

## Unit 5. Non-timber forest products

### Multiple use: CMVMC Baroña

#### Description

In the parish of Baroña, in Porto do Son (A Coruña), the CMVMC Baroña manages some 875 hectares of land. In recent years, they are promoting a multifunctional use of the forest. Resin exploitation of the pines, various livestock in the mountains, a mycological reserve or an apiary are some of their activities that mean economic returns for the 184 commoners.



Source: CMVMC Baroña

CMVMC Baroña is also one of the pioneering forests to recover resin tapping. They manage for this purpose 16.000 pines to obtain 40 tons a year, expected to grow to 50 tons.

CMVMC Baroña enabled a 100 ha mycological reserve. While access is free for community members, the rest of the people who want to pick mushrooms (mainly *Boletus* and *Chantarellus*) in this space must have a mushroom picker's card, which has an annual cost of 10 euros and allows access during the season. For this product they plan to start a project aiming to commercialize the mushrooms in a dehydrated way.

CMVMC Baroña has a herd of more than a hundred horses that contributes to the maintenance of the forest. The first purebred Galician animals arrived in Baroña in 2008. In these years they have been adding to the herd also horses from neighbors who could no longer continue to care for them and today most of the 120 animals they have are mestizos, although the Association of Purebred Galician Horse Breeders has accredited that they have 35 thoroughbred horses. To facilitate the management of the cattle, they have electrified fences and they apply a rotation system changing the animals periodically to different areas. Thus, they optimize the use of the vegetation that the horses do and they reduce the attacks by wolves as well as the risk of accidents on

the roads with the horses. In 2022 they started marketing colt meat sausages. Along with the horses, to reinforce vegetation management.



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In 2022 they also have a herd of 75 goats, which they expect to increase to 150. During the day, mastiff dogs guard the cattle, while at night they remain stabled in stables that conditioned by the association's staff using abandoned buildings. The community belongs to the Association of Sheep and Goat Breeders of Galicia. In their plan, they had already programmed the introduction of other different livestock depending on how the vegetation was transforming. They also incorporated an apiary, after carrying out informative sessions to bring beekeeping closer to the neighbors, now there are 30.

#### Goals

The objective of this community of mountains is to work to have a multifunctional forest in which they also develop a social and cultural use.

#### Activities

- Resin tapping
- Pick mushrooms
- Animals in the bush: horse, goat, bees

#### Impact

This community proposes a global management of the forest, obtaining products of different origins.

#### Social Media

<https://www.facebook.com/comunida.barona.7/>

