

Capacity Development Report on: FAO Representative Visit to the Sustainable Silvopastoral Restoration to Promote Ecosystem Services Project Site in Tunisia Date: 2-3 May 2018

Project title: SUSTAINABLE SILVOPASTORAL RESTORATION TO PROMOTE ECOSYSTEM SERVICES IN TUNISIA

Pilot site: Ouled Sbaihia (Zaghouan, Tunisia)

Source of funding: FAO – W3/Bilateral

BUS number: 200310

Starting date: 26 November 2017

Ending date: 31 March 2019

Project leader: Dr. Mounir Louhaichi

Main Partner: Direction Générale des Forêts (DGF) **Focal Point:** Mr. Jamel Kailene

Other national partner: Ministry of Agriculture (CRDA); ESAM, GDA Ouled Sbaihia, and INGRES.

Objective: The overall objective of the project is to build resilience of a silvopastoral production system through reduced climate change impact and increased resilience to environmental impacts and natural disasters. The project also targets strengthening the capacity of communities as well as building regional platforms for knowledge sharing and collaboration.

Target beneficiaries: Smallholder farmers, livestock keepers and extension agents

Activity mapped to CRP: CGIAR Research Program on Livestock

Lead Center: International Livestock Research Institute

Flagship: Livestock and Environment



Food and Agriculture Organization of the U.N (FAO) Forestry Officer, Mr. Abdel Hamied Hamid, concluded a two days visit to Tunisia, during which he held meetings with Government and development partners and traveled to FAO- Sustainable Silvopastoral Restoration to Promote Ecosystem Services in Tunisia project site to get first hand experience of the relevance activities and progress related to this project.

A roundtable meeting was also held in the Directorate-General for Forestry (DGF) with participation of Mr. Salem Trigui Director General of DGF, Mr. Jamel Kailene Director General of Forestry, and Dr. Mounir Louhaichi ICARDA representative to exchange impressions about the development challenges of the FAO Project.

The following day (the 3rd of May 2018) the FAO Forestry Officer, Mr. AbdelHamied Hamid, visited the Sbaihia site. His visit was organized in a way to evaluate the progress made during the first four months of the project and discuss the future workplan. During his visit he also met with the local authority representing the Ministry of Agriculture in Zaghuan. The community members were able to discuss the various challenges they face regarding the status of the rangelands surrounding their communities. During the discussion, community members also expressed enthusiasm and hope that the pilot site/initiative in Sbaihia will also yield more initiatives similar to the current one for their benefit, because their livelihoods depend on the healthy status of the rangelands. Mr. Abdelhamid was then taken on a tour to the pilot site, where he was shown the progress made in the project (Figure 25). The visit by Mr. Abdelhamid was beneficial for the pilot operation team, because Mr. Abdelhamid was able to give his opinion and valuable feedback on where the site operation team could improve their activities in order to improve the overall impact of the project.



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 Ecosystem Services in Tunisia***
Tentative Agenda of the Visit of Mr. Abdel Hamied Hamid

Wednesday 02 May 2018		
Timing	Activity	Person
Morning	Visit to FAO Tunis office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Abdel Hamied Hamid</i> <i>FAO</i> • <i>Louhaichi Mounir</i> <i>ICARDA</i>
Afternoon 14h30 - 16.00	Meeting at DGF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>COL. Salem Trigui</i> <i>DG. DGF</i> • <i>Abdelhamid Hamid</i> <i>FAO</i> • <i>Louhaichi Mounir</i> <i>ICARDA</i> • <i>Jamel Kailene</i> <i>DGF</i>
Thursday 03 May 2018		
7.30 am	Departure to Zaghouan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Abdel Hamied Hamid</i> <i>FAO</i> • <i>Louhaichi Mounir</i> <i>ICARDA</i> • <i>Jamel Kailene</i> <i>DGF</i>
9.00 – 9.30	Meeting with DG of CRDA ZAGHOUAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Abdel Hamied Hamid</i> <i>FAO</i> • <i>Louhaichi Mounir</i> <i>ICARDA</i> • <i>Jamel Kailene</i> <i>DGF</i> • <i>Directors of key departments</i>
9.45 -12.30	Visit of the pilot site of O. Sbaihia (Zaghouan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hamza Bahri</i> <i>CRDA ZAGHOUAN</i> • <i>Bechir Tarchi</i> <i>CES au CRDA</i> • <i>Hasnaoui Itaif</i> <i>A.F Zaghouan</i> • <i>Rania Mechergui</i> <i>INRGREF</i> • <i>Slim Slim</i> <i>E.S. Mateur</i> • <i>Abdel Hamied Hamid</i> <i>FAO</i> • <i>Louhaichi Mounir</i> <i>ICARDA</i> • <i>Jamel Kailene</i> <i>DGF</i> • <i>Members of CBO O. Sbaihia</i>
13.00 – 15.00	Lunch and discussion of way forward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hamza Bahri</i> <i>CRDA ZAGHOUAN</i> • <i>Bechir Tarchi</i> <i>CES au CRDA</i> • <i>Hasnaoui Itaif</i> <i>A.F Zaghouan</i> • <i>Rania Mechergui</i> <i>INRGREF</i> • <i>Slim Slim</i> <i>E.S. Mateur</i> • <i>Abdel Hamied Hamid</i> <i>FAO</i> • <i>Louhaichi Mounir</i> <i>ICARDA</i> • <i>Jamel Kailene</i> <i>DGF</i> • <i>Members of CBO O. Sbaihia</i>
15.00 – 16.30	Return to Tunis	

