

FLOCKS IN THE FOREST

an opportunity for the forest and shepherds of the future

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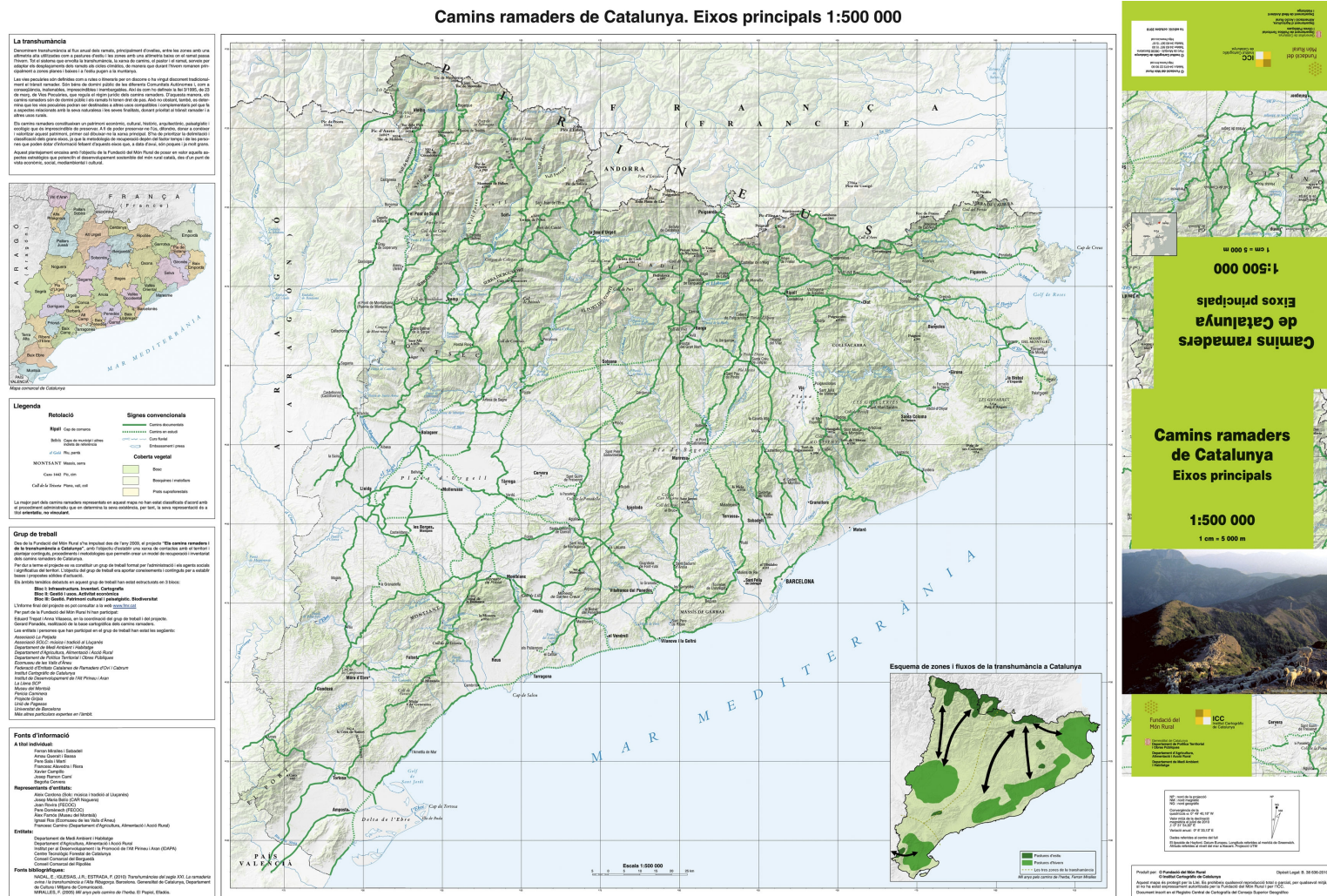


