



# La Massane France

## Location

South of France, In Eastern Pyrenees,  
near Perpignan

## Description

- Mountain Mixed Deciduous Forests
- 336 hectares and 5.7 km of river stretch
- Altitude ranging from 600 to 1158 m



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## Ecological values

- Mediterranean beech forest (*Fagus sylvatica*)
- More than 8000 animal species and 972 plant species
- Old-growth unmanaged forest

## Threats

- Climate change

## Protection status & conservation actions

- Réserve naturelle nationale de la Massane
- Natura 2000
- Réserve biogénétique du Conseil de l'Europe
- ZNIEFF, ZICO

## Strengths of the site

- Solid research experience and knowledge on old-growth forests and their monitoring, and on drought impacts
- Internet website with high number of publications on old-growth forest issues
- Forest observatory of 50,000 geo-referenced trees

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