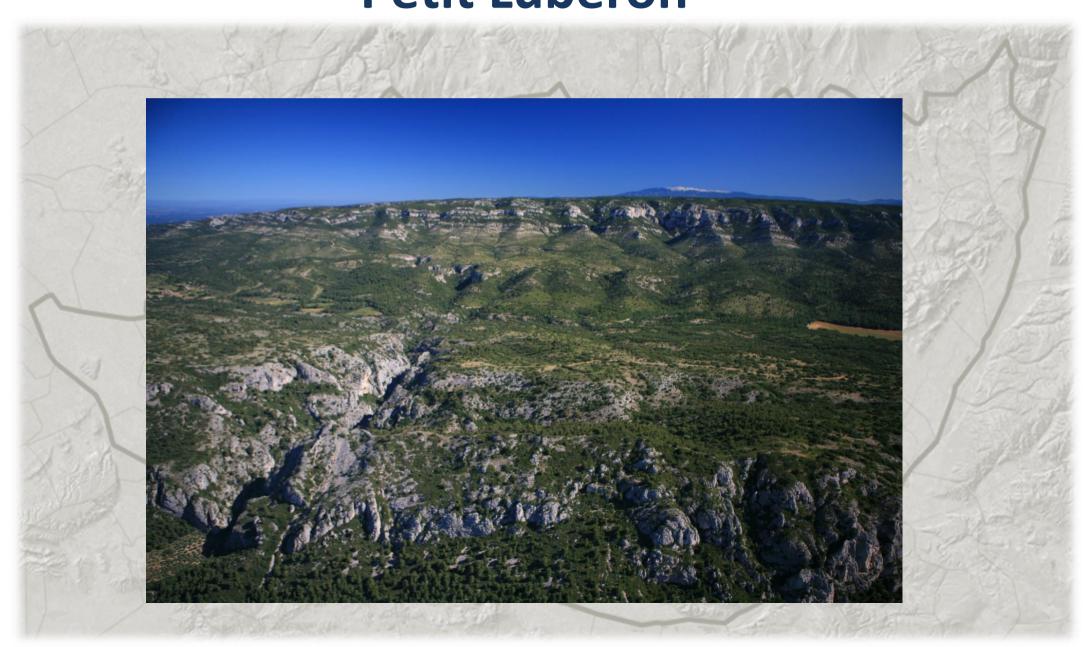
9 Natura 2000 sites - 470 km2

















Natural heritage: Habitats

Pelouse à Brôme

Code: 6210



Pelouse à Brachypode

Code: 6220



Landes à Genêt de Villars

Code: 4090



Matorrals à Genévrier

Code : 5210





- 1/3 french flora (1800 upper plants species)
- 45% of French vertebrates (270 vertebrates species)









Natural heritage

- 660 spiders species
- 587 insects taxa of patrimonial significance

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How we preserve forest biodiversity?

→ Dialogue during the elaboration of forest's management plans and before wood cuts :

ecological diagnosis,

du Luberon

- period of tranquility for bird nesting in sensitive areas,
- etc.

















