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SF15 was a residency program running in the summer 2018, initiated by the artist duo Pluszéro which is Flora Kam and Xavier de Kepper. Saint Félix is the name of their street in Unac, France.

The SF15 was set up as five (5) long weekend sessions, Friday lunch to Monday lunch, from June to August and for each session two artists and a chef was invited. I went in late June together with my wife Helena who is a writer, and we spent the four days at the house (with studio and big garden) working with both Flora and Xavier as well as with Henri (painter) and Nour (designer and the Chef) on drawings and sculptural structures in the forest.

I have both traded publications and collaborated digitally with Pluszéro since 2016, but this was the first time we met in person and got to do some work together in the same physical space.

I spent most of the time there drawing in various scales and on the Sunday I worked on a bigger sculptural structure in a small quarry a short walk from the house. It was a nice connection to the first larger structural sculptures I worked with at Bottna Land Art in 2011-2012 together with Oskar Broberg and Susanne Westerberg. Then it was precut wood joined with cable ties (which I am more used to) and a large quarry over two weeks in Bohuslän, Sweden - and now there was a structure in a small quarry in the Pyrenees made from small trees just taken down and put together with electric cable in four hours. Very different scales and preparations, but similar in the feel of the spatial work.

The SF15 project is now being turned into film and a publication by Pluszéro.

SF15 project website / blog: https://plus-zero-sf.tumblr.com



