

Fact Sheet for Forestry Action in Lebanon Project funded by EU:

Title of the project:	Environmentally-sound and Socially-beneficial Forestation in the Shouf Biosphere Reserve
Locations:	<u>Forestation, capacity building and direct support to rural development</u> : Municipalities of Barouk, Maasser Al Shouf, Saghbine and Mrusti (Shouf Biosphere Reserve) <u>Capacity building and awareness raising</u> : Municipalities of Barouk; Maaser Al Shouf; Saghbine; Mrusti; Aana; Kefraya; KherbetKanafar; Ain Zebdeh; Aaitanit; Jbaa; Niha; Batloun; Khralbeh, and Baadaran (Shouf Biosphere Reserve)
Total duration (<i>months</i>):	48 months (4 years)
EU financing as a percentage of total budget of the Action	80 %
Objectives of the action	<u>Overall Objective 1</u> : Set and consolidate good practices for socio-ecological and climate resilient forestation in Lebanon, through piloting forestation of critical ecosystems in SBR. <u>Overall Objective 2</u> : Empower institutional and grassroots actors in/around SBR to develop, restore, monitor and manage forest and woodland ecosystems. <u>Specific Objective</u> : Forested/restored areas in SBR are managed, conserved, monitored and sustainably exploited by a consortium including municipalities, community users and the SBR authority, and stand as a model best practice for up scaling and replication.
Target group(s)	Fourteen municipality of the SBR; Forest Management Committees; local communities with a special focus on women and youth in the Municipalities of Barouk, Maaser Al Shouf, Saghbine and Mrusti
Final beneficiaries	Municipalities and rural communities in mountain areas throughout Lebanon, national authorities in charge of forest management and protection
Estimated results	<u>Result 1</u> : Twenty five hectares forested/restored in the Municipalities of Barouk, Maaser Al Shouf, Saghbine and Mrusti (SBR) <u>Result 2</u> : Fourteen municipalities included in Alliance for Green Shouf Biosphere Reserve are empowered for the sustainable management and monitoring of forested/restored sites. <u>Result 3</u> : The capacity at least of fifty beneficiaries at the community level in the project area is built, and support is provided for the creation of small and medium size business related to sustainable forest exploitation. <u>Result 4</u> : Awareness is raised at the community level, and communication materials and technical guidelines are produced to support up scaling and replication of the project experience elsewhere in Lebanon.
Main activities	Development and implementation of participatory forestation/restoration plans; creation of network of municipalities, community associations and forest users; capacity building; support to income generation and rural development, awareness raising; production of publications and guidelines; communication of project results