→ Islands network for retention of old-growth features and ancient forests



















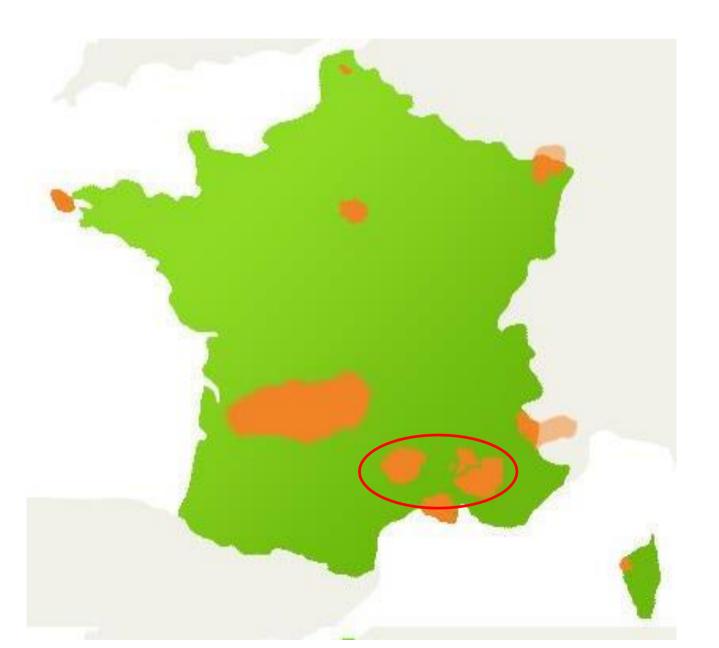


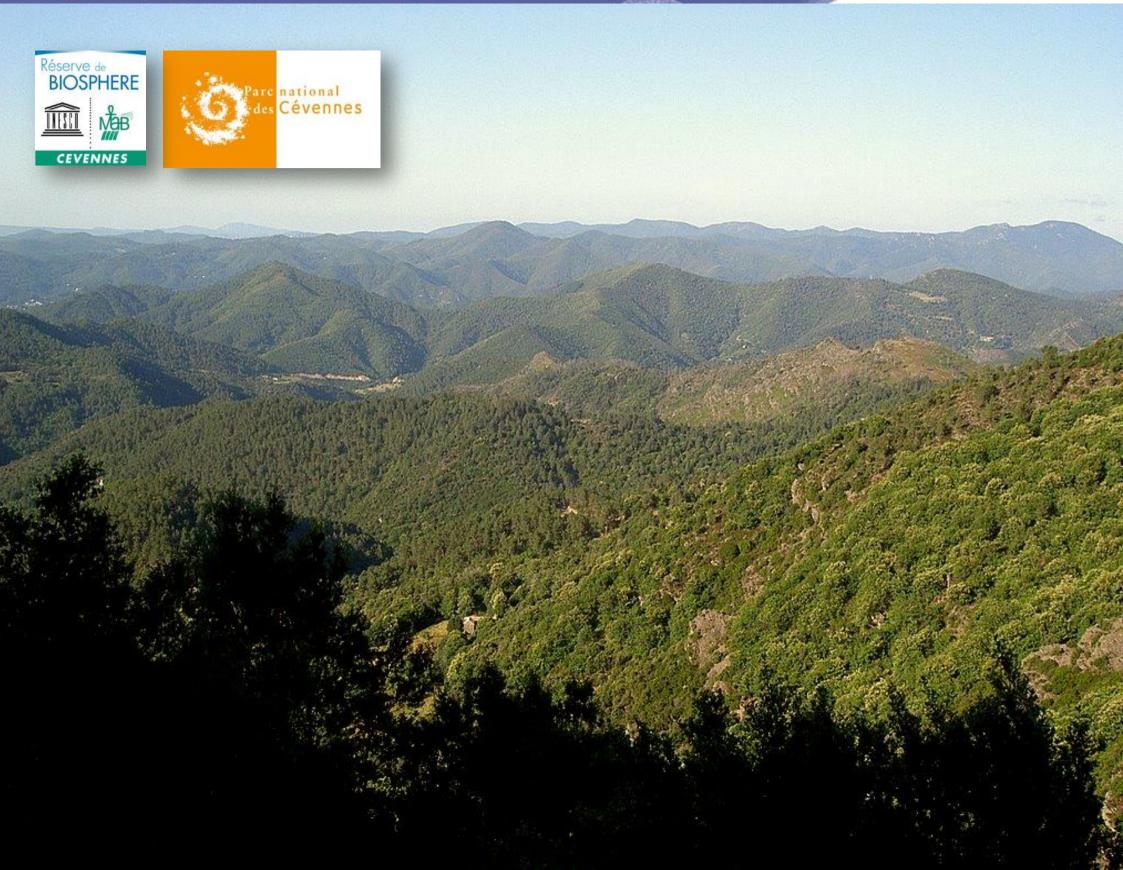










