

## Plateau de Langres: Forest biodiversity in the French *Grand Est*

The forests of the Syndicat Intercommunal de la Gestion Forestière de la Région of Auberive (SIGFRA) in Haute-Marne constitute a group of forests of 8,140 ha, on the Langres plateau. They obtained the FSC certification in March 2021, and more than half of them are in the heart of the Forêts National Park. This project is focused on protecting rich flora and fauna, with some beautiful species like black storks and slipper orchids.

The management of these forests is done according to principles of silviculture close to nature: forests mixing several species of trees, and individual removals of trees, allowing to maintain a continuous forest cover.

### Verified Ecosystem Services



Maintenance of an ecologically sufficient conservation area network

### Highlights of this project

1. 647 hectares of interconnected forest areas for the protection of biodiversity
2. Protection and management of 17,393 habitat trees
3. 112 hectares of marshes and grasslands protected

## Project details

### Biodiversity conservation

A conservation network of 647 ha and a network of 19,400 trees favourable to biodiversity have been established within this exceptional forest massif to preserve these habitats and the many HCV species present on the territory.

The particularly rich biodiversity includes High Conservation Value species such as the black stork or slipper orchid, or the ash checkerspot.



### A forest resilient to climate change

This forest massif, by its surface, the ancientness of its forest management close to nature, and the very fine follow-up carried out for 25 years, constitutes a national reference, useful for many educational or research projects.

These management choices, combining of biodiversity and sustainable use of the resource, effectively optimize the resistance and resilience of SIGFRA's forests to current climate change.

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

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