

Single tree silviculture (STS)



Silvicultural approach that early selects a limited number of target trees to which ensure a free and harmonious development of crown and trunk. The thinnings are selective or from above and they are oriented to remove the direct competitors of the target trees, preserving the remaining stand. The target trees are chosen as a function of vigor, stability, tree morphology, spatial distribution. The number of released target trees (from 50 to 120 per hectare) depends on the site characteristics, the species, the biotic and abiotic risks, the type of owner, the silvicultural goal. · This approach can be applied in high forests and in coppices, in conifers (as *Pinus nigra* and *Pseudotsuga Douglasii*) and broad-leaved species, to social (*Fagus sylvatica* and *Quercus* sp.) and valuable (*Castanea sativa*) or sporadic tree (*Prunus avium*, *Sorbus* sp., *Fraxinus* sp., ...) species, in public or private property. To apply this method is necessary: Specific training and care of technicians and workers from tree marker to logging Specific training of people involved in the control of the forest utilization. · From an economic and productive point of view: decreasing the management costs reduction of rotation time increasing of quantity and quality of assortments production of high-quality timber relatively quickly enhancement of phenotypes and / or species potentially able to produce quality timber - From an ecological and environmental point of view: increase of individual and stand stability increase of biodiversity increase of structural complexity maintenance of an irregular canopy cover protection of sporadic species - From a social point of view: integration with the traditional forestry increase of non-wood products increase of landscape value

DETAILS

ORIGIN OF WOOD

Forest

TYPE OF WOOD

Stemwood

KIND OF WOOD CONCERNED

Stemwood

IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENT & BIODIVERSITY

Positive effects

INCOME EFFECT

Possibility to obtain income more frequent during the rotation period

EXPLOITATION POTENTIAL

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HUB

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ECONOMIC IMPACT

Enhancement of valuable assortments; decrease of management cost but increase of expertise of forest companies

MOBILIZATION POTENTIAL

Similar to traditional silviculture but with a higher amount of big and more valuable assortments

SUSTAINABILITY POTENTIAL - VALUE

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EASE OF IMPLEMENTATION

Medium implementation due to the great attention during the cutting and logging phases

EASE OF IMPLEMENTATION - EVALUATION

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KEY PREREQUISITES

Awareness of all stakeholders in the supply chain

TYPE OF EVENT WHERE THIS BPI HAS BEEN FEATURED

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JOB EFFECT

Connection to other wood and no-wood chain

COSTS OF IMPLEMENTATION (EURO - €)

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SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE NEEDED

Forest training

MORE DETAILS

CHALLENGE ADDRESSED

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KEYWORDS

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COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Italy

DOMAIN

Forest management, ecosystem, resilience

DIGITAL SOLUTION

No

SCALE OF APPLICATION

National

TYPE OF SOLUTION

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INNOVATION

No

START AND END YEAR

2010 - 2019

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REFERENCES AND RESOURCES

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<http://www.selvicoltura.eu/>

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RESOURCES

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