

# Aterno Valley Model Forest Italy

## Location

Middle Aterno river valley. Province of L'Aquila, Region of Abruzzo, central Italy. About 1.5 hours' drive from Rome.

## Description

- Mountain Mixed Deciduous Forests
- Includes the Sirente mountain peak (2347m)
- 29,000 ha with 60% forest land

## Ecological values

- 46% of mammal species of the Italian fauna, 32% of breeding birds, 17% of reptiles and 30% of amphibians
- Beech forests, maple tree, mountain sorb, turkey oak, juniper bush and little populations of birch, survived from the glaciations
- *Quercus pubescens*, *Fagus Sylvatica*, *Orno-Ostrietum*
- Karstic region

## Protection status & conservation actions

- Regional Natural Park Sirente-Velino (18,400 ha of the Model Forest are within the Park)
- SCI Monte Sirente e Monte Velino; IT7110086 Doline di Ocre
- SPA IT 110130 – Sirente-Velino
- LIFE COORNATA "Development of coordinated protection measures for Apennine Chamois"

## Organisation

ILEX - Italian Landscape Exploration

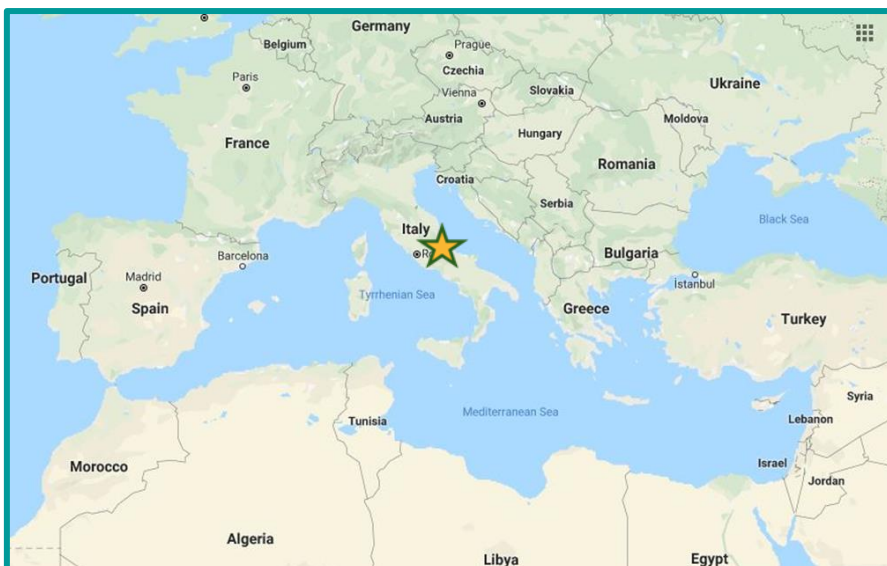


## Threats

- Rural decline
- Abandonment of patchwork rural landscape
- Summer fires and drought

## Strengths of the site

- Community planning
- Sustainable tourism
- Rural development
- Model Forest



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