

Project Update: August 2018

From April until July 2018 we have completed 12 semi-structured interviews with forest producers (Figure 1) and participated in three meetings organised by INTA (Figure 2) where we have completed different interviews and collecting new proprieties in the study area where we will start to test the repellents on the plantations and we will study the preference between varieties. In September 2018, we will start the test on at least six sites in the study area. The setting and control of these sites we will last until October 2018 (Table 1). These sites include forest plantation of different species of willow and poplar.

During summer time, we will continue to study the repellency and we will start to test the efficiency of an alternative rubbing surface to prevent damage from deer of the bark of trees.



Figure 1. Bark damage by marsh deer. Figure 2. Meeting with forest producers in the study area.

Table 1. Timetable of the activities

	2/09-14/09	17/09-21/09	24/09-5/10	8/10-19/10
Browsing test	setting	control	control	control
Barking test			setting	control