



### **OPEn-air laboRAtories for Nature baseD** solUtions to Manage hydro-meteo risks



# Nature Best Solutions Soil & Water bioengineering techniques





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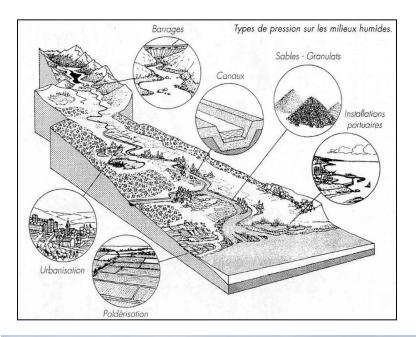
Naturalea is specialized in landscape restoration and it is a cutting-edge nationwide company in the field of implementation of bioengineering techniques, both traditional naturalistic engineering and biophysical or structural vegetable engineering. Created in 1996 with more than 1185 developed projects. Solve engineering problems creating landscape. Nature Conservation to improve quality of live.

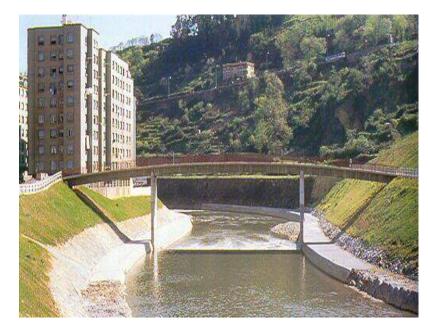




"Salix provide sustainable, ecologically sound answers to the challenges found in soil and riverbank erosion, inland dredging, water based civil engineering, vegetation establishment, wetlands and habitat creation projects across the UK"

#### River management for improving morphology and regain river floodplain

























# Smart citys involve green...Paris ideas ...involve rivers...Seul facts

























### SOIL AND WATER BIOENGINIERING TECHNIQUES, Practic NBS nature based solutions

Soil and water bioengineering is a discipline that combines technology and biology, making use of plants and plant communities to help protection land uses and infrastructures, and contribute to landscape development.

Typically, plants and part of the plants are used as living building materials, in such a way that, trough their development in combination with soil and rock, they ensure a significant contribution to the long-term protection against all forms of erosion. In the initial phase, they are often have to be combined with non-living buildings materials, which may, in some cases, ensure more or less temporarily, most of the supporting functions.

European Guidelines for Soil and Water Bioengineering EFIB, 2015



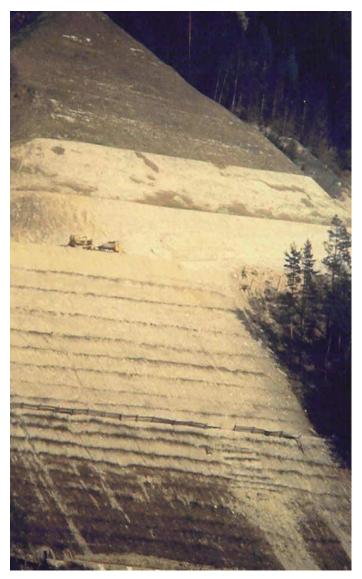


# Soil bioengineering, modern discipline in the management of natural areas.

The roots of willows prevent the collapse of banks of canals and branches of willows that are placed in the margins and then cut each year and become dense and thus yields a margin of lives in one piece..

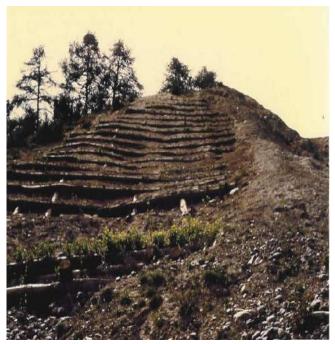
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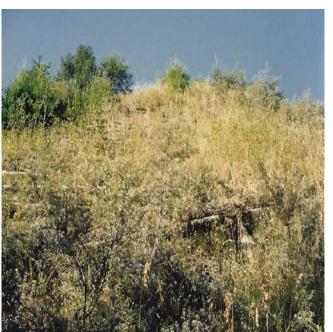


