

## Gender related issues in Guadalentin Basin, Murcia Spain

### site and gender highlights

Soil erosion and water shortage are typical in this area. Most farm activities or responsibilities are traditionally made or taken by men. Women eventually participate in almond/olive harvest and home poultry care (in the few cases this home activity still remains) and in some cases in paperwork matters (subventions, taxes, etc.).

### Impact of land degradation on inhabitants (women and men) with and without changes in land management.

Our activities within the project indicate that stakeholder-women (essentially land owners or co-owners, administration officers and scientists) have actively participated (19 men and 7 women in the 1st workshop and 10 men and 5 women in the 2nd workshop), followed by a field demonstration day with 20 men and 7 women participating, which is shown in the pictures. 7 men and 4 women are involved in the monitor activities.

### Impact of DESIRE workshops

The measures they agreed upon to provide a mosaic of integrated land use might increase the possibility for both men and women on local work.



### General remark on gender policy

The project strategy is also to improve the gender neutral approach in environmental research.



The Spanish Constitution forbids discrimination on base of gender. Participation of all inhabitants in political, economical, social and cultural life should be facilitated.

"...The challenge for a society to become a community of tolerance and equality, where fundamental rights, freedom and equality between men and women are respected, should without doubt be realized at the University."

(From: PLAN DE IGUALDAD DE GÉNERO EN LA CARRERA CIENTIFICA DE LA AGENCIA ESTATAL CSIC , p.4 (2007-2009)  
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