

# Banco de Terras de Montemor-o-Novo: uma nova forma de acesso e utilização da terra

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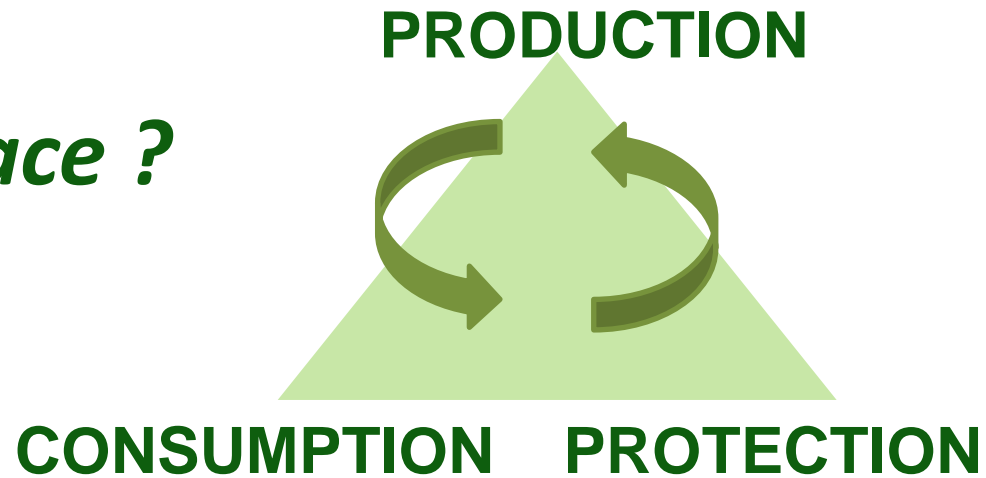


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# Changing modes of rural occupance: an on-going dynamic process

*what is driving  
the use of the rural space ?*



➡ relative weigh of production, consumption and protection are being altered, and often re-arranged again >> contradictions and complex dynamics



new management models

# Consumption as a driver of farm and farmland management

..grounded in a quest for rural lifestyle, healthy food, leisure,  
which may or may not be closely linked to production



*Lifestyle farming*: the income generated from  
agriculture is not the main motivations for the choices taken

