

Valdarno Valdisieve: Support of recreational functions and carbon conservation

Unione dei Comuni Valdarno Valdisieve (UCVV) is a public entity managing more than 1000 ha in the centre of Italy, Tuscany Region, and part of the Mediterranean Model Forest Network, an innovative governance instrument for rural and forested landscapes.

The main goal is to improve the integration and sustainability of forest and land's management, increasing the cohesion and awareness of the network of all the social-economic components that directly or indirectly belong to UCVV territory. They have also improved their infrastructure and increased the number of annual guest visits to the property, with the aim of enhancing recreational and tourism activities through good forest management.

Verified Ecosystem Services



Restoration of forest carbon stocks



Maintenance/ conservation of areas of importance for recreation and/or tourism

Highlights of this project

1. Increase participation of local stakeholders by organizing traditional celebrations.
2. Conservation of 178.717 tons of carbon today stocked.
3. Promotion of touristic appreciation through local events and meetings.

Project details

Carbon Sequestration and Storage

Since 2004 UCVV has been committed to the protection and restoration of 1.448 hectares of forests. This has resulted in a 20% increase in the carbon stocks of these areas, amounting to more than 650 thousand tons of CO₂ absorbed. Furthermore, they committed to maintaining the same growth trend in carbon stocks for the next ten years.



Eco-tourism

Tuscany is region well-known for their scenic landscapes and beautiful vineyards. The work of UCVV has helped conserve recreational services and touristic infrastructures, helping local communities, associations, and stakeholders to be part of local initiatives, meetings, traditional celebrations and local events.

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

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