

<b>Project Name:</b>	Integrated Management of Cedar Forests In Lebanon in Cooperation with other Mediterranean Countries
<b>Budget</b>	\$1,212,200
<b>Funders</b>	Global Environment Facility / Ministry of Environment
<b>Start Date</b>	July 2004
<b>Duration</b>	3 years
<b>Project Manager</b>	American University of Beirut, Faculty of Agriculture
<b>Project Focal Point (Service)</b>	Protection of Urban Environment Service
<b>Aim</b>	Development of an action plan for integrated sustainable management of the Tannourine cedar forest. Protect the forest from invasive insect species that are causing serious damage to trees.
<b>Objectives</b>	<p>1. Develop a sustainable management plan that addresses possible threats to the ecosystem of cedar forests and means of removal of these threats. The management plan will include the following secondary objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Understand the causes of <i>Cephalcia</i> outbreak in Tannourine and assess the possible threats of similar outbreaks in cedar forests in the Mediterranean region.</li> <li>ii) Develop a pest management plan applied to the Tannourine forest and adapt this plan to other cedar forests in the region through dissemination of knowledge and best practice.</li> </ul> <p>2. Increased institutional and community knowledge exchange, networking, education and capacity building for the management of cedar forests.</p>