

# Rally d'Italia Sardegna

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### **Development and Tourism: the Sardinian Forest Board and Rally d'Italia Sardegna together in a common project**

The Sardinian Forest Board and Rally d'Italia Sardegna partners for three years: the agreement has been made between ACI – Organising Committee and Forest Board and will allow the Rally to use the dirt roads of Sardinia for three years, 2006 – 2008. "It's been an agreement of quite big importance for Rally d'Italia Sardegna" said Angelo Sticchi Damiani, president of the Organising Committee "We have a common route in order to put together sport, tourism and development of the economy of the territory". In line with the target of the Forest Board, Rally d'Italia Sardegna is carrying on a politic of respect of the environment and promotion of the territory. As a matter of fact in the agreement has been stated that in order to reduce the environmental impact and not disturb the fauna, the route of the rally will be discussed every year in a meeting with the competent councillorships of the Region and of the provinces and with the Organisers Committee.

For the cleaning, the restoration and put in order the dirt roads and the areas used during the rally the Organisers of Rally d'Italia Sardegna will pay an annual fee to the Forest Board of Sardinia. Furthermore in all the official documents will be published, for participants and for spectators the essential instructions for the respect and the protection of the environment .

For each of the three years the Automobile Club Italy establish two scholarship with a value of 3000 Euros each for University students in order to study the fauna and flora. The Forest Board of Sardinia, established in 1999 in the place of the State Owned Company of Sardinia, has the function to develop and exploit the forests and the fauna of the island and the create and promote the naturalist and historic values of Sardinia. The relevant objectives of the Forest Board are mainly: fire fighting, reforestation, care of the wild fauna but also the preservation of old buildings in order to use them for tourist purposes.

The president of the Forest Board, Carlo Murgia, has recently explained that he provide the restoration of ancient buildings following the bio-architectural criteria and in a second phase he will open to tourists the forest properties of Sardinia.

So Sardinia and its naturalistic property will be seen and appreciated by spectators from all over the world.

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