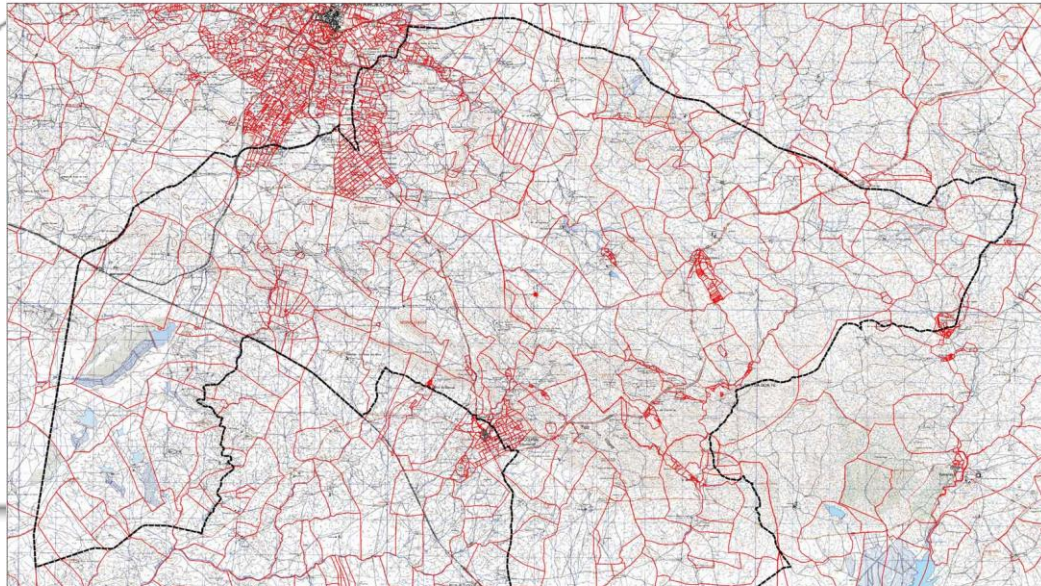
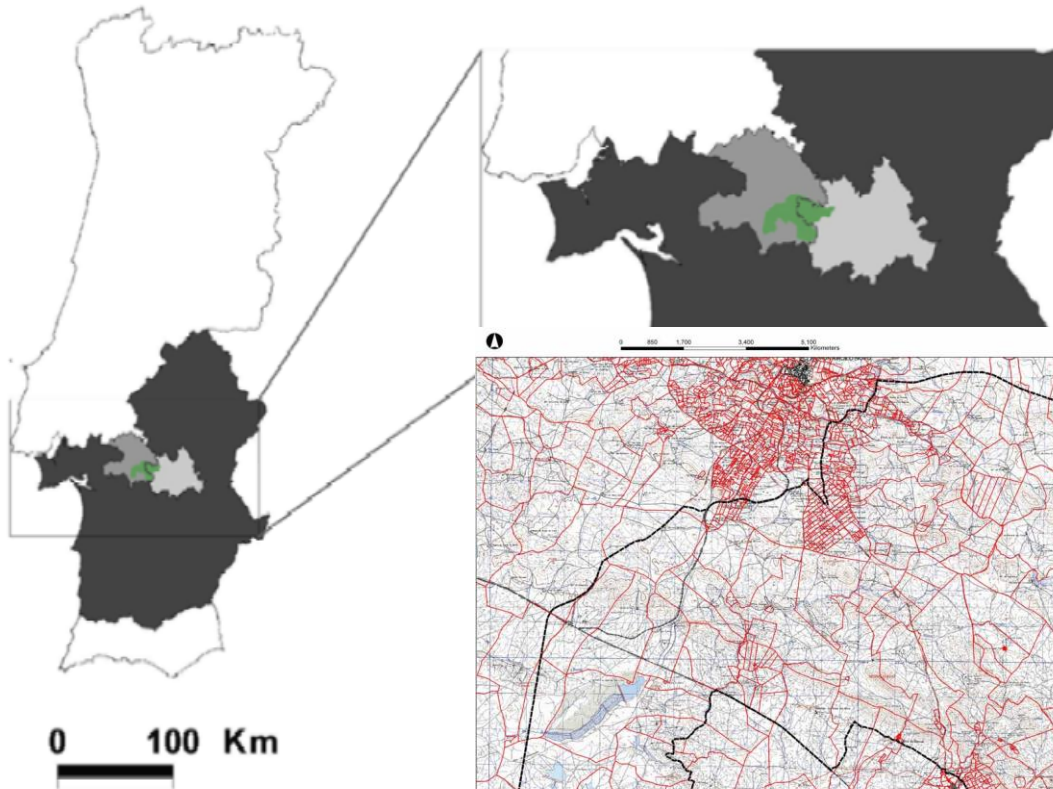
> multiple new types of actors  
and new community compositions