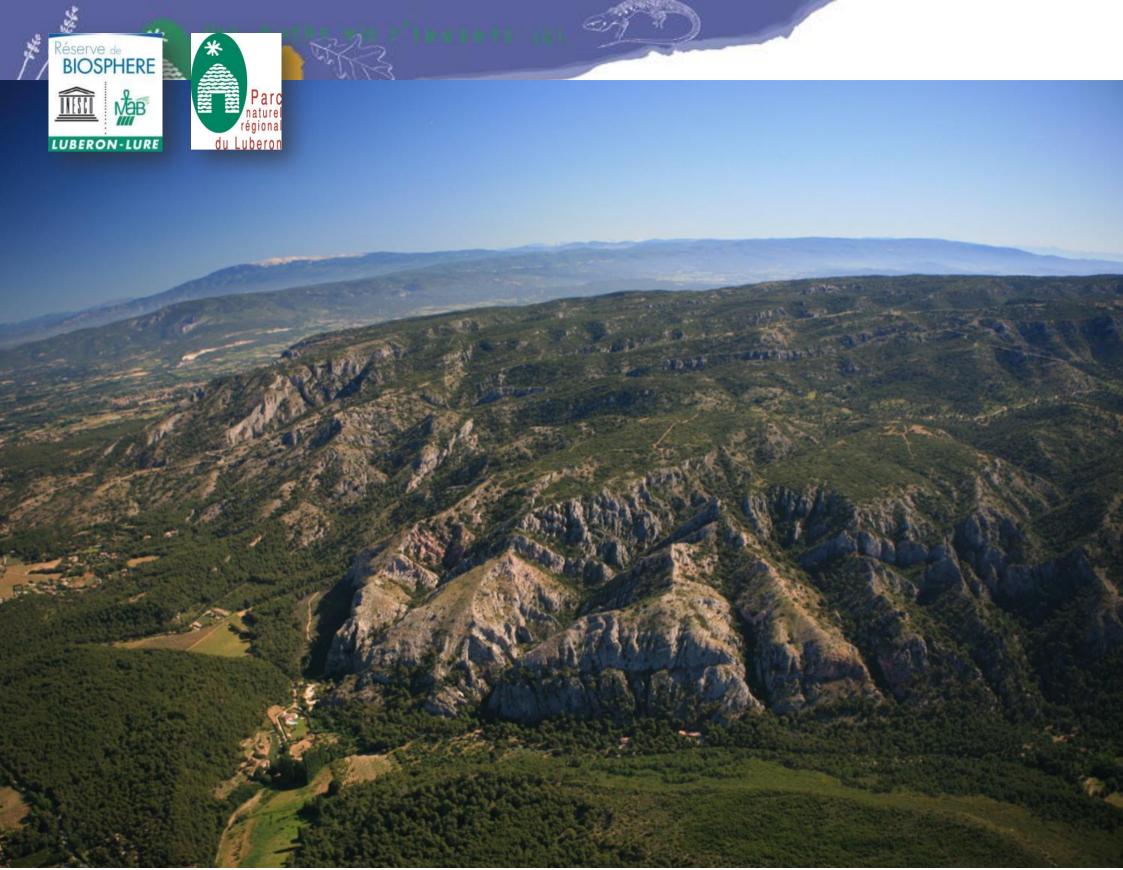














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Islands network for retention of old-growth features and ancient forests

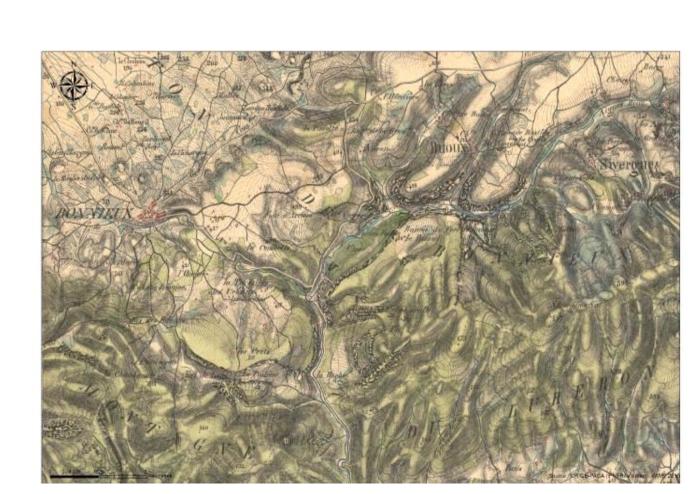
HOW WE BEST KNOW?

