Location
In the Po plain, North west of Italy, near Milan

Description
- Mixed broadleaved forest of pedunculated oak, poplars, European hornbeam, alders, elderberry, elms, willows, maples, ash (hygrophilous, mesophilous, xerophilous woods)
- Intensively urbanised area (about 20 million people live in the Po plain)
- Close to Milan Malpensa airport

Ecological values
- Key freshwater ecological corridor between Alps and Apennines
- The largest remaining fragments of forest in the Po plain
- Includes virtually all the biodiversity occurring in the Po plain
- more than 3250 animal species and 1000 plant species

Protection status & conservation actions
- Two regional parks (Lombardy, Piedmont).
- Nature park
- Man & Biosphere Reserve Ticino Valgrande Verbano
- 16 Natura 2000 sites

Threats
- Urbanisation/Infrastructures
- Alien species
- Air pollution
- Soil conversion

Strengths of the site
- Good level of scientific knowledge and best practices
- Good example on re-establishing connectivity

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