

Monte del Pico Sacro: Educating for the future of Galician forests

The Galician Forestry Association owns an experimental management unit known as the Pico Sacro forest. It is located in Galicia, a region in the northwest of Spain. They are working with Selga, the forest steward managing this forest, to show how good practices generate positive climate and biodiversity impacts.

The experimental plot of Pico Sacro is set up as a hub providing educational itineraries and outreach activities to surrounding property owners, technicians, and neighbouring forest communities. It showcases good forest management practices and their beneficial impacts on ecosystem services.

The textile group Inditex sponsored the creation of the plot.

Verified Ecosystem Services



Maintenance of an ecologically sufficient conservation area network



Conservation of forest carbon stocks

Highlights of this project

1. 43 additional tons of carbon dioxide stored per hectare
2. Network of biodiversity conservation areas
3. Implementation of our Forest Carbon Monitoring Tool

Project details

Carbon Sequestration and Storage

This forest managers became the first entity to effectively use the FSC Forest Carbon Monitoring Tool. FSC launched this instrument to help forest managers calculate the tons of carbon stored in their forest. Selga used the tool to prove they restored and conserved carbon stocks in the Pico Sacro Forest, a location declared by the regional government of Galicia as an area of special landscape interest.



Biodiversity Conservation

The project also involved partnerships with biodiversity experts to increase the size and connectivity of important conservation areas, helping preserve some of the most symbolic (and threatened) animal species of Galicia. They now expect to attract crucial sponsorship to replicate this project in other forests.

Would you like to integrate this project into your climate strategy?

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