

Workshop 4
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**DOMESTICATION OF ENDEMIC PLANTS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:
THE VALENCIAN COMMUNITY (SPAIN) EXPERIENCE.**

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Since 2002, the Wildlife Service (Servicio de Conservación de la Biodiversidad) of the Valencian Community (Spain) develops a project to domesticate endemic plant species - mainly scented plants -, useful for multipurpose activities (gardening, industrial uses, slope revegetation, etc.). Over 20 species of *Labiatae*, and notably endemic taxa of cringing *Thymus* (i.e., *Th. webbianus*, *Th. willkommii*, *Th. godayanus*, etc.) and shrubby *Salvia* (*S. mariolensis*, *S. lavandulifolia approximata*, etc.) are being used in these experiences. Some of them are being transferred to local growers, as plants or seeds, in addition to the know how about their propagation, in the framework of the EU's project LIFE03 NAT/E/000064. These activities are also being extended to non-endemic species –i.e., *Mentha cervina*, *Thymus pulegioides*, *Salvia lavandulifolia lavandulifolia*, etc.-, or endemic taxa belonging to different families –i.e. *Dictamnus hispanicus* (*Rutaceae*)-.