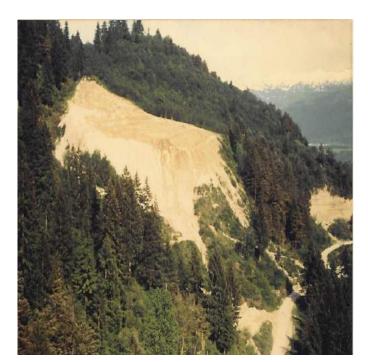


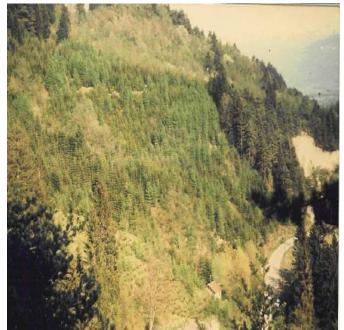


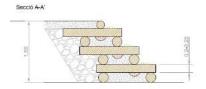


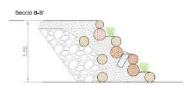


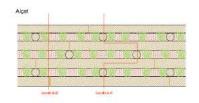


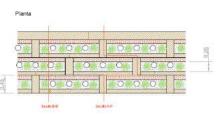








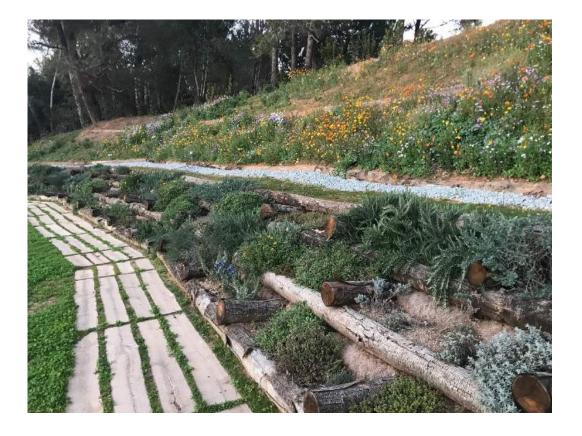












#### NATURAL MATERIALS: HERBS, SHRUBS AND TREES

Physical Conditioners

Phytogeography

Weather
Land relief
Lithology
Edaphology
Hydraulics

**Species** 

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### Selection criteria of the plant.

Biological



List of suitable species

- Landscape
- Engineering



Introduction technique



#### Biotechnical characteristics:

A series of characteristics that make them especially interesting for stabilization

Faculty to colonize degraded lands (pioneer species);

Adventitious root emission capacity;
Rooting ability of steams and branches;
Mechanical tensile strength of roots and stems;
Resistance to falling stones;
Surface coverage capacity;
Survival capacity after planting
Resistance to watering

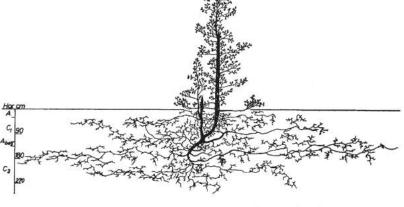


Figura 3.6: Juniperus communis ssp. communis (Kutschera – Sobot ik, 1997)

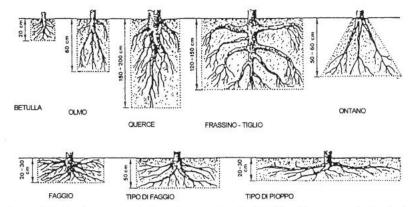


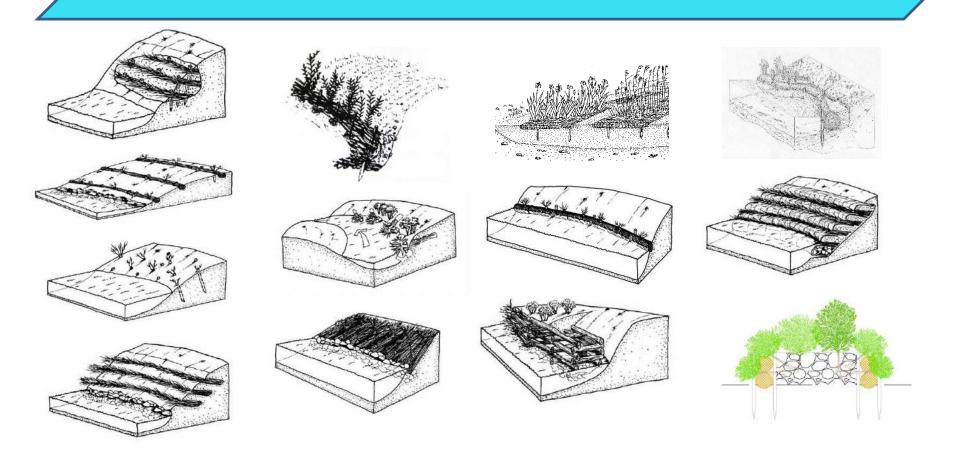
Figura 3.7: Confronto tra i diversi apparati radicali delle diverse specie di alberi (Mathey, 1929)

- Mechanical tensile strength
- -Consolidating action of the soil: Depends on the shape of the root apparatus, rooting density and root mass
- <u>Edaphology strength</u>: the action of improvement of the land that allows through the succession to pass from the pioneer species to other stages of vegetation more evolved thanks to the climatic and soil improvement, thanks to either the root symbiosis for the fixation of Nitrogen (Legumes) or to the loss of leaves (Alnus)