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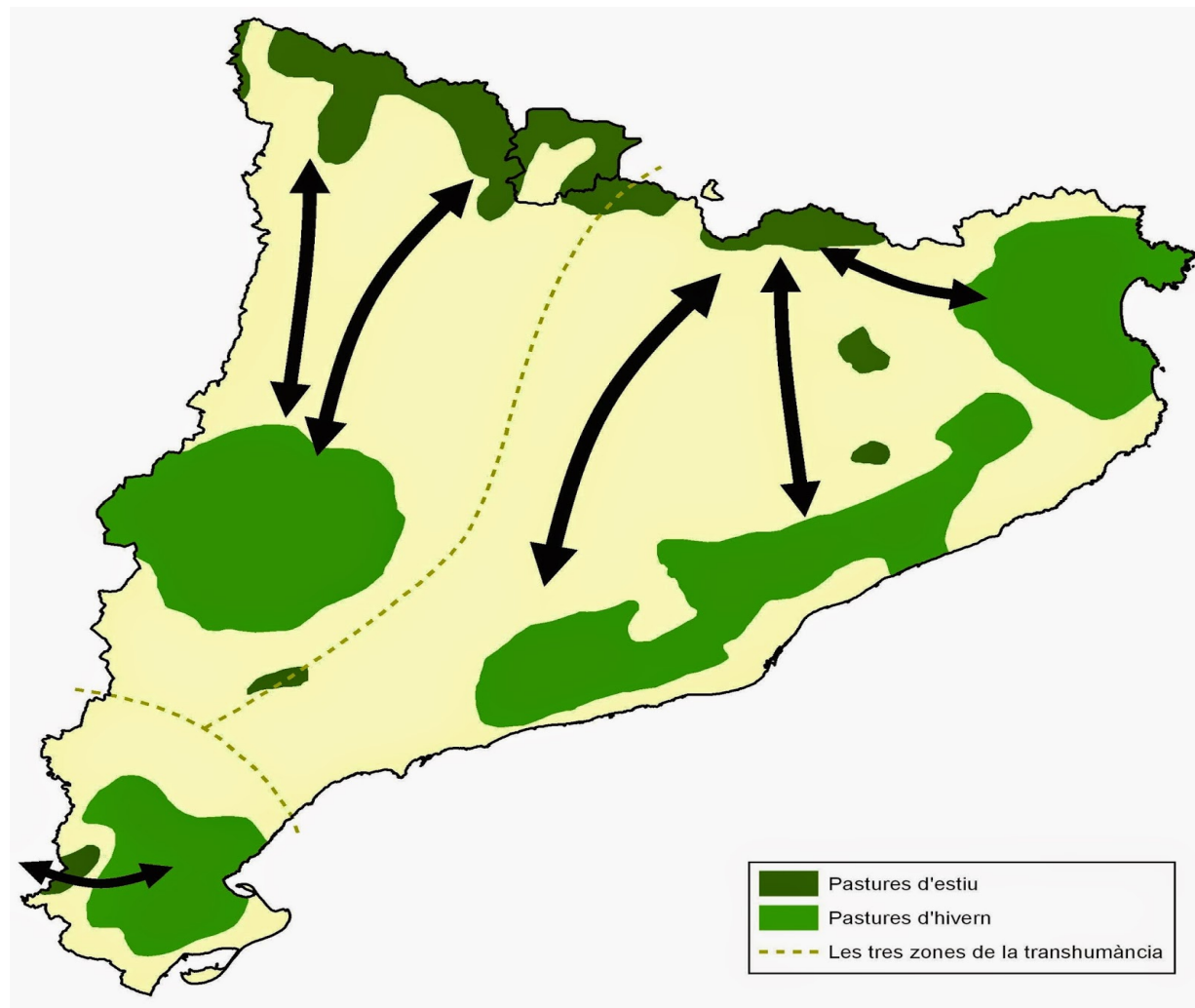
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We are shepherds of Catalonia, a territory
between the Mediterranean and Pyrenees with
ancestral pastoral tradition



for millennia herds sheep, cows, goats and horses
chasing the eternal spring between winter
pastures in the warmth of the Mediterranean Sea
and the cool summer mountain pastures



but several social, cultural, economic and even political activities that are subject to exploitation of natural resources by herds a serious situation that seems irreversible. Scarce economic profitability and lack of generational



Xarxa de Pastors i Pastores de Catalunya (Shepherds and Shepherdesses Network of Catalonia) is an organization that brings together more than 80 pastors (between 18-50 years), sheep, goats, cows and mares.

With the aim of being a tool for mutual support among shepherds and shepherdesses to restore historical interaction between livestock and land, and above all, protect pastoralism Mediterranean culture and to use the common good.

The actions and attitudes of the XPC strategies are based on the Agroecology, seeking to achieve:

- Productive activities that respect natural resources (organic farming, traditional)
- Economic activities sustainable over time (fair prices for products)
- Just social activities (reevaluation of the shepherds and active social participation)
- Culturally adapted activities (use of indigenous breeds and socio disclosure)

Shepherds and Shepherdesses Network of Catalonia is working together with the scientific community, the education community and civil society to move various issues affecting the sector (access to land, stifling bureaucratic regulations abusive ...) while provides alternative solutions (silvopastoralism, direct marketing, technical advice, school shepherds, crafts ...)

Because if the shepherds disappear we will have to invent!

The production of lamb, goat, calf and pony breeds is native to Catalonia. Sheep and Ripollesa Xisqueta, Blanca de Rasquera goat, cow and Bruna Pallaresa and horse Pyrenees



Artisan cheese production is a traditional activity that despite not having the importance of other countries around, in past few years is gathering strength



Catalonia has 6 million hectares of forest,
1.8 million are considered at high risk of forest fire, the
integration of livestock in sustainable
forest management is an opportunity through the woods
and by the shepherds
(www.ramatsalbosc.org)



At present many pastors hosting educational activities on their farms to develop recreational activities and tourist offerings around transhumance or craft activities



Since 2009 more than 140 people have completed the School Pastors of Catalonia and many shepherds are hosting students from generational practices to ensure their activities



To achieve the objective of the XPC work together with other social and institutional levels to train and support existing pastors and lay a solid foundation for future generations.





See you in the fields and mountains!