> changed approach to farming  
and therefore to land management

*opportunities for innovation,  
landscape care, local food revival*

# Montemor-o-Novo

100 km east of Lisbon  
and 25 km from Évora  
Natura 2000 site





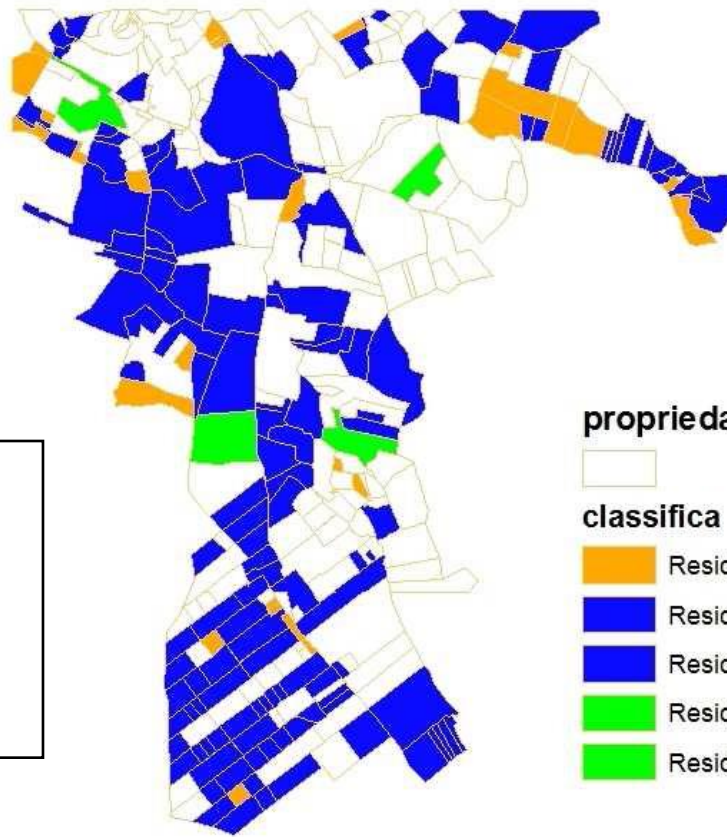
# An attractive town,

where people look for  
the surrounding  
landscape...



# and as such the use of the land is changing...

main management driver



166  
parcelas  
440 ha  
52,6%

## Legenda

### propriedades



### classifica



Residência **5,2%**



Residência do produtor mais produção mista **27,4%**



Residência do produtor mais produção para autoconsumo **17,4%**



Residência do proprietário mais produção mista por outro **1,8%**



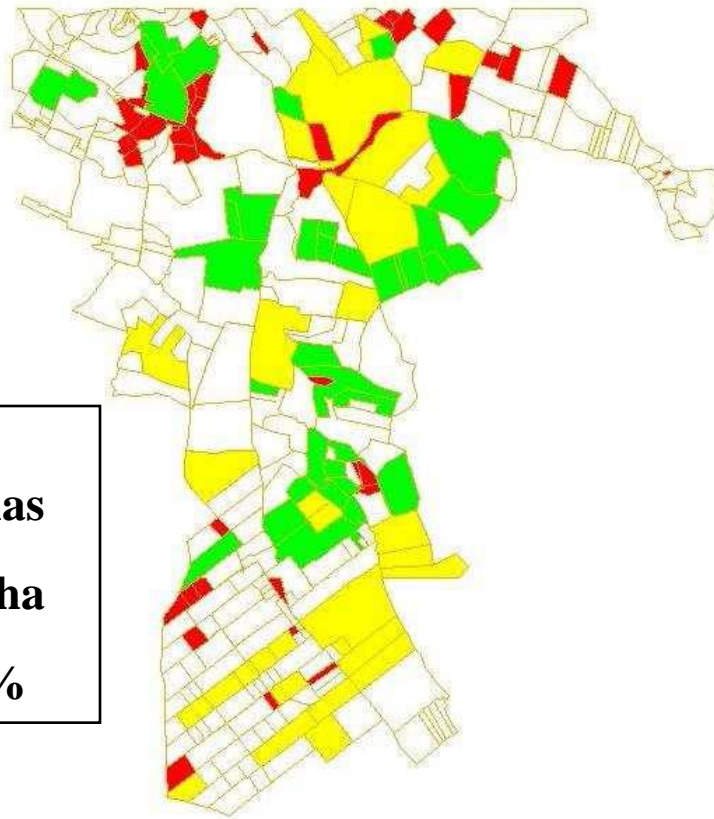
Residência do proprietário mais produção para autoconsumo por outro **0,8%**

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Kilometros



# and the specific farm systems decaying

main management driver



113  
parcelas  
338,8 ha  
40,5%

## Legenda

propriedades



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Produção para autoconsumo 5,4%