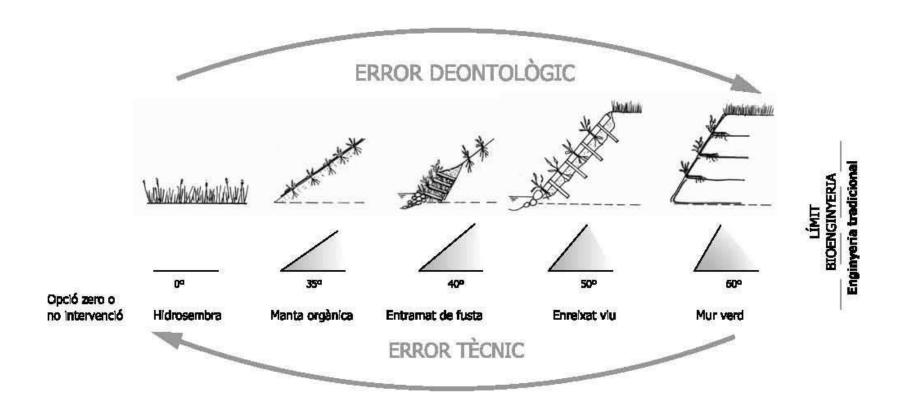
## Importance of the relation between the volume of the radical part and the aerial part of several plants:

Arbusti e alberi		Piante erbacee	
Salix glabra	2,4	Stipa species	5-15
Viburnum Lantana	2,3	Equisestum arvense	5,5
Erica carnea	2,0	Rumes scutatus	5,5
Salix eleagnos	1,8	Deschampsia caespitosa	1,6
Salix nigricans	1,8	Festuca ovina	1,1
Alnus viridis	1,6	Anthyllis vulneraria	0,8
Salix purpurea	1,5	Achillea millefolium	0,7
Fraxinus excelsior	1,5	Lotus corniculatus	0,7
Ligustrum vulgare	1,2		
Acer pseudoplatanus	1,1		
Hippophae rhamnoides	1,0		
Berberis vulgaris	0,6		
Salix alba	0,5		

Fonte: da Schiechtl, 1973



#### How should we act



From: NTJ 12S PART 5



#### Introducción: gestión ambiental i NBS

#### 2009 Sant Hilari Sacalm









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#### 2014 Talús Parc de la Serreta





























Sils

#### River Conwy Flood Scheme, North Wales





- Highest Rainfall in the UK
- 10,000 m2 Shear Stress
   Turf P
- Flows up to 7 m/s flows
- Largest Recorded Flood event after 2 months!









#### **GROWING: KEY FACTS**

- 30 different species grown
- -Many of the plants grown from seed collected from the Park area before construction
- -23,000 metres of coir rolls and pallets were pre-established off site
- -350,000 native wetlands plants used in the North Park, South Park, Athletes Village
- -120 articulated deliveries to site from Salix's nurseries in Thetford



#### Riera de Vallvidrera. Parc de Collserola









#### 2013 Río Sio

















2015 Río Sio



#### Red de coco/ Ret de coco/ Coir netting



2012 Talud Nestlé Waters Viladrau

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#### Vegetated coir pallet/ plant pallet



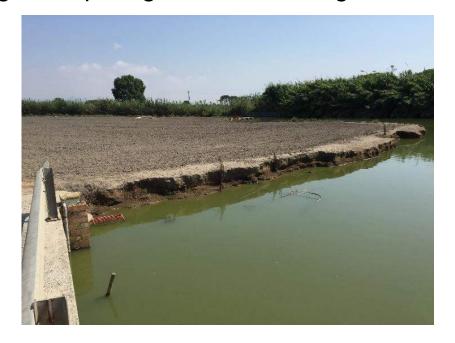






2016 Estabilización de canales de riego. Parque agrario del Llobregat. BCN

















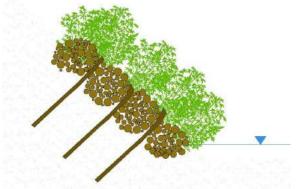




Execution on hillside and fishbone Vergara -Guipúzcoa













# Enrejado / Slope grid / Enreixat viu









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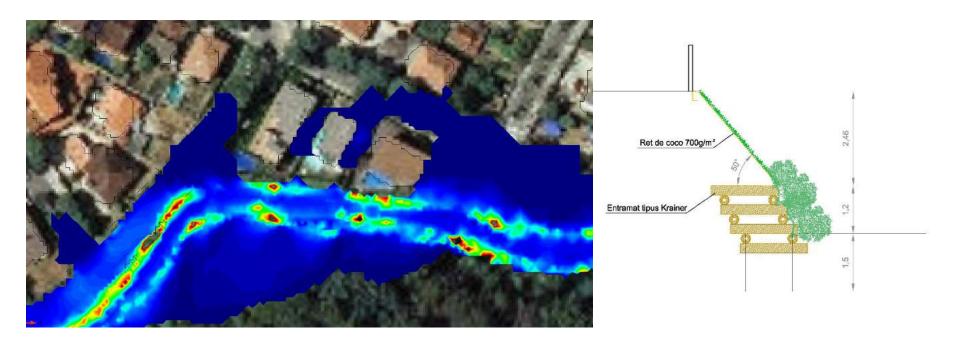


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## Riera de Can Cabassa. Sant Cugat 2016







#### 2) Protecció de marges

Cas 3: torrent de Can Cabassa a Sant Cugat del Vallès

































































Thank you!