

Naturalea participates in the CERES project



The CERES project's main objective is to promote ecological connectivity in forest ecosystems at different scales, favoring the circulation of flora and fauna species between stands, forests and natural spaces. The project works both in the forest environments themselves, improving their quality as reservoirs, as well as in the connectors between forests, such as riparian areas.

The CERES project proposes to share methodologies, experiences and good practices that can enhance cooperation between researchers and managers of natural spaces.



One of the actions of the project is to put into practice demonstrative pilot stands to improve the quality and connectivity of forest ecosystems. In these demonstration stands, based on the characterization of the forest and the application of geographical models, intervention areas are selected that must respond to different objectives, such as favoring the ecological connectivity of insects that depend on dead wood. In these demonstration stands, in addition to putting new methodologies into practice, training activities will also be developed aimed at interested managers and which will also serve to organize several days of technical exchanges.

One of these stands is located in the Parc Natural de les capçales del Ter i del Freser in the municipality of Setcases in the Ripollès region. In this stand of black pine (*Pinus uncinata*), a series of habitat improvement and restoration works have been carried out, especially aimed at saproxylic habitats.

Naturalea will be in charge of evaluating the effectiveness of these works to improve connectivity through a set of bioindicator organisms.

The conclusions of these works that are now beginning will contribute elements of improvement to be applied by technicians and managers in forest connectivity projects.



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