



European Forest Genetic Resources Programme

European Forest Genetic Resources Programme (EUFORGEN) promotes conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources of forest trees in Europe. During the past 20 years, more than 30 countries have contributed to the EUFORGEN work.



Identification of black poplar (*Populus nigra*)

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EUFORGEN was established in 1994 to implement Strasbourg Resolution 2 (Conservation of forest genetic resources) adopted by the first Ministerial Conference of the FOREST EUROPE process in 1990. It also contributes to the implementation of other FOREST EUROPE commitments on forest genetic resources and relevant decisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). Furthermore, EUFORGEN contributes to the implementation of regional-level strategic priorities of the Global Plan of Action for the Conservation, Sustainable Use and Development of Forest Genetic Resources (GPA-FGR), which was adopted by the FAO Conference in 2013.

EUFORGEN is financed by its member countries and coordinated by Bioversity International in technical collaboration with FAO. The EUFORGEN Steering Committee is composed of National Coordinators from all member countries.

Objectives

- Collate, maintain and disseminate reliable information on forest genetic resources in Europe
- Coordinate and monitor the conservation of forest genetic resources in Europe
- Develop guidelines and analyses on topics and issues relevant for the use of forest genetic resources in Europe.

Mode of operation

EUFORGEN operates through working groups and workshops that bring together scientists, policymakers and managers to exchange information, discuss needs and develop strategies and methods for better management of forest genetic resources. EUFORGEN also maintains the European Information System on Forest Genetic Resources (EUFGIS) for which it collects geo-referenced and harmonized data on genetic conservation units of forest trees through a network of national focal points.



Seed of forest trees, Kostrzyca Forest Gene Bank, Poland

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Outputs

EUFORGEN has produced various outputs that help countries managing their forest genetic resources. These include:

- Technical guidelines for genetic conservation and use of forest trees
- Distribution maps of forest trees in Europe
- Pan-European strategy for genetic conservation of forest trees
- Minimum requirements for dynamic conservation units of forest genetic resources
- Protocol for genetic monitoring of the conservation units
- Analysis of European and national policies for the conservation and use of forest genetic resources in Europe
- Review of implications of climate change for conserving forest genetic resources

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