

## Vosges du Nord: Old-growth forests at the core of Europe

The conservation of highly natural forests is at the heart of the local project. It takes place in the exceptional territory of Vosges du Nord Regional Nature Park, recognized by UNESCO and labelled a transborder biosphere reserve.

The owner has received FSC ES mention for biodiversity and carbon services. It is a private property of 4,600 ha, managed by Evrard de Turckheim, a forestry expert who has been involved for many years in the defence of a forest management closer to nature and is the president of Pro Silva France.

### Verified Ecosystem Services



Maintenance of an ecologically sufficient conservation area network



Conservation of forest carbon stocks

### Highlights of this project

1. Every year, this project captures approx. 1.7 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per hectare
2. Protected habitats for emblematic species like the European owl
3. A network of more than 50 hectares of protected old-growth forest

## Project details

### Biodiversity conservation

This project is contributing to the protection of old-growth forest, with at least 50 hectares designated and protected in the long term, through a network of wild forests implemented in the FSC forest.

In addition, 10.000 tree habitats favourable to biodiversity have been identified and sanctuary in exploited stands; to preserve High Conservation Value biodiversity.



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### Close-to-nature forestry

This project shows the benefits of close-to-nature forestry for the conservation of biodiversity and carbon stocks.

As part of its implementation, the evolution of species of high conservation value benefiting from this network (such as European owl, Tengmalm's owl, black woodpecker, black stork, Bechstein's bat, barbastelle) will be monitored according to the financial means available.

**Would you like to integrate this project into your climate strategy?**

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