

## ASSESSMENT OF FOREST BIOMASS AND CARBON STOCKS AT STAND LEVEL USING SITE-SPECIFIC PRIMARY DATA TO SUPPORT FOREST MANAGEMENT



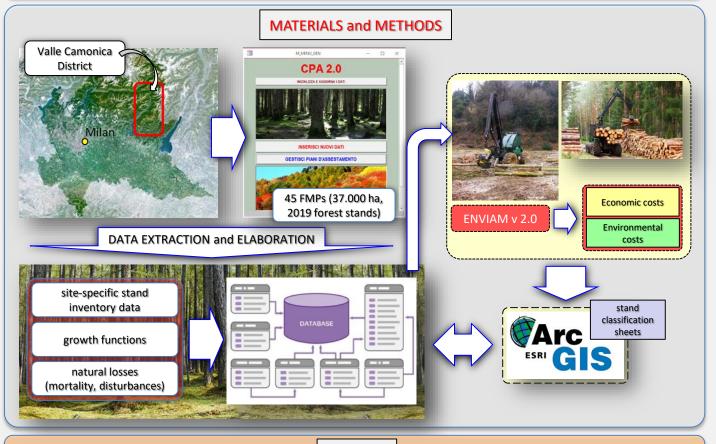
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## INTRODUCTION

- Quantification and mapping of forest Ecosystem Services (ESs) is essential to identify effective forest management practices and to support environmental institutions in the decision-making processes;
- To mitigate climate change, the most important forest ESs are: (i) carbon stock and (ii) woody biomass supply;
- The use of models based on site-specific primary (measured) data collected in Forest Management Plans (FMPs) is essential to support the sustainable forest management.

## GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- To develop a model to quantify and map (1) carbon stock (ES<sub>1</sub>) and (2) woody biomass extracted from the forests (ES<sub>2</sub>) at stand level using site-specific primary data:
- 1.  $ES_1$  (modeling of carbon dynamics in forest): to calculate the mass of carbon (t·year<sup>1</sup>) stocked in different pools over time according to the forest management practices;
- 2. ES<sub>2</sub> (analysis of woody biomass harvesting chains): to calculate the mass ( $t_{DM}$ ·year<sup>-1</sup>) of different woody assortments extracted from the forest over time and economic ( $\in t_{DM}^{-1}$ ) and environmental costs ( $t_{CO2eq} \cdot t_{DM}^{-1}$ ) of the machinery chains.



## RESULTS

• Development of an interactive model for multi-level forest management. Direct users will be Mountains Communities (U<sub>1</sub>) and supply chain operators i.e. forestry enterprises (U<sub>2</sub>) Regarding U<sub>1</sub>: information about woody biomass (and C) and its evolution over time will be provided to support sustainable and multifunctional planning and management; regarding U<sub>2</sub>: indications to minimize the economic and environmental costs of woody biomass production will be provided to promote a greater use of local forestry resources.