

Unit 3. Joint management

SME for Active Forest Management and Wood Mobilization

Description

We are witnessing a context where the abandonment of rural areas and depopulation collide with an increased demand, -in a transition to bioeconomy- of more products based on the forest by the urbanized society. Science based forest management performed by local SMEs is capable of providing those services that the aging social base can no longer develop by itself. Moreover, it is capable of mobilizing and channeling new financial resources for forestry, marketing wood demanded by industry, generating quality employment in depressed areas and preventing wildfires. All these are objectives can be compatible with conservation of forests and biodiversity, and allowing reinvestments of profits in social and development services for rural communities.

AMETLAM S.L. is a local SME dedicated to supply any kind of services related to the forestry, agricultural and environmental sectors. It began its activity in 2018, trying to cover the need to carry out a sustainable and profitable management of forest in the Galician province -Ourense- where forestry is less developed and where abandonment and rural depopulation is higher. AMETLAM S.L. employs eleven workers, including two Master Forestry Engineers, five Bachelor Forestry Engineers, a forest supervisor, two specialized forest workers and an administrative assistant. This team allows the company to offer all kinds of work on forests and wooded lands: afforestations, silvicultural treatments, clearing, thinnings and final fellings. They also provide services in forestry infrastructure as roads, firebreaks, pipes and culverts ...).



Harvesting in Scots pine (*Pinus sylvestris*)
Examples of forest management services provided
Source: AMETLAM S.L.

In 2022 AMETLAM S.L. manages directly 8.915 ha of which 5.056,35 ha are dense forests (*Pinus sylvestris* 35,60%, *Pinus pinaster* 23,73%, other conifers 7,11%, *Quercus pyrenaica* 31,64%). The roundwood harvested and marketed in 2022 is 21.800 tons (50,46% *Pinus sylvestris* and 49,54% *Pinus pinaster*). In addition, silvicultural treatments were applied to 175,50 ha of conifers and 125, 30 ha of deciduous broadleaves, plus 112 ha of afforestation. Moreover, AMETLAM S.L. created a group of sustainable forest certification, which includes in 2022 more than 11.000 ha double certified FSC (AEN FM/COC-000409) and PEFC (14-22-00034-AEN



Forest management in a *Quercus pyrenaica* stand
Examples of forest management services provided
Source: AMETLAM S.L.

Goals

The main objective is to carry out a sustainable and profitable management of forest and obtain certified wood.

Activities

- Silvicultural treatments.
- Afforestation.
- Forestry infrastructure.
- Sustainable management of obtaining resin from a forest.

Impact

- Sustainable and profitable management of forest
- Financial resource management

Social Media

<http://ametlam.gal/>