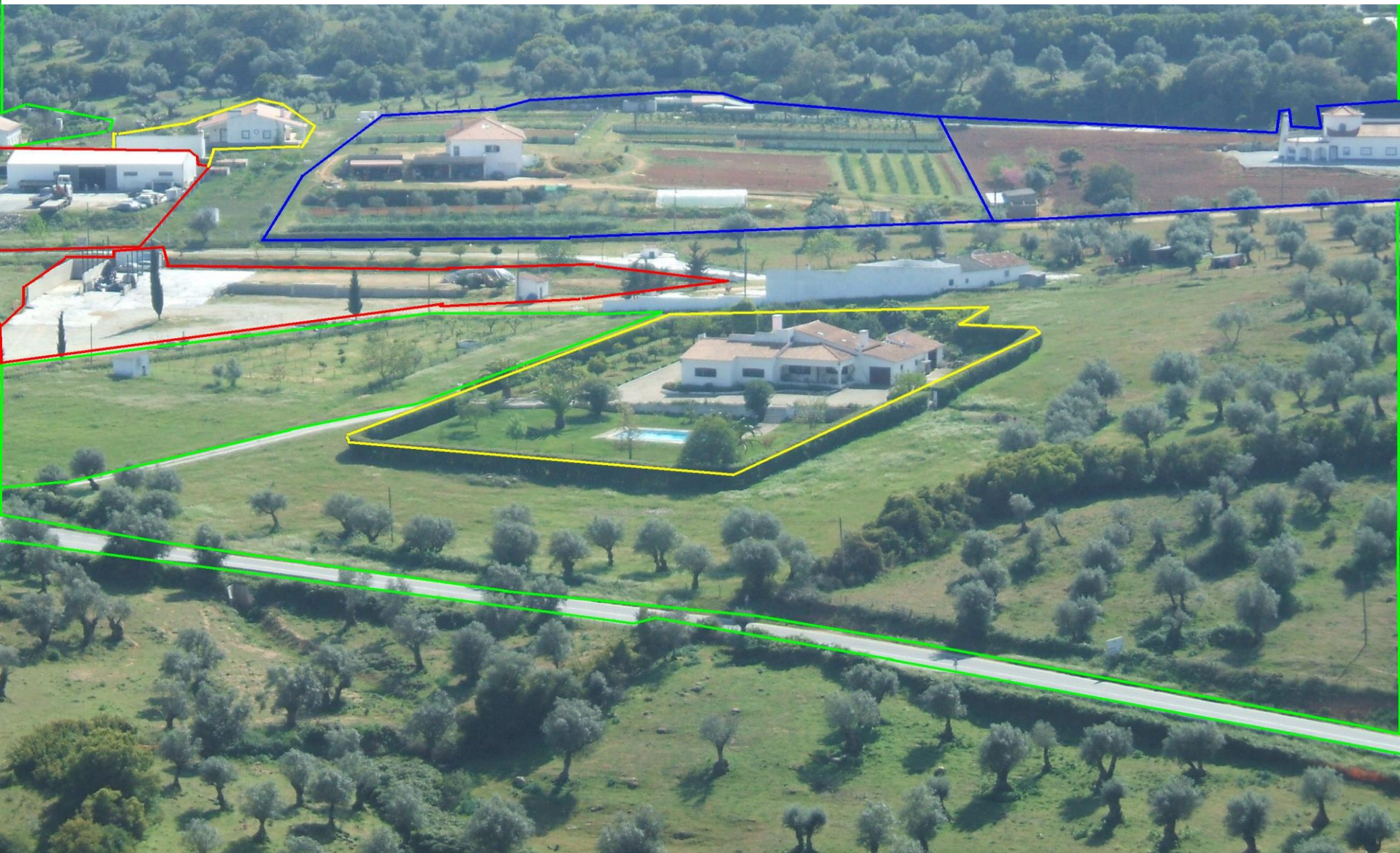
Produção para mercado 19,6%



Produção para mercado e autoconsumo 15,5%

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Kilometros

**new functions in old patterns  
.... but also new demands and expectations**





[illegible]

# **The land bank – since 2011**

**Rede de Cidadania de Montemor-o-Novo**

**+**

**Project support by AGENDA XXI of Montemor-o-Novo**

**\*\* informal network of citizens**

**aiming for local sustainability and increased autonomy**

**the land bank as a pathway for**

**increased local production**

**higher interaction**

**own food production for those in need**

**(aqui pôr n<sup>º</sup>s / dados)**



# Innovation and retro-innovation

Share of resources and multiple interests in the same land:  
the traditional Mediterranean balance between  
one owner/ multiple users, where all benefit

Association with older farmers and transmission  
of traditional knowledge and practices  
but also reshaped production goals and systems:  
organic, permaculture, specialised niches,...

Valorisation of local food and short supply chains

Valorisation of local seeds and new exchange networks

Creation of new land related jobs

## New management arrangements

>> a place based process

landscape + food + community *are at the centre*



# **an opportunity to be grasped**

- **Re-linking farming with the local landscape**
- **Re-shaping the role of farming in the rural community**
- **Creating jobs in farming**
- **Valuing and producing quality food**

**but**

- **no normative institutional anchoring >>  
no formal or informal rules about what is desirable  
or creating possibilities**
- **Need for technical and marketing advice: missing  
contextually based and vision driven extension services**