

**Box S1** - Links to public databases.

- EELIS, Keskkonnaagentuur - Keskkonnaregister. [online 30 August 2015] URL: <https://www.eesti.ee>
- EU biogeographical regions. [online 30 August 2015] URL: [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/sites\\_hab/biogeog\\_regions/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/sites_hab/biogeog_regions/index_en.htm)
- EUNIS Database. [online 30 August 2015] URL: <http://eunis.eea.europa.eu/habitats>
- German National Forest Inventory (2012). [online 30 August 2015] URL: <https://bwi.info/>
- INFC (2005) [online 30 August 2015] URL: <http://www.sian.it/inventarioforestale/>
- Informační systém statistiky a reportingu (ISSAR). [online 30 August 2015] URL: <http://issar.cenia.cz/issar/page.php?id=187>
- Natura 2000 Barometer. [online 30 August 2015] URL: [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/barometer/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/barometer/index_en.htm)
- Trading Economics. [online 30 August 2015] URL: <http://www.tradingeconomics.com/belgium/forest-area-percent-of-land-area-wb-data.html>
- UK Joint Nature Conservation Committee. [online 30 August 2015] URL: <https://jncc.defra.gov.uk>
- SIT Puglia [online 30 August 2015] URL: [http://www.sit.puglia.it/portal/portale\\_gestione\\_territorio/ViewMenuPortletWindow?action=2&idsezione=482&nomesezione=Piani%20di%20Gestione%20Siti%20Rete%20Natura%202000&paginacms=null](http://www.sit.puglia.it/portal/portale_gestione_territorio/ViewMenuPortletWindow?action=2&idsezione=482&nomesezione=Piani%20di%20Gestione%20Siti%20Rete%20Natura%202000&paginacms=null)
- Regione Umbria [online 30 August 2015] URL: <http://www.biodiversita.regione.umbria.it/Mediacenter/FE/CategoriaMedia.aspx?idc=39&explicit=SI>

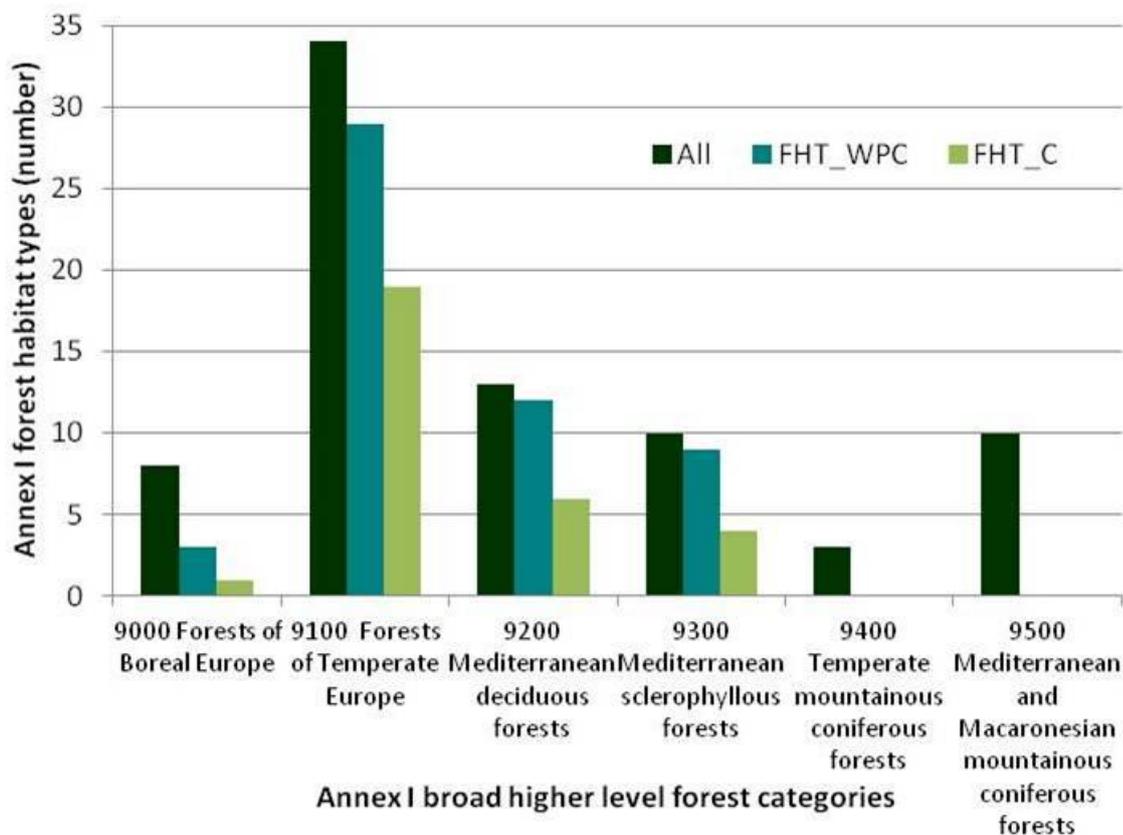
**Tab. S1** - Questionnaire.

