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PTGMFc.

Joint Forestry Plan managing tool



What are forest management instruments and what are they for?

- Improvement of the KNOWLEDGE of the possibilities of the estate
- REFLECTING on its future
- SETTING objectives and goals
- Make a FORECAST of utilisation, improvement and conservation works
- Rationalising DECISION MAKING
- MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING TOOL

It is a practical and handy tool for the forest manager. This tool faces different realities of the sector and forest ownership, makes it easier to respond to the management proposals of the entire Catalan Forest territory. Also, it is effective for the forest administration to approve and monitor the planned work.

What IOFs respond to?

- Facility to make the estate management planning fast and cost-effective
- Administrative authorisations for forestry exploitation and improvement works
- Possibility to modify planning
- Reference document for the management and monitoring of forest ownership and administration
- Forest grants
- Forestry certification (PEFC) and CAT forest guarantee label
- Forestry insurance (civil liability, fire)
- Tax and legal advantages and benefits (very important)

PTGMF joint

This type of forest management instrument permits forestry actions to be planned jointly and by agreement between different forest owners and estates. It enables forest planning that covers a large forest surface instead of individualised management on small estates that include technical plans for forest management and improvement (PTGMF) and simple forest management plans (PSGF).

- ❖ Promotion of group management (forest owners' associations)
- ❖ Facilitating access to forest planning and land management
- ❖ Drafting support software applications
- ❖ Participative working group; the integration of the different actors of the territory.

PTGMF Joint. Joint Management Map

There is no difference between the management map of forest management and improvement plan and a joint plan. The joint plan covers a much larger area formed by the grouping of many private forest estates. Each forest owner will obtain PTGMF FMPs once the PTGMc approved.

Steps to follow for the implementation of a PTGMFc:



- Firstly, a forest owners' association has to established. It can not be applied as an individual but must be through a constituted forest owners' association.
- Submit the forest coherence document to the CPF. The CPF must first assess the feasibility of the PTGMFc. This is an informative document but also, gather the mandatory technical and formal content and facilitate the drafting of the IOF (Forest Management Instrument) (download from the CPF website: www.cpf.gencat.cat).
- Once completed and submitted, the CPF will assess whether or not it makes sense to go ahead with the joint plan. All owners of the association don't need to participate in the Joint Plan from the outset.
- Once the approval of the forestry coherence document by the CPF is made, wait for the call for aid for the drafting of the IOF and, submit an application for the drafting of the PTGMFc (proposal, report, budget and forestry coherence document), if aid is not required, we can start the drafting work directly.
- With the aid granted, the drafting of the IOF will begin jointly between the technician of the forest owners' association and the technician of the CPF, which is constituted as a working group. The drafting is worked on and validated as it goes along in order to avoid rectifications, corrections, etc. The drafting documentation is also available online on the CPF website.
- The finished document is presented to the CPF for approval.
- Each owner has to apply for the individual membership document and obtain the PTGMFc for his property, an extract of the PTGMFc. This technical Plan can be obtained free of charge at a relatively low cost. The landowner has the right to extend or modify the planned

forestry tasks. For example, he can incorporate a new road not proposed in the joint plan into his technical Plan. In this case, the individual Technical plan will have to be modified and submitted to the CPF for validation and incorporation into the Joint Plan.

- With the PTGMFc approved, all forest owners interested in their capacity must fill in the agreement of adhesion to the Joint Plan.
- Other owners of the association can join until the total managed area of the site is completed. There are no fixed time limits.

Legal framework

Catalonia's Forest **law of 6/1988, 30th March.**

Centre Propietat Catalana (Catalan's Ownership Centre) **law of 7/1999, 30th July.**

Centre de la Propietat Forestal > Creation PSGF. **Law amendment 7/1999, 30th July.**

Order MAB/394/2003 18th September. Regulation, approval, revision and, monitoring of PTGMF and PSGMF.

Resolution AAM/246/2013, 14th October. Regulation of Forest Managing Instruments.