- > Ancient forest mapping
- Inventorying forests of high biodiversity



Forest's ancientness has an influence on the biodiversity (whatever is the mode of management) Dupouey et al., 2002

- Forest on 1860-1870
 maps
- Recent land use studies
- Recent forest french national maps





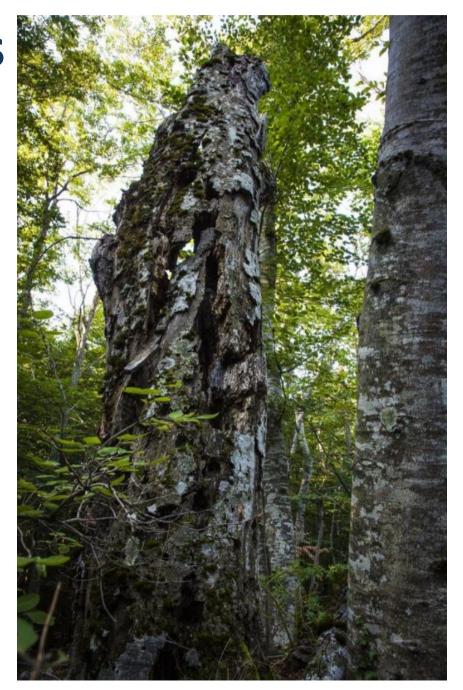
Inventorying forests of high biodiversity

- Photos taken by plane
- Natura 2000 documents
- Forest management plans
- Other specific documents
- Expert knowledge



Inventorying forests high biodiversity

- → Estimating the interest for retention of old-growth features on the field :
- Evaluating naturalness degree with WWF method





Naturalness degree

WWF Method At forest plot range(1 to 10 ha)

Indicators:

- Naturalness
- Diversity
- Human foot print
- Nature feeling

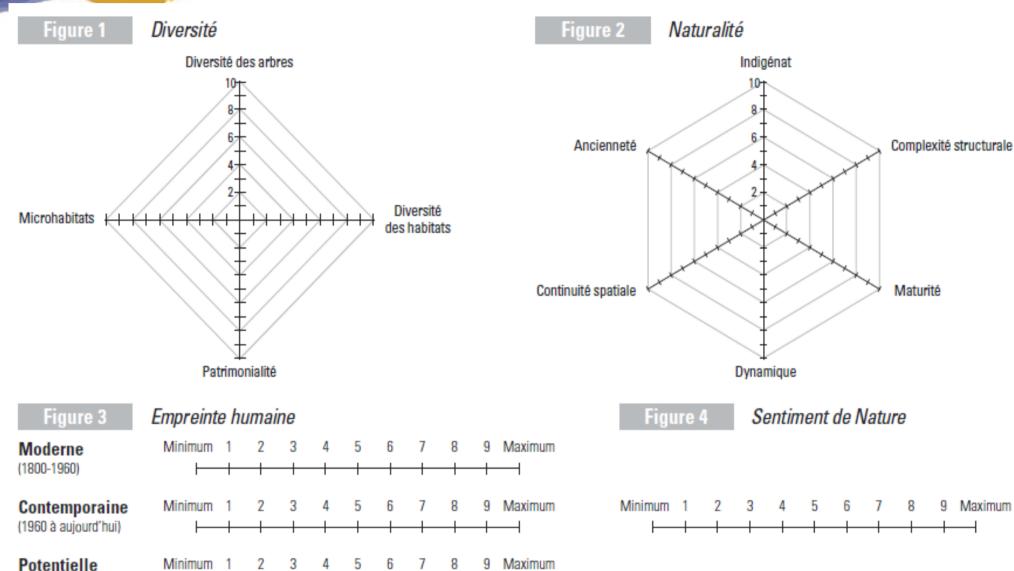
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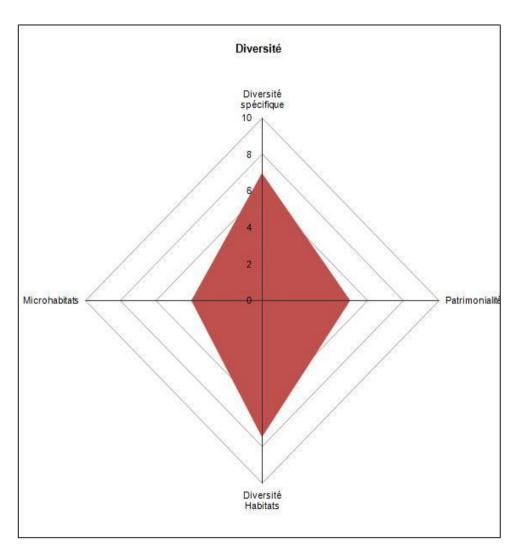
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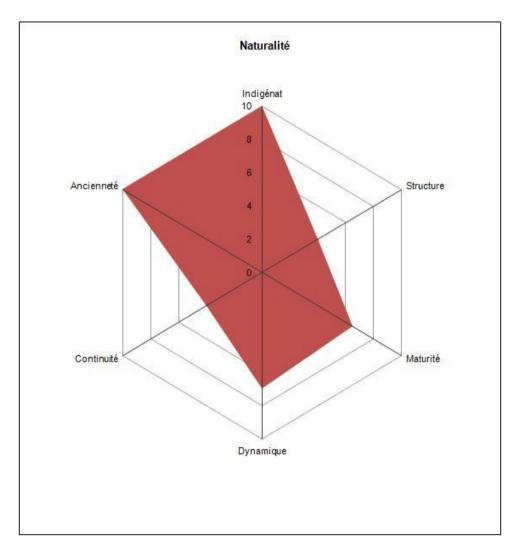
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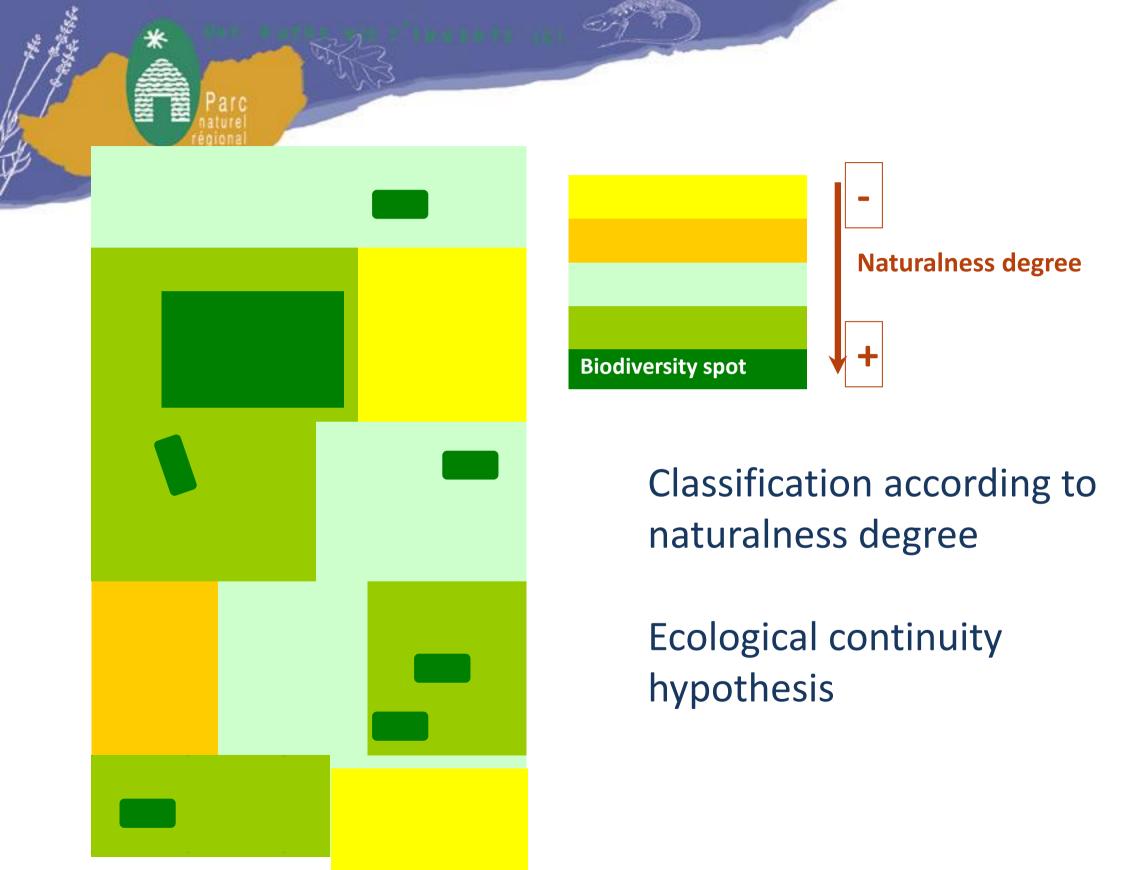