<b>ID</b>	<b>Question</b>
1	Is coppicing is allowed by law in your country/region?
2	Which Annex 1 forest habitat types listed in the Habitats Directive are likely to be (or have been historically) under coppice management ?
3	What is the nature conservation status of these forest habitat types?
4	Do all SCIs or SACs of the Natura 2000 sites network have specific management plans (SMPs), i.e. beyond description of the habitat
5	Are SMPs publically available?
6	Do SMPs specifically mention protecting endangered species?
7	Do any SMPs specifically cite species which are dependent on continued coppicing activity?
8	Does the term ‘coppice’ refer to forests cut on a regular rotation, or to former coppice forests, or both/other (e.g. more extensive wood pastures (pollards)?
9	Are any rare ‘coppice species’ listed in the habitat description?
10	Is coppice management actively being carried out?
11	If yes, are there prescriptions for active coppicing in Natura 2000 sites?
12	Who is responsible for writing the SMPs: the national/regional/local administrations directly responsible for SCI/SACs, or through tenders?
13	Are there national/regional guidelines or specific prescriptions for managing Natura 2000 SCI/SACs and do these comply with the EU ones?
14	Is there a national version (updating) of the Interpretation manual of EU habitat as in the case of Italy?
15	What kind of expertise/background is involved in writing SMPs e.g. conservation, forestry, planning, engineering or architecture bodies?

