

Development of innovative strategies for farms through land stewardship as a tool to create high added value products compatible with the conservation of the cultural heritage

Summary

An integrated methodology of farm planning from an agrarian, forestry and land stewardship (natural values management) points of view is proposed. A methodology for fostering the management of short commercialization chains for farm products has been included too. Finally, we included also two documents, one related to the creation of a network of advisers able to help in the application of the methodology, and a second compiling a set of exemplary farms for every agrarian type, able to apply the methodology and extend it to similar farms.

Objectives

The objectives of the study are:

- Improve the applicability of land stewardship to different types of farms.
- Develop a synthetic and flexible methodology to manage farms through integrating good environmental practices in their management.
- Foster land stewardship agreements as an innovative tool in the management of the natural agrarian heritage.
- Develop new commercialisation markets and a brand for stewardship products, emphasizing in proximity trade at a Catalan scale.
- Establish a network of advisers providing technical and scientific advice to farm with high natural value.
- Develop working methods involving the administrations with competences in agrarian management.
- Establish a network of farms from all around the country applying this methodology, with the aim of preserving the natural heritage and producing added value food for commercialisation.

Conclusions

The proposal aims at reversing the loss of biodiversity linked to intensification agriculture, caused by the lack of economic viability of farms. Strategies as agro-ecological production or preservation of the environment could increase farm income, through increases of the product price, subsidies or fiscal benefits or complementary services as tourism, training, guiding... Land stewardship has a direct impact improving the efficiency and complementarity of exploitations, as farmers associate with non-profit organisations with the aim of preserving nature.

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Tarragona

County

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Lleida
Girona
Barcelona

Project dissemination *(publications, seminars, multimedia...)*

La difusió s'ha realitzat a través de les webs de les entitats sòcies del projecte i a través de les xarxes socials dels socis (Facebook i twitter).

Project website

<https://rietvell2.wordpress.com/2017/08/08/planificacion-de-fincas-agrarias-a-traves-de-la-custodia-del-territorio/>
<http://www.xct.cat/news/ca/2017/09/26/0001/disponibles-els-documentos-per-crear-un-model-de-planificacio-i-gestio-de-finques-agraries-que-permeti-obtenir-productes-d039alt-valor-afegit-compatibles-amb-la-conservacio-i-la-millora-del-patrimoni-natural>
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<https://www.seo.org/2017/09/26/grup-operatiu-custodia-agraria/>

Other project information

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