Naturalness degree example





« La Tuilière » (Buoux, 84)





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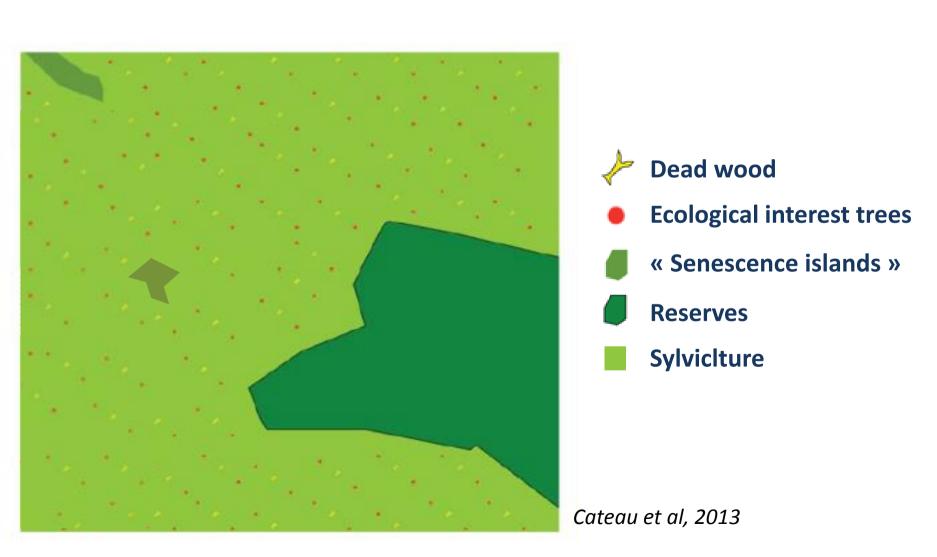
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How to link forests of high biodiversity?

SCALE	MOUNTAIN	FOREST	PLOT
Old-growth features	Forests in free evolving Strict biological/wildlife reserves	« Senescence islands »	Trees of ecological interest
Surface	From 10 ha to + 100 ha	from 1 to 10 ha	5 trees per ha
Ecological	Forests of high biodiversity = biodiversity reservoirs		
function		« Ecological corridors »	

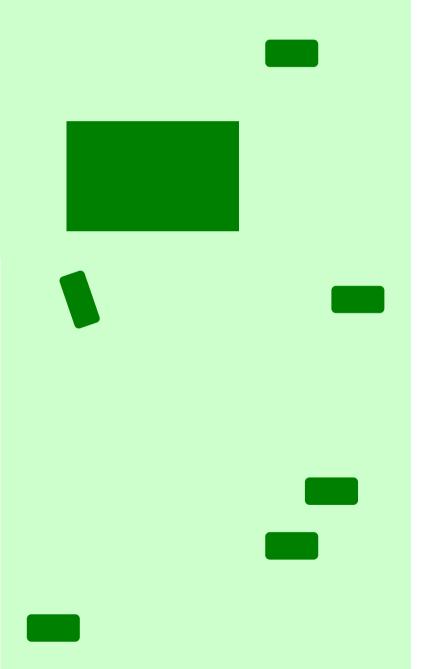
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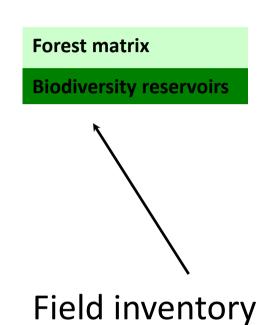






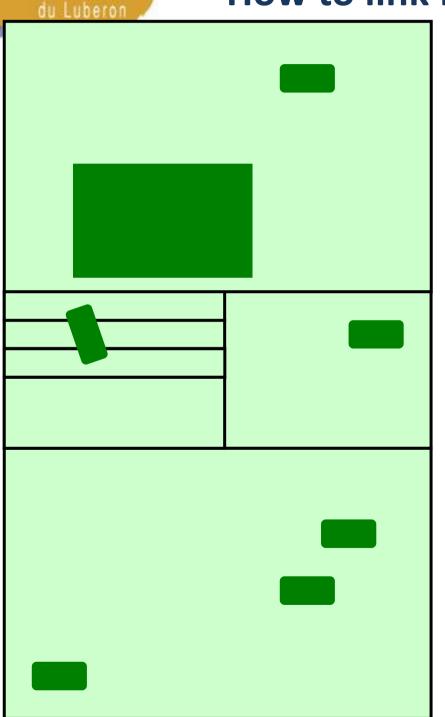
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Shared data base



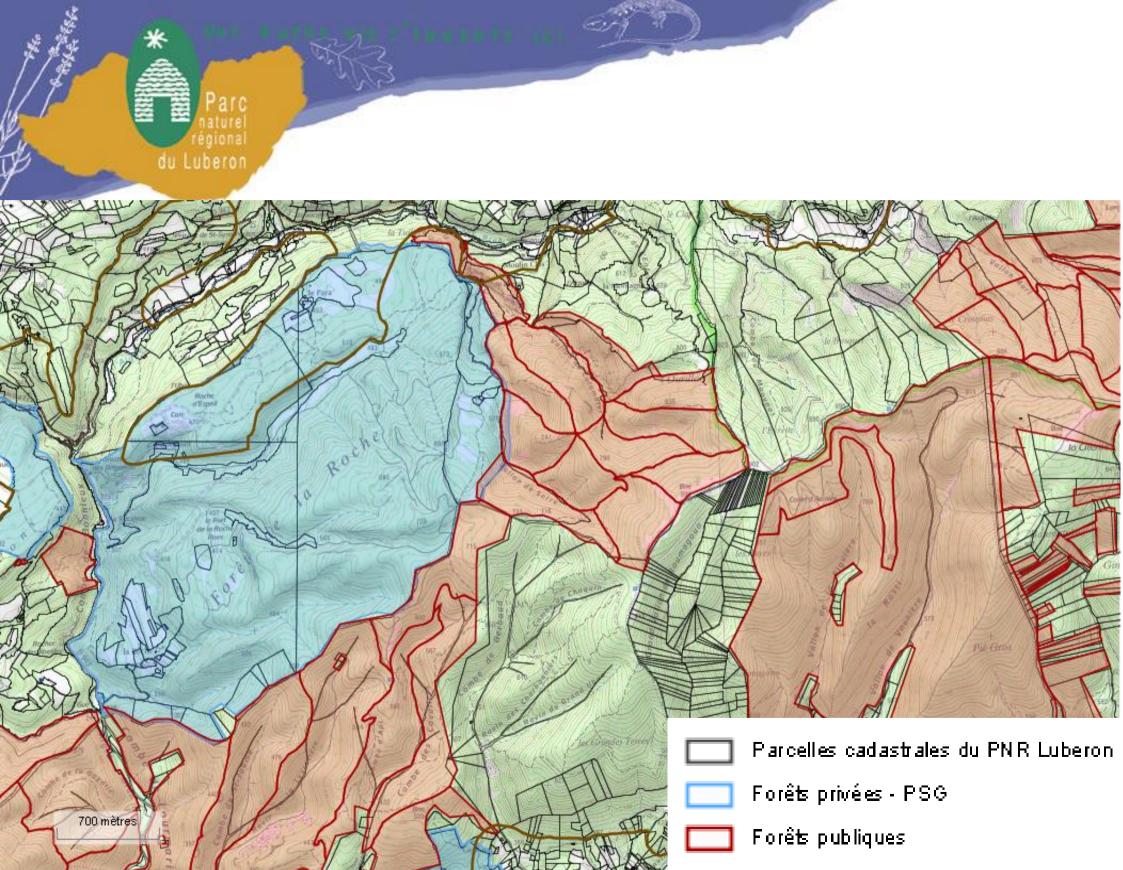


Forest matrix

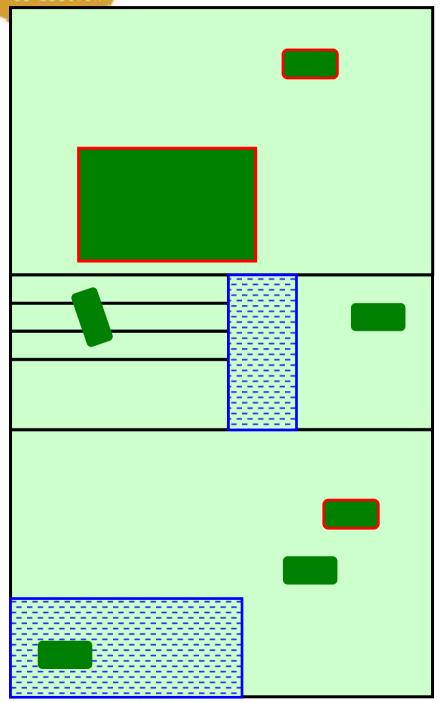
Biodiversity reservoirs

Properties

At mountain scale: with largest public and private landowners







Biodiversity reservoirs

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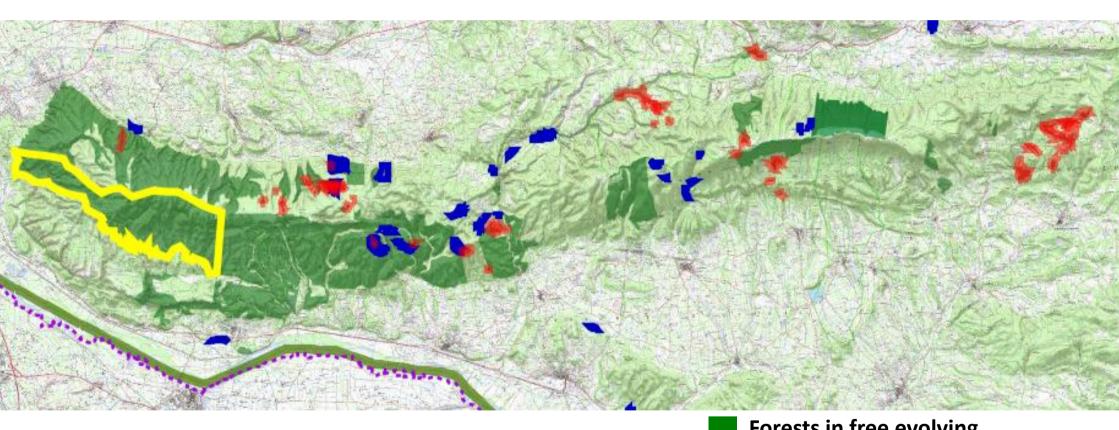
Reserves and « Senescence Islands »

« Without sylviculture »

Existing forest managment plans



How to link forests of high biodiversity?: **public forests of Mount Luberon**



- Forests in free evolving
- **Biodiversity reservoirs**
- « Senescence and ageing Islands »
- Strict biological/wildlife reserve



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Natura 2000 contract to save trees of ecological interest and senescence islands

Species and habitats of european interest:

Chiropters: Barbastella¹, Myotis bechsteinii²

Insects: Osmoderma⁴, Cerambyx cerdo⁵,

Lucanus cervus⁶, Rosalia alpina⁷

Habitats: Beech and Oak Forests

















Network:

A. Trees habitats for species of European interest

B. Senescence islands







A.Trees habitats for species of European interest

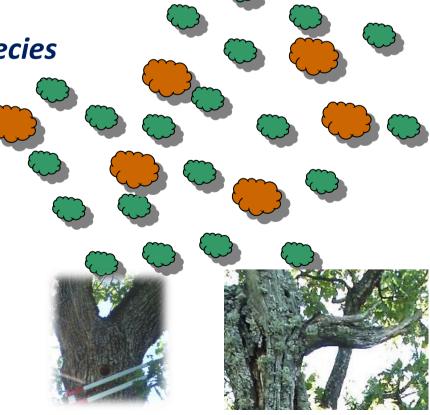
Eligibility requirements:

- Wood species
- Diameter
- Senescence evidence*
- Presence of remarkable animal species







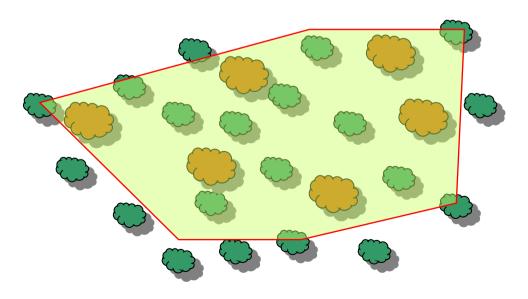


Natura 2000 contract to save trees of ecological interest and senescence islands

B. Old forests islands conservation

Minimum: 10 trees/ha

Minimum surface: 0.5 ha





Natura 2000 contract to save trees of ecological interest and senescence islands

Commitment Duration:

30 years

Maximum indemnization:

A. Maximum for trees 2 000 €/ha

+

B. Natura 2000 contract senescence islands 2 000 €/ha

= 1 hectar with 10 eligible trees indemnified at the most 4000 €





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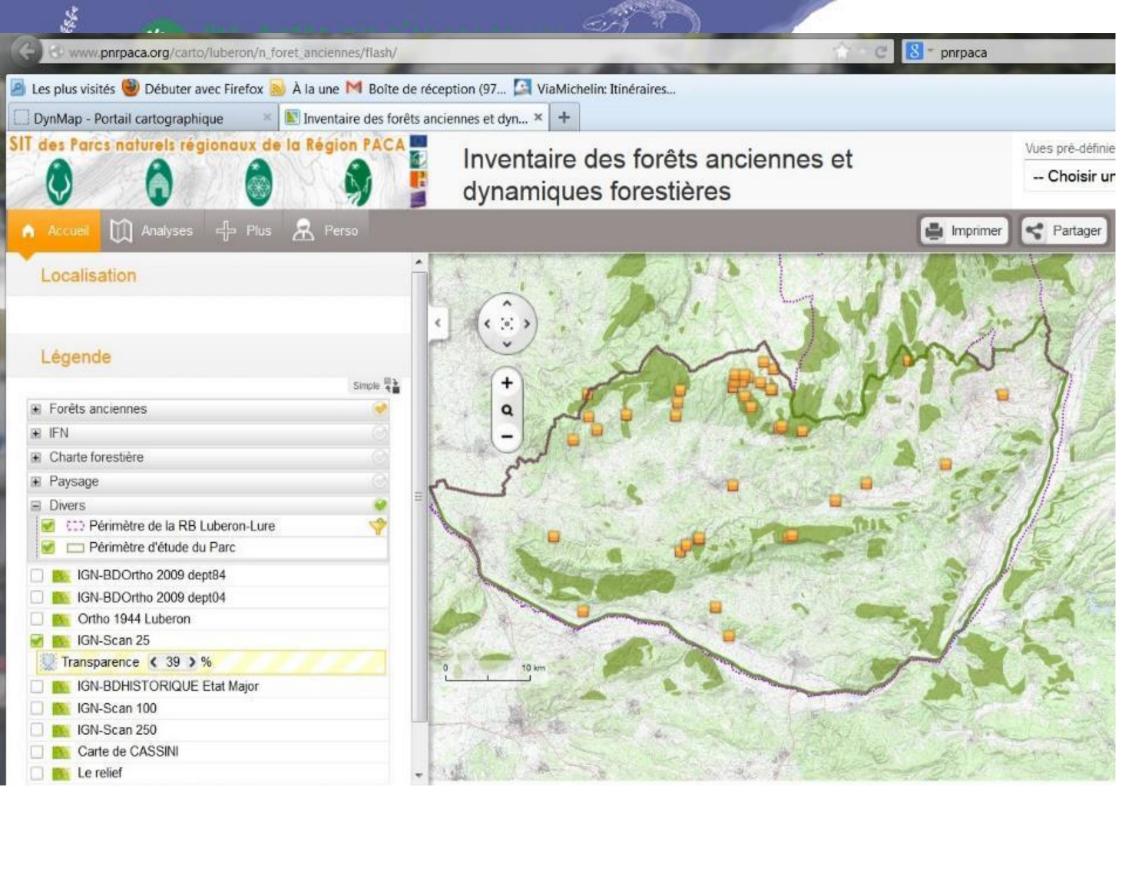
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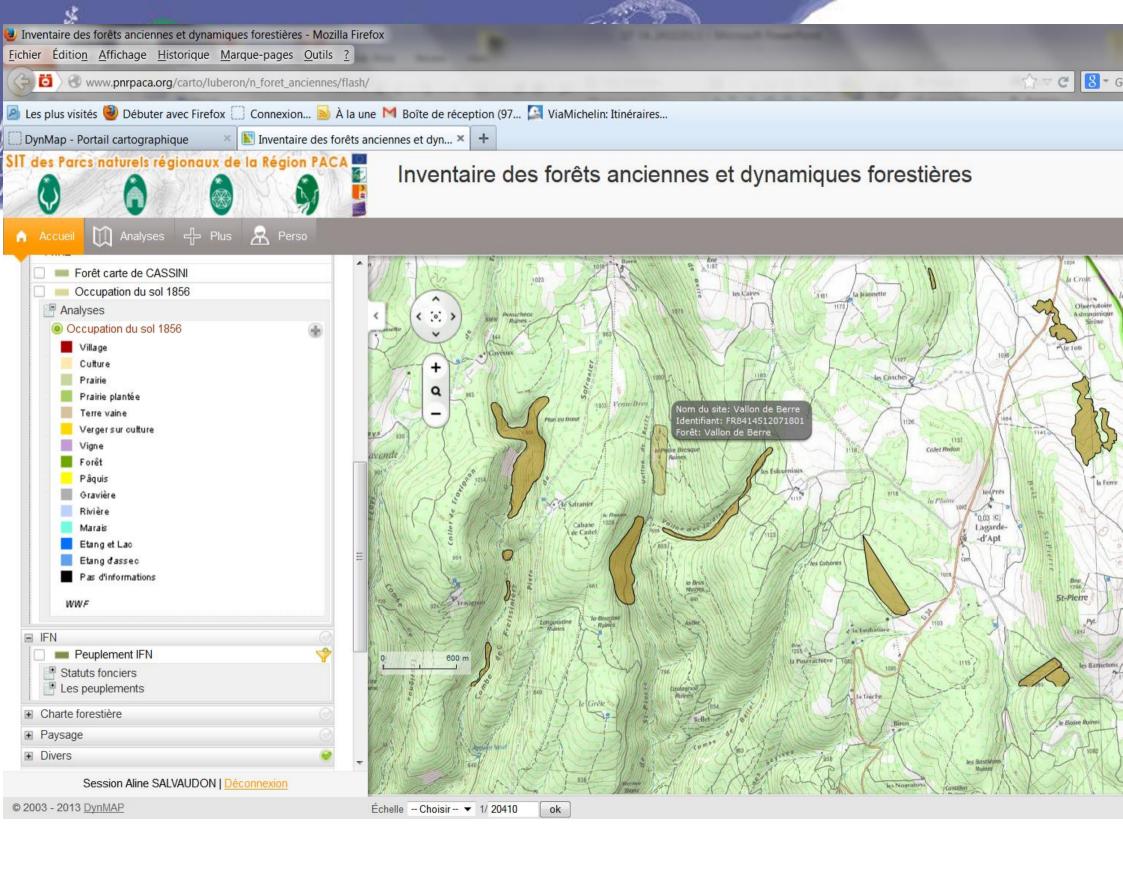


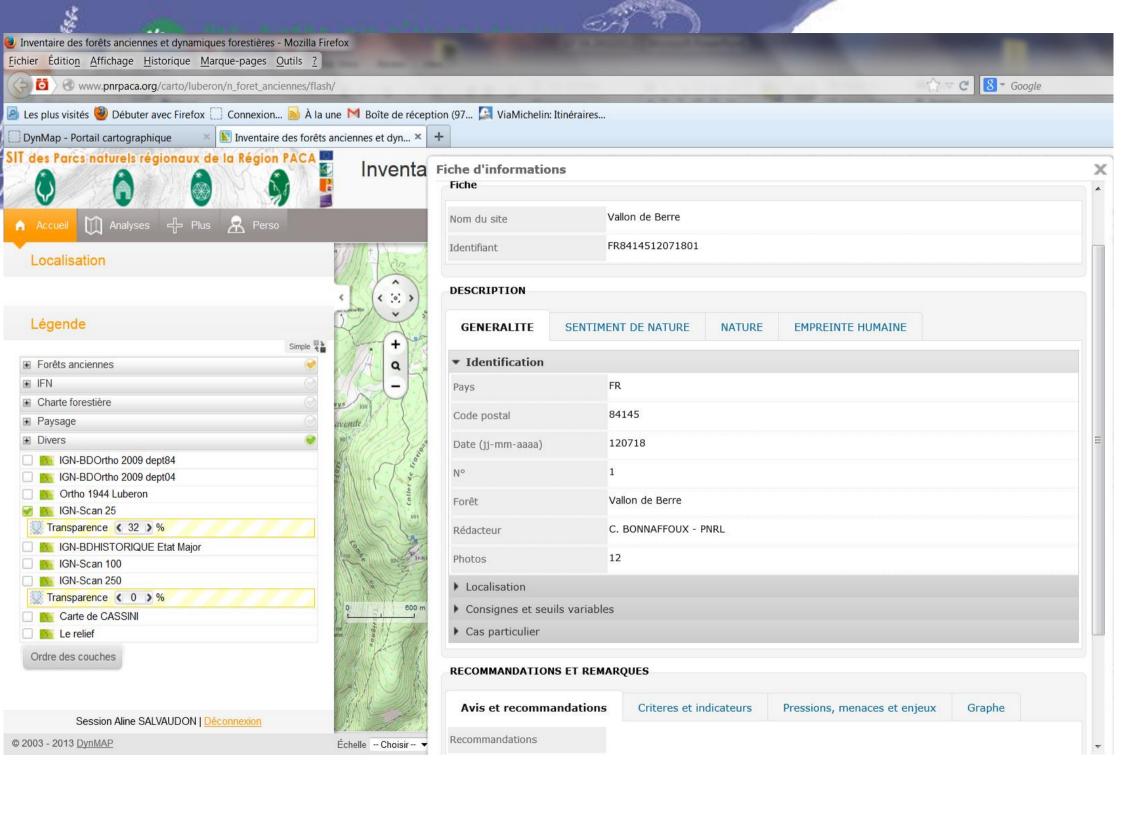
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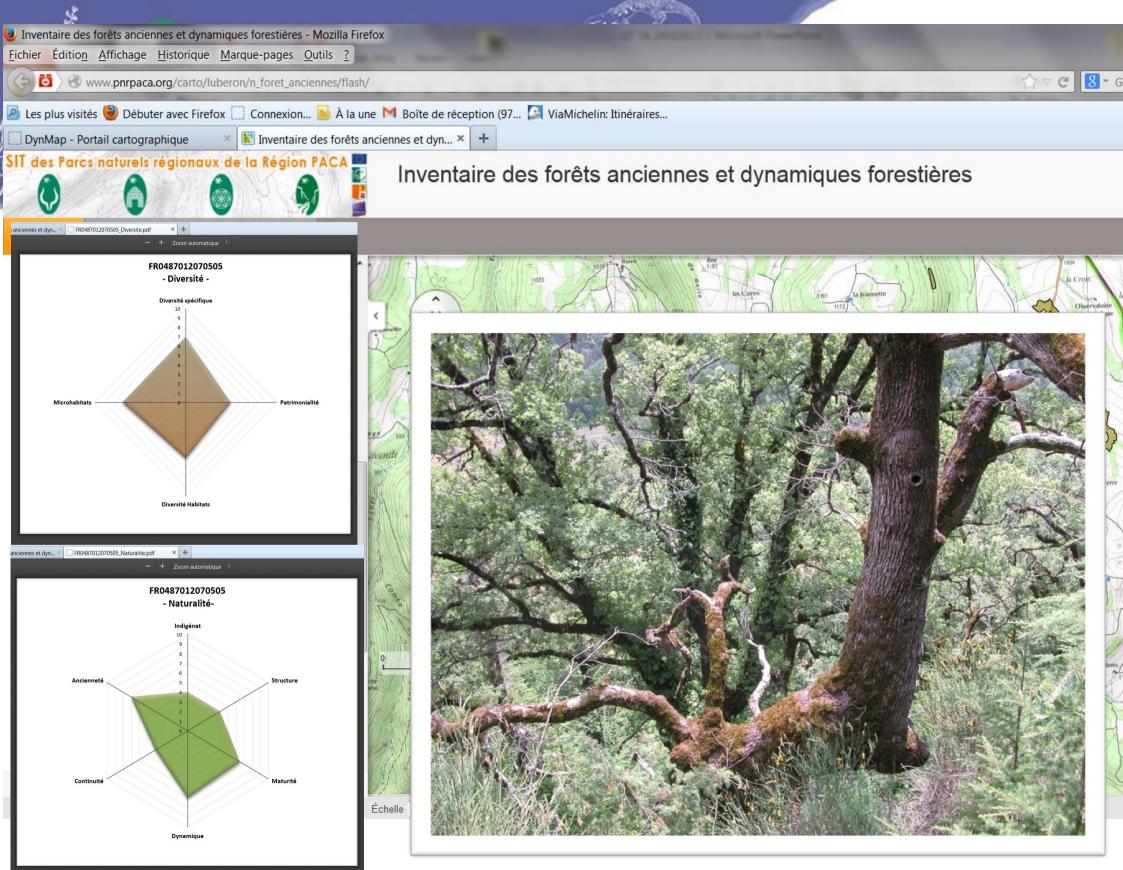
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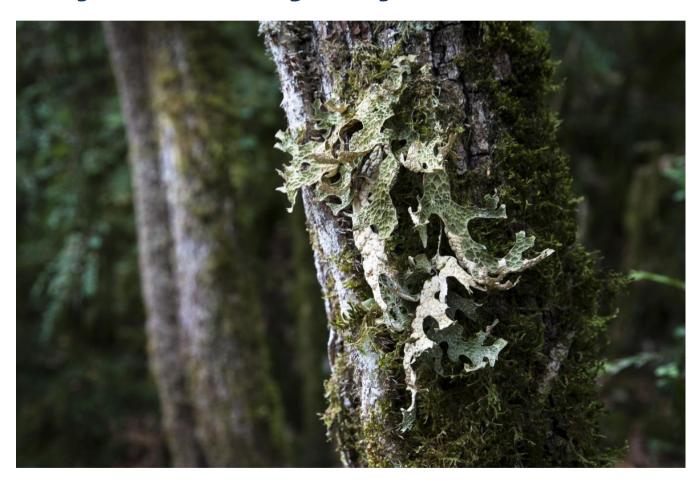








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