



Manifesto on Land

Land is a multifaceted entity, which now exists at the intersection of commodity, production interface, and exploited finite resource. In our bioregion, it faces challenges of degradation, abandonment, industrialization, and land grabbing, all influenced by societal spatial planning.

However, beyond its utilitarian aspects, land holds a profound social and cultural significance, serving as a living soil with territorial and political attachments. It sustains livelihoods for both nature and society, acting as the natural bedrock for people and businesses, particularly in small and large-scale farming.

Land in our bioregion is central to the agri-cultural landscape, shaped by historical collective stewardship. The ways in which land was cared for in the past continue to influence the present, emphasising the need for a regenerative approach to land management.

Land Tenure in Our Bioregion

Land tenure in our bioregion encompasses diverse forms, including private land, public land, and the commons. Spatial planning involves the allocation of land for various purposes, such as conservation, farmland, housing development, leisure, industrial projects, mining, renewable energy, and public infrastructure. The balance between these uses determines the overall health and resilience of our bioregion.

Governance of Land

The fate of land is intertwined with the interests of various stakeholders. Public authorities at national and local levels, the business community from global to local scales, local communities, and civic/non-profit organisations play pivotal roles in shaping land governance. A harmonious coexistence and collaboration among these stakeholders are crucial for a responsible land management.

ALPA's Mission Towards Land

ALPA's mission revolves around securing and stewarding land in our bioregion for its primordial purpose: **sustaining life**. Recognising the complex dynamics and potential conflicts in land use, ALPA identifies and addresses critical issues:

- **Degradation through Industrial Farming:** ALPA promotes agroecology as a solution to combat soil nutrient depletion, biodiversity loss, and the harmful impact of agro-chemicals.
- **Land Sealing and Uprooting:** To counter the threats posed by mining and energy projects,

ALPA advocates for land conservation strategies and putting importance and proof behind the richness of our biodiversity.

- **Abandonment by Peasantry:** ALPA addresses the challenges of an aging rural community and the lack of intra-family farm succession through the establishment of a bioregional Land Trust and social mapping initiatives, mobilising and supporting future agroecological farmers to access land.
- **Opaque Land Market and Tenure:** ALPA aims to enhance transparency and traceability through digitalized public land registries, collaborative spatial planning, and strategic land preservation to counterbalance large-scale industrial projects.
- **Transactional Nature of Land:** ALPA combats land speculation and marginalization of cultural aspects by establishing a bioregional Land Trust driven by social-cultural and environmentally rooted principles, elevating land out from the land commodity market, putting it into the reach of human-scale, local agroecological farming, engaging in community building, and promoting alternative tourism projects.

ALPA's objectives are rooted in responsible stewardship, aiming to reverse destructive cycles in soil and land management. Our organization seeks to develop replicable blueprints for agroecological, regenerative approaches that can be applied beyond our bioregion, contributing to broader bioregional regeneration and sustainable land management globally. Through these initiatives, ALPA strives to create a harmonious balance between the utilitarian and cultural dimensions of land, fostering a resilient and vibrant bioregional community.