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Project Fact Sheet

Capacity Building and Sustainability Support Mission through Knowledge Capitalization, under the project **“Inventory of Forest, Rangeland, and Olive Resources.”**

Context & Challenge

Amid growing pressure on natural resources—driven by climate change, land degradation, and intensified use—Tunisia engaged in developing a national inventory of forest, rangeland, and olive resources. Funded by the World Bank and implemented by FAO in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, the project aims to strengthen the availability, reliability, and sustainability of natural resource data to inform decision-making, improve sector planning, and support sustainable management policies.

Implementing Partner & Beneficiary Institution
FAO Tunisia and the Ministry of Agriculture (Tunisia)

Donor
The World Bank



Project Period February–March 2024

Beyond data collection, the central challenge is ensuring the long-term continuity of the inventory and monitoring system. This mission therefore focused on designing a national sustainability monitoring system, inspired by FAO technical standards, and on developing a sustainability roadmap integrating institutional governance and the human and material capacities required for operationalization.

The assignment was carried out by Ms. Jihene Touil, Founder of Mollitia Consulting, acting as an independent expert contracted by FAO. It represents one of the firm’s core pillars of expertise.

- ✓ Sustainability
- ✓ Capacity building
- ✓ Data governance
- ✓ Climate resilience
- ✓ Monitoring system
- ✓ Natural resource inventory



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Mission Objective

To strengthen national capacities and support the **institutional and technical sustainability** of the forest resources inventory system through the design of a national monitoring framework, an operational roadmap, and mechanisms ensuring continuity in the medium and long term.

Results & Impacts



A **structured and operational national system** for monitoring the sustainability of forest inventories.



A clear **medium-term strategic vision (2025–2027)** to consolidate the national inventory system.



Strengthened national capacities to ensure **continuity, quality, and ownership** of inventory mechanisms.



Improved **forest data governance**, supporting sustainable natural resource management policies.



Direct contribution to **environmental sustainability and climate resilience** across forest, rangeland, and agricultural sectors.

Expertise Mobilized & Key Contributions

In her role as an independent FAO expert, Ms. Jihene Touil mobilized expertise in sustainable natural resource management, climate resilience, and environmental governance to:

- Design the national sustainability monitoring system for forest inventories;
- Develop the 2025–2027 roadmap for operationalization and system consolidation;
- Produce the implementation report for the capacity-building plan, covering institutional, technical, and organizational dimensions;
- Draft a concept note on the sustainability of the national inventory system, integrating governance, financing, human capacities, and institutional anchoring.

This integrated approach connected data, public policy, and capacity strengthening, in close collaboration with FAO and national institutions, to ensure long-term sustainability and national ownership.



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