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Welcome to the LIFE Bioreformed newsletter!

In this third edition, we will delve into the details of the social and cultural ecosystem services assessment. Forests provide intangible benefits to society such as spiritual enrichment, inspiration, cognitive development and reflection, well-being, a sense of place and identity, cultural heritage, aesthetic experiences, recreation/ecotourism activities, and educational opportunities among others.

Les Ginesteres, La Fatarella, and Puig de la Creu social and cultural ecosystem services have been monitored

The methodology followed to monitor ecosystem services is a combination of open interviews with the forest owners, fieldwork, and literature review analysis. Following the questions, their answers were further discussed with the managers and owners of the properties, getting a first-hand point of view of the matters.

The outcomes obtained from Les Ginesteres show that this property has three habitable buildings and some relevant hydraulic infrastructure, shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2, as the property has had a historical relationship with the town of Vilassar de Mar, being the town's water supplier until a recent increase in demand.

Regarding the property of Finca Fitor, its large area and location provide great opportunities to document and gather valuable historic heritage. The forest property is characterized by large, forested areas, along with some agricultural fields and livestock activities that allow the production of local products. Figure 3 shows the interview with the owner, who works as a nature guide providing cultural activities for visitors and explaining the cultural and historical (archaeological) heritage of the area (see Figure 3 with Puig de la Creu Forest owner interview). An important element in the region of La Fatarella is its building heritage and, as already mentioned, this is an area of "pedra-seca" building tradition. In fact, in the landscape of the region, a lot of built walls (Figure 4) and huts can be observed. Traditionally, the stone was worked by the farmers themselves; each hut was elaborated according to the desire and capacity of the farmer, also producing different types of structures and buildings. Within the boundaries of the properties, one documented and well-preserved hut has been identified – although there are many more in the surrounding area.



Figure 1. Channel for safer and more efficient water management, inside the Les Ginesteres property.



Figure 2. Remains of the brick factory located inside Les Ginesteres.



Figure 3. Dolmen (neolithic structure) documented at Finca Fitor.

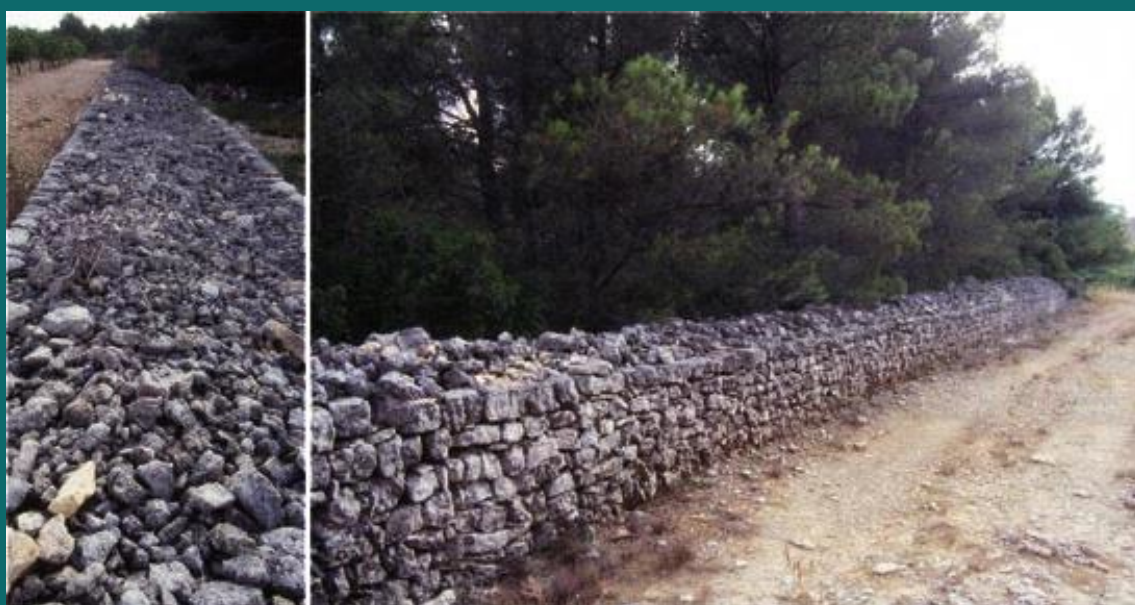


Figure 4. Example of a "pedra-seca" wall inside Flatarella property



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