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# LIFE Scrubsnet

Regeneration and improvement of dehesas/montados through the appropriate management of shrub areas



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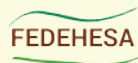
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## What is Scrubsnet?

**LIFE Scrubsnet:** Revitalizing semi-arid extensive farming habitats through the sustainable management of their associated scrubs areas.

### ■ Sustainable shrub management

The project proposes an experimental development of a bushland management model, as a key element to promote the economic and environmental sustainability of the habitat.

### ■ Conservation

LIFE ScrubsNet focuses on regenerating and improving the conservation of the dehesa/montado habitat through the appropriate management of its scrub/shrub areas as an essential element for the conservation of the whole ecosystem.

### ■ Policies

Scrubsnet seeks to reconcile agricultural and habitat conservation policies to reconcile economic profitability with long-term ecosystem conservation.

### ■ Improving biodiversity and productivity of the system

Scrub is a key element for environmental conservation. At the same time it contributes to the improvement of biodiversity indices in terms of birds, small mammals, invertebrates, reptiles, soil health and the natural regeneration of quercineae. It also promotes the economic sustainability of pasture systems, traditionally linked to extensive practices, acting as a fodder reservoir for livestock in times of greater shortage of pasture, provides anti-parasitic solutions and has positive effects on the digestion and emissions of these animals.

### ■ Pilot farms

**Dehesa de San Francisco** (Santa Olalla de Cala / Andalucía)

**Finca Comunal Siruela** (Siruela / Extremadura)

**Valcorchero** (Plasencia / Extremadura)

**Herdade Terra de Freiras e Grupo de São Mateus** (Évora / Alentejo)

## HOW?

Creating Biodiverse Scrub islands in degraded areas (different models)

Creating Linear elements based on biodiverse scrub species

Planting of Biodiverse scrub elements in areas with a very simplified scrub layer

Planting of selected scrub species connected with water elements

Planting of scrub barriers in areas affected by diseases

Regeneration of Quercus through the management of scrubs

Livestock studies for a management model where the scrub is a key element

## WHAT?

Improvement of biodiversity

- **Animal sps**  
Shelter / Protection  
Feeding  
Breeding  
Nesting

- **Flora**  
Biodiversity of the scrub layer

Protection for the regeneration of Quercus

Naturalization of water elements

Improvement of soil conditions

Barrier against pests / diseases

Services for livestock

- Forage
- Antiparasitic character
- Reduction of emissions
- Protection for livestock Management

