

# **The support systems in France**

## Consolidation of small forest properties

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## Actions based on the facilitation of forest territories

The choice of the mobilization or consolidation tool for forest owners is based on a territory, its specific characteristics, and the demand on the ground:

- \* Size of the territory and capacity for management
- \* Land tenure status (public/private)
- \* Forest land structure (parcelization)
- \* Types of stands
- \* Importance of the wood economy in the territory
- \* Importance of environmental issues
- \* Importance of recreational activities



## Massif Development Plan (PDM)

### Objectives/goals

- Providing technical support to forest owners for managing their property
- Reducing the effects of parcelization by encouraging owners to group together and enabling them to access economic networks
- Coordinating human resources from forestry organizations (cooperatives, forestry experts, independent technicians)
- Contributing to land restructuring by assisting forest owners who wish to sell their property

PDM needs a steering committee that provides guidance/direction

And a forestry technician facilitator to advise and guide forest owners



## Locally-Initiated Forest Operation

### Objectives/goals

- Reduce forest land fragmentation by encouraging the consolidation of adjacent plots through sales, purchases, or even exchanges.
- Enhance management, resource mobilization, and forest renewal.

### Phases

- 1) Identifying plots for sale
  - > Information campaign and survey conducted among forest landowners in the forest massif and the municipality.
  - > Vacant and ownerless properties.
- 2) Supporting landowners in their procedures
  - > Offering plots for sale to neighboring forest landowners.

At the scale of a municipality, part of a municipality, an intermunicipal community, or a forest massif development plan.massif...



## Forestry Grouping (GF)

A Forestry Grouping is a civil company with a forestry purpose, serving as a long-term structure for land consolidation. Instead of owning individual plots, members hold shares in the entity.

Prohibition of commercial activities: the sale of harvested timber is allowed, but the resale of purchased timber is not.

Main objectives: the establishment, improvement, development, conservation, or management of one or more forest massifs.

### Objectives/goals

- Originally created within families to avoid joint ownership and preserve management unity.
- Forestry Groupings for small forest owners.
- Groupings to assemble sufficient forest areas and enable forestry operations (such as afforestation).



## The Syndical Associations (AS)

Group of landowners pooling their resources to carry out jointly funded projects:



➤ reforestation



➤ Forest roads



➤ Collective management...

2 types of syndical associations

**Voluntary**

Formed freely, Unanimity, small project

**Authorized**

Requires official approval, Consensus, big project



## The Voluntary AS for firefighting and fire prevention : the case of « Le Mans » (Mulsanne)



Forest management is a very effective way to reduce wildfires and their impacts

### AS Mulsanne

- 2 737 ha
- 566 forest owners  
(of whom 519 own less than 4 ha)

### OBJECTIVES

- Restore the forest area burned by the July 2022 fire, with adaptations to reduce the risk of future fires.
- Manage and preserve forest stands by grouping logging and silvicultural work of the members.
- Seek funding solutions on behalf of the members.



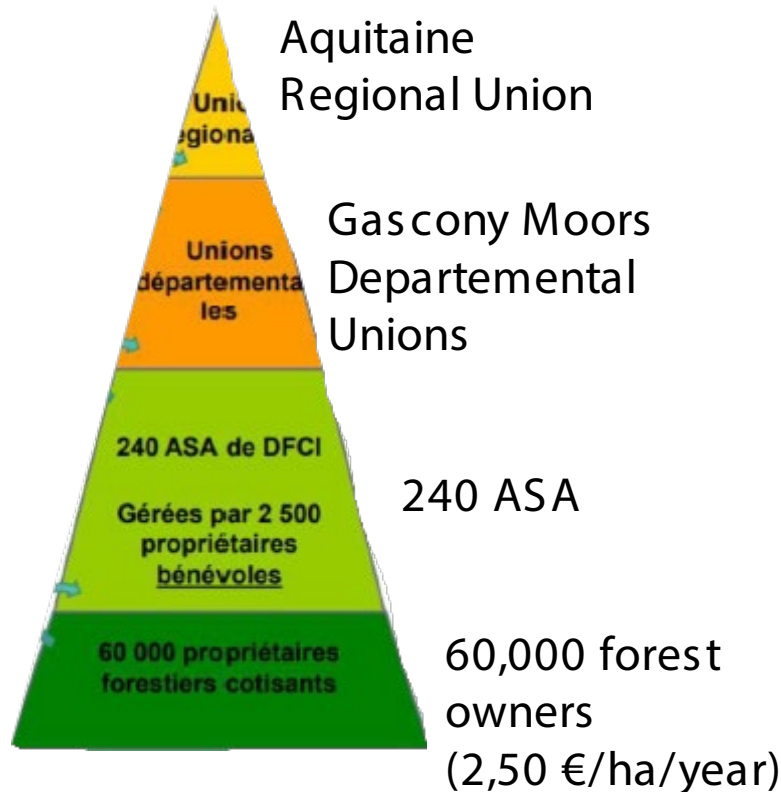


## The Authorized AS for firefighting and fire prevention : the unique case of the Gascony Moors

These fire prevention Associations have been mandatory since the 1945 ordinance.

### The 240 ASA of DFCI in the Landes de Gascogne (Gascony Moors) represent:

- 1.5 million hectares of forest
- 60,000 contributing forest owners
- 44,000 km of tracks managed and maintained
- 17,000 km of ditches designed for hydraulic management of the massif
- 53,000 bridges and crossings
- 5,000 water points capable of supplying firefighting equipment in times of crisis
- 2,500 active volunteers !





Category	Objectives	Grouping tool	Membership procedure	Integration of management into a sustainable forest management plan(DGD)	Loss of land	Membership
Territorial facilitation	Diagnosis and preliminary prospecting for future actions	PDM	None (volunteer)	NO (Incitation)	NO	None
Territorial facilitation for forest land	Parcel restructuring	Locally-initiated	None (volunteer)	NO (Incitation)	NO (Change of owner)	None
Long-term management structure	Collective management	GF	Light and/or small cost	YES	YES	Long terme
Long-term management structure	Collective management	AS voluntary	Light and/or small cost	YES	NO	Long terme
Permanent structure for forest access	Forest roads	AS Authorized/ASL Forest roads	ASA : heavy ASL : light	NO	NO	Long terme
Informal groupings of forest owners	Timber or forest operations	Timber harvest pooling	None	NO	NO	None



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