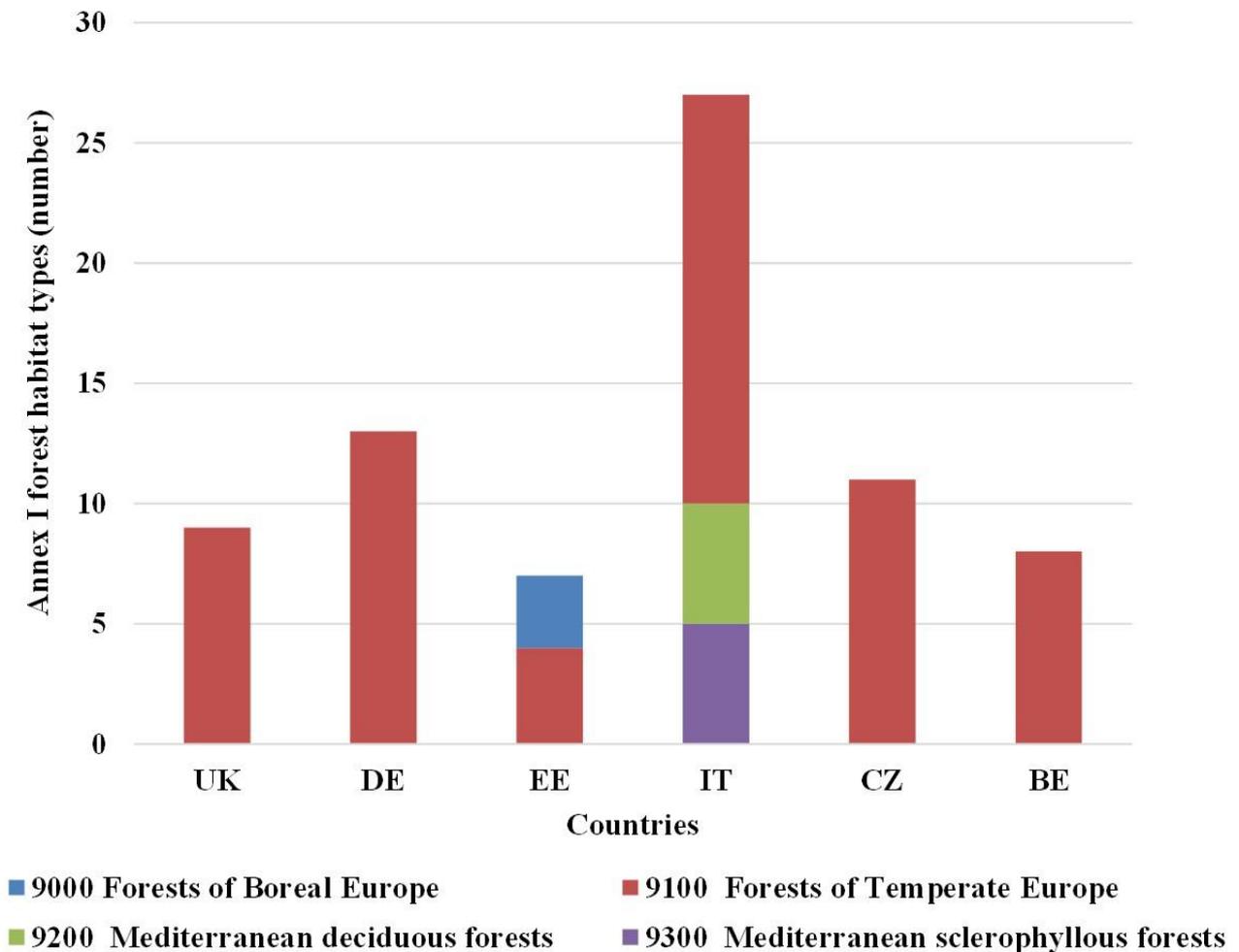
**Tab. S2** - Explanation of abbreviations used in the text.

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Expansion</b>
EU	European Union
SCI	Site of Community Importance
SAC	Special Area of Conservation
SMP	Site management plan
BE	Belgium
CZ	Czech Republic
EE	Estonia
DE	Germany
IT	Italy
UK	United Kingdom
NUTS	Nomenclature of territorial units for statistics
FHT_WPC	Forest habitat type with potential for coppice
FHT_C	Forest habitat type (historically) coppiced
IT-C1	Piemonte
IT-D4	Friuli Venezia Giulia
IT-E2	Umbria
IT-F4	Puglia
BE-1	Flemish region
UK-J	South East England
UK-L	Wales
DE-B	Rhineland-Palatinate
EUNIS	European nature information system

**Fig. S1** – Comparison of the distribution of all forest habitat types, forest habitat types with potential for coppice (FHT\_WPC), and forest habitat types currently or formerly coppiced (FHT\_C), by broad Annex I forest categories.



**Fig. S2** - Distribution of forest habitat types by Annex I broad forest categories among the examined countries.



**Fig. S3** - Number of forest habitat types currently or formerly coppiced (FHT\_C) by conservation status in different biogeographical regions represented by the questionnaire (FV=favourable, U1= unfavourable/inadequate, U2= unfavourablebad, XX=Unknown).

