

(14th meeting)

Wednesday 26th of May 2010
Arboretum d'Aubonne (VD)

Biodiversity: what strategy for the forest?

In 2010, international year of biodiversity, Switzerland is developing its biodiversity strategy to prevent the loss of natural habitats and species. The stake is huge: one out of two species (fauna and flora) in Switzerland is threatened.

Urbanisation is the main cause in the loss of the natural environment. However, it seems that, the expectations in terms of biodiversity conservation rely mainly on the forested areas, which are considered as the last refuge of many species. Suggested solutions include increasing the areas under protection or with limited operations and fostering specific biotopes.

How is the implementation of the biodiversity strategy perceived by the different actors? What are the expectations (or fears?) of the forest sector? How to harmonize different strategies which are at times contradictory (e.g.: increasing the natural reserves within the framework of the biodiversity strategy at the same time as increasing the wood consumption as suggested in the climate change programme)?

Using the methods of the Forum Forestier Lémanique, we will present and discuss the topic at the international, national, regional and local scale with the concerned stakeholders and, of course, the forest owners.

You may be interested in this event...

because you are a public or private forest owner, a representative of a local or regional authority, a professional working with an environmental protection agency, a private enterprise, the media or in education and research on forestry and environment related matters, **or simply because you feel personally interested !**

What is the Forum Forestier Lémanique ?

Created in spring 1999, the Forum Forestier Lémanique (FFL) is a meeting point bringing together numerous actors and managers in forestry and natural resources living in the Franco-Swiss arc of Lake Léman. Its mission is to facilitate contacts and to promote exchanges between professionals and experts active at the local, regional and international levels. For this purpose it organises *thematic meeting days* and *field visits* open to all. These events are intended to provide opportunities for getting together and sharing experiences on topics of common interest. You will find more about the FFL on www.f-f-l.org

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Program

Facilitation: Mme. Catherine Strehler-Perrin, SFFN, Lausanne

- 09h00: Meeting at the train station of Allaman, departure by bus/private car
- 09h30 Introduction by Andréa Finger, president of the FFL
Field visit conducted by M.-A. Silva
- 12h00 : Lunch at the arboretum of Aubonne
- 13h30: Alain Givors (President Pro Silva France, representative of the French private forest owners)
«Prise en compte de la biodiversité ordinaire dans le cadre de la gestion forestière» *Forest management – taking account of normal biodiversity.*
- Questions (10 minutes)
- 14h10: Didier Borboën (President Chambre du Bois de l'Ouest-Vaudois, representative of the commune Livres)
« Biodiversité en forêt: les propriétaires perplexes » *Forest Biodiversity : the perplexity of owners*
- Questions (10 minutes)
- 14h40: Break
- 15h00 : Evelyne Marendaz Guignet (head of the "species management" division, Swiss Federal Office Environment FOEN)
« Elaboration de la stratégie biodiversité suisse » *Preparation of a swiss biodiversity strategy.*
- Questions (10 minutes)
- 15h30: Jean-Christophe Vié (deputy head « species programme », IUCN): «L'importance des forêts dans la préservation de la biodiversité et impact lié à leur exploitation»» *The importance of forest: preservation of biodiversity and impact of forest operations.*
- Questions (10 minutes)
- 16h00 General discussion
- 16h30